

**Calmar City Council**  
**December 7, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M. Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland thanked Dennis Kleve for stepping up and accepting the write-in position on the Calmar City Council. Mayor McCasland also stated that he and Supt. Janson had been invited to speak to Mrs. Peters class about budgets and financing. The class asked if any funding would be available for projects within the city. The class may submit a proposal in the future. The Mayor also stated that he and representatives of the Wellness Center committee met with the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2009. The Committee had also met with representatives of Winneshiek County Development, Upper Explorerland and others regarding funding opportunities.

Mayor McCasland swore in Lance Peters as a police officer in the City of Calmar. Dennis Kleve, Isaac Phillips and Dennis Kleve also took the "Oath of Office". Mayor McCasland presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to outgoing council person Dave Zweibahmer for his 12 years of dedication to the City.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station.

Present were: Phillips, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Meyer was absent.

The consent agenda was discussed and various bills clarified. Larry Huinker requested a clarification in the minutes regarding the quotes for lawn mowers. He stated that the John Deere quote for a similar model, 2 wheel drive should have been \$ 18,870.00 rather than the \$ 20,470.00. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes, clerk/treasurer report, claims) with the clarification in the minutes regarding the lawn mower quotes. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips.

**Claims November 2009**

Alliant Energy		5086.21
Aramark	uniform	199.63
Audio Editions	audio books on cd	286.25
Black Hills Energy	gas	712.61
Blazek	remove wall, install	1500.00
Bruenning Rock	ground asphalt	37.18
Bunn Services	jetted lifts & lines	600.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	79.47
Catering by Design	book	23.25
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	large print books	78.48
Chemsearch	snow plow wax	272.10
Cityof Fort Atkinson	chaims	313.45
Commemerative		
Services	2008 olympics book	69.50
Cory Luzum	install garage door	144.00
Creative Products	posters	213.23
Croell	concrete	264.00
Culligan	soft water fire dept	35.31
Data Tech	w-2's and 1099's	120.79
Mobile Glass	bronze sweep	33.00
Decorah Rental	auger to plant trees	51.75
Don's Towing	tow police car (appl	100.00
Drilling All Season	mower	11279.00
Emily Hoffert	sew patches lance sh	16.00
Farmers Union Co-op	oil change Explorer	47.55
Fort Atkinson Nursery	trees forever/city s	2178.50
Galls	uniform lance	244.93
Grassmasters	shape drive watertow	388.00
Hancor	culvert	1392.30
Heying Lumber	door supplies water	1257.07
Ingram	books	417.94
IRS	taxes	3573.27
Iowa Gardening	1 year subscription	13.95
Iowa One Call	services	39.60
Iowa Outdoors	3 year subscription	24.00
Iowa Prison Ind	street signs	85.75
Iowa Rural Water	membership dues	225.00

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Jerome Hayek	sidewalk	160.00
Joe Ward	insurance reimbursem	216.00
Junior Boyer	insurance reimbursem	573.50
Junior Boyer	1/2 concrete Brian H	60.00
Keystone Labs	testing	737.20
Kirkeby Welding	used cooler, steel e	234.00
Kwik Star	gas	746.19
LaVonne Donlan	1/2 cement	158.25
Linda Crossland	postage	7.89
Malcom	October & November	11122.67
Michele Elsbernd	sub i-drive remote b	49.50
Micromarketing	audio books on cd	230.23
Napa	supplies	22.99
Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	184.31
Northeast Iowa Tree	tree stump removal	1050.00
	newsletter and water	
Postmaster	bills	404.00
Presto	pest control	38.00
Qwest	telephone	495.23
Rite Price	toner	157.58
River City Paving	cold mix	592.00
Ron Tennant	50% cement	106.50
Security State Bank	principal rolling hi	16687.63
Sim's	cable	36.47
Spilde Inc.	parts	150.00
Stee Roofing	roof old water plant	4430.65
T & W. Grinding	grind brush	1250.00
TJ Schissel	maximum on concrete	200.00
State of Iowa	taxes	602.00
Upstart	desk calendar	19.46
US Cellular	phone	323.95
Walmart	dvd	79.73
Wanda Steffen	50% cement	119.44
Wellmark	insurance	2066.69
Wiltgen Const	clean out by sewer p	2595.70
Woodlands & Prairies	1 year subscription	18.00
Payroll November		10835.87

<b>Total</b>	<b>89963.20</b>	Debt Service	16,687.63
		Water	16,589.07
<b>Claims by Fund</b>		Sewer	15,803.11
General	34,001.02	<b>Total</b>	<b>89,963.20</b>
Road Use	5,174.33		
Benefits	1,708.04		

Tara from Bushman Insurance and Bob Lentz from Lentz Financial were present to discuss options and quotes for the city insurance plan. The current BC/BS plans propose a 74.92% increase in costs. Employees completed applications for other group plans. Tara explained that United Health Care and Principal's quotes were higher than the proposed BC/BS quote. The Gunderson Plan was more for the single coverage but less for the family plan. The Gunderson Plan does restrict some local clinics and the hospital and would be "out of network". Bob Lentz explained the Welmark Transition plan; this is not a group plan. He explained that the city could go back after a period of time and apply to be part of the Wellmark Group. After much discussion a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Zweibahmer to allow and each individual to choose between the 1500/2500 plans. Aye: Phillilps, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Huinker. The city will continue to pay 75% of a family plan and 100% of a single plan.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted as presented.

The Police Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Chief Ward reported that the Explorer was back in service and that the grill guard was in place. It was noted that the DARE graduation is December 18<sup>th</sup> and that Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

The Street Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Briefly discussed was the type of shingle to be installed on the Depot roof. Junior will check with the State Historical Society regarding this.

The water/wastewater report was discussed and accepted as presented. Bob explained that additional testing is being done for one year to get parameters for a base line so we have data should we need this for the DNR. Bob also explained that Skyline had taken care of the manholes that were scheduled to be repaired earlier.

Ordinance # 343 on No Parking Zones was introduced and discussed. Motion by Isaac, seconded by Huinker to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 343 pertaining to no parking zones. There would be no parking on West Street on the west side from Lewis to Main Street and from Clark Street to Maple Street. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson, Huinker and Phillips. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Huinker to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. reading of Ordinance # 343. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson, Huinker and Phillilps.

The clerk stated she would be working on the Budget 2010-2011 in the near future. Lighting of the bike trail and street lighting were briefly discussed.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Huinker.

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk

Joe McCasland, Mayor