

**Calmar City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 6, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.  
Calmar Fire station**

Prior to the meeting Janelle Pavlovec stated she would like to post notices at railroad shows around the area stating that we are looking into developing a railroad museum and asking for ideas, information and help to get started. This would basically put out "feelers" to see what is available. The council had no problem with her request. She also mentioned that Joe Frana has written a book *Trains Don't Fly*. She suggested the library get a copy of the book and possibly sponsor a book signing. She also stated that a Luther student has done a report on railroads in Winneshiek County that has now turned into a book. This will be published this fall and the city will be mentioned in this book. She requested information regarding the trees planted on her North street property. Larry Huinker and the council commended Sam Sabelka and Junior Boyer on the flower baskets and flags. They had received many positive comments on this addition to the downtown area. The city and commercial club will meet with a representative of the Canadian Pacific railroad later in July to discuss and apply for a permit for the trail lighting project. Corey Meyer mentioned the use of golf carts on city streets, a discussion followed.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar city council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Anderson, Huinker, Kleve and Meyer. Phillips was absent.

No items were added to the agenda, the clerk answered questions regarding the claims. Motion was made by Huinker, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of June 7, 2010, clerk/treasurer reports and the approval of an ABD outdoor service license for Whiskey Grove for July 10<sup>th</sup>. And 11<sup>th</sup>.) Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Meyer and Huinker.

**Claims June 2010**

Acco	pool chemicals	2650.16	Junior Boyer	ins reimb	901.73
Alliant	electricity	6247.55	Keystone Labs	testing	296.60
Annie's Garden	planter baskets	244.00	Kirkeby Welding	pool hook	107.00
Aramark	uniform	107.64	Kwik Star	fuel	1585.26
Audio Editions	books on cd	376.78	Lance Peters	ins reimb	158.95
Bankers Trust	water debt	116676.25	Lifetime Gutters	depot roof	3400.00
Barnes & Noble	books	112.86	Lifetime Pool	pool repair	65.00
Black Hills Energy	gas	1139.76	Linda Crossland	reimb for book	175.67
Blacktop Service Co	street work	11743.40	Malcolm Ent	garbage May/June	11804.88
Blooms on Main	planats	89.47	Marco	router	94.49
Book Look	books	452.64	Marv Smith Elec	wiring pool	559.69
Bruening Rock	chips	302.70	Matt Parrott & Sons	check blanks	203.74
Business System	mtce. Cont	95.50	MC Myers Cox	concessions	327.49
Calmar Courier	publishing	137.38	Michele Elsbernd	Reimb supplies, ins.	861.05
Carrot-Top Industrie	flags	694.20	Micromarketing	books on cd	315.88
Center Point Lg. Pnt	books	80.28	Mississippi Welders	test cylinders	35.00
City Laundry	supplies	369.78	Municipal Supply	meters and supplies	206.20
City of Calmar	reimb postage	15.60	Nancy Terpestra	books	132.00
Croell Redi Mix	pea gravel	90.00	Ne la Drug Force	2011 dues	500.00
Crystal Canyon	water service etc	18.91	Norby's	supplies	747.55
Dave Huinker	library	50.00	NE la Lawn Care	weed control lagoon	120.00
Decorah Electric	lamp bulbs	10.30	Olympia Book	books	208.79
Decorah Impl	starter sweeper	433.53	Ossian Bee	renewal, add	52.50
Demco	supplies	278.25	Pepsi Cola	concessions	231.55
Drilling All Season	mower parts,oil etc	110.97	Postmaster	postage, box rent	184.00
Farmers Union	fuel, supplies	487.67	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	87.50
Fastenal	supplies	102.18	Presto	pest control	38.00
Free River Press	book	20.00	Qwest	phone	493.82
Frontier Mudjacking	curb & sidew repairs	600.00	Racom	repair radio	9.99
Galls	supplies pd	79.94	Richard Zahasky	service	160.00
Gene's Electric	light repair park	172.10	Rite Price	copier fees	90.00
Gunderson Clinic	medical review rept	10.00	River City Paving	asphalt	10255.20
Hach	supplies	311.59	Robert Penrod	july reimb	1076.59
Hawkins Inc.	chemicals	727.00	Sim's	supplies	370.92
Heying Lbr	shingles, supplies	6554.89	Thompson Gale	books	65.50
Iamu	ceu's work zone	10.00	Treas State IA	taxes	953.00
Ingram	books	192.48	US Cellular	phone	171.47
Irs	taxes	5958.13	Walmart	concessions	1044.52
Inventory Trading C	shirts police	87.00	Wiltgen Const	supplies	160.00
Iowa Dept. Revenue	sales tax	3395.00	Winn Cty. Engineer	emulsn oil	3762.50
Iowa Finance Author	interest	116700.00	Winn Landfill	shingles	342.60
Iowa League of Citie	dues	580.00	Zarnoth Brush	sweeper	215.00
Iowa Prison Industri	signs	66.10	Payroll		22332.32
Workforce	quart umempl	670.89	<b>Total</b>		<b>346876.88</b>
Ipers	ipers	2504.05	<b>Expenses by fund</b>		
Joe Ward	ins reimb	216.00	General		64834.95
			Road Use		29061.59

Benefits	2587.70
Water	126614.03
Sewer	123778.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>346876.88</b>
<b>Revenue by fund</b>	
General	21964.15
Road Use	5937.66

Benefits	338.76
Emergency	39.49
Lost	8532.50
Trust	14114.96
Water	15771.07
Sewer	30658.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>97357.30</b>

Luther Anderson reported he had met with city attorney Rick Zahasky regarding our zoning code and what needed to be done to update. He stated the first thing we needed to do was develop a Comprehensive Plan for all zoning ordinances and mapping. After this comprehensive plan is developed by a committee of citizens, then the zoning ordinance would be adjusted accordingly. He stated that the types and number of districts need not stay the same as we currently have and that variances needed to be brought in check. Upper Explorer land will be contacted to work with the city to develop this plan.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted as presented. Corey Meyer discussed some recent training.

The Police Department report was discussed and accepted as presented. Larry Huinker brought up the salary compensation for our police officers, discussion followed. It was decided that the Public Safety Committee meet with Chief Ward on this and other issues and that compensation may be revisited at a later date. It was reported that former officer Dawn Wagner has paid off her contract for repayment of her training expenses. We currently have Isaac Phillips paying on his contract on a monthly basis.

The Street Department report was discussed. The surfacing of alleys and the trail project were discussed. The facial on the depot and the need for gutters was discussed. The council agreed to metal covering of the facial providing the Iowa Historical Preservation agrees it is acceptable.

The water/wastewater report was discussed. Bob Penrod stated that some of the sewers had been televised and that there were problems that would have to be addressed on the highway (Maryville) in two places. He stated he would receive a report in 2 to 3 weeks and then he would visit with the City Engineer and then arrangements would need to be made to repair this collapsed sewer line. He also stated that the water tower interior is scheduled to be cleaned and inspected yet this month. He anticipated that the interior would need to be painted next year. Corey Meyer also asked if we had heard from the Iowa Finance Authority if we could pay ahead on our sewer note. The clerk stated that we could do this but it was not budgeted to pay off extra on this note and we would have to amend the budget but it could be done.

Mayor McCasland stated he had visited with the Assessors office regarding an enhanced version of Beacon that is available to cities at no extra cost. This would give a much clearer picture of property and you could actually zoom in on a property and get the actual dimensions of a roof to see how many square of shingles were needed. The clerk will visit with the assessors office on what would be needed to obtain this enhanced version. Mayor McCasland encouraged members to attend the weekend events ( Trail dedication, chicken dinner, little Mr. & Miss Calmar and the Fire Department fundraiser. )

The NE IA Regional Housing Trust Fund was discussed. They are requesting a donation to fund projects. Any donation would go toward projects in Calmar. The council would like more information regarding this fund before a donation is made, plus the fact that the request came after the budget for next year had already been prepared.

The clerk had received notice from Black Hills Energy of a proposed rate increase with the interim charges going into effect June 18, 2010.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk