

# Calmar City Council

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### July 7, 2008

Prior to the meeting Luther Anderson addressed the issue of parking for the bike trail. He wondered if some signage could be installed to make a good first impression and to welcome people to Calmar and direct them to trail parking east of the highway. Annie Kriener was present to discuss the pool and that this year is 30<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the Calmar Municipal Pool. She stated they thought the best day for the celebration would be on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Calmar Courier will be doing a story and interviewing Nancy Meyer who worked on fundraising for the pool and has a scrapbook on the project. Annie also requested to have a fun day with pool activities including a 24' tall slide that is 72 feet long with a splash pool at the bottom. This would be set up in the area north of the shelter. She will be requesting people and organizations to help sponsor this slide. This will be the same day as the Texas Hold-Em Tournament and the Bucket Brigade sponsored by the Fire Department. It was suggested that the Ice Cream stand from the depot move to the pool for that day.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. on Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Department. Present were: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Meyer, Phillips and Huinker.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes, clerk/treasurers reports and claims) with the addition of the price of the sale of the used mower at \$ 3,782.00, and the addition of signs for the bike trail to the agenda. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

#### Claims June 2008

A. J. Petersburg	insurance	18527.00
Acco	chemicals	1096.86
Alliant Energy	electricity	5190.54
Annie Kriener	reimburse pool supplies	12.25
Aquila	gas bill	3380.92
Aramark	uniform	110.48
Book Look	books	451.37
Business Systems	copier contract	87.20
Calmar Courier	publishing	205.84
Center Point Lg. Pnt	inventory	77.88
City Laundry	uniform	95.92
City of Calmar	misc reimb	28.95
Croell Redi Mix	trail culvert	206.00
Crystal Canyon	supplies	14.68
Culligan	services	27.55
Decorah Electric	siren	300.00
Decorah Impl	repair shaft	999.56
Decorah Mobile Glas	mirror depot restroom	33.18
Demco	supplies	1070.10
Dietz, Donald	audit	4150.00
Dorsey & Whitney	attorney fees	5759.80
Emily Hoffert	transcription	27.50
Farmers Coop	fuel	437.31
Follette	tech support	450.00
Gale	book	22.72
Graham Tire	tires new equip van	729.22
Grassmasters	grass seed	77.50
Gunderson Clinic	testing	96.60
HD Supply		
Waterworks	hydrants etc	4167.00
Heying Lbr	supplies	54.43
Howards Tire	battery	67.95
Iamu	training	313.99
Idnr	Annual fee	128.18
Ingram	books	233.62
IRS	taxes	6502.23
Iowa Finance Author	sewer payment	114657.50
Iowa League of Citie	league dues	580.00
Iowa One Call	services	35.10
Iowa Workforce	unemployment	63.22

Ipers	ipers	2794.37
Jerome Hayek	replace curbs	1115.00
Joe Ward	reimb hats dept	21.00
Junior Boyer	ins. reimb	546.00
Keystone Labs	testing	227.70
Kirkeby Welding	welding	126.00
Knife River	street repair	48300.00
Kwik Star		1813.51
Linda Crossland	suppl, postage	18.05
Malcom Ent	garbage	6361.99
Marv Smith Elec	services	346.32
MC Myers Cox	candy etc	1341.73
Mike Wilder	mileage	84.84
Michele Elsbernd	comp Police, virus	882.41
Micromarketing	cd's	111.85
Mike Carlson	sirens	3000.00
Mississippi Welders	fire extinguisher	67.86
Mower Power	repairs	169.49
Municipal Supply	equipment	906.78
Napa	sealant	211.28
NEI Lawn Care	spray lagoon	88.00
Nicholas Frink	cleaner	75.72
Nicole Ondrashek	supplies	97.31
Norby's	supplies	266.31
NE Iowa Tree	LC grind stumps	155.00
Ossian Bee	2 year sub Lib	47.00
Panscend IIC	technical service	20.00
Pepse Cola	concessions	605.30
Postmaster	postage water bills	458.25
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	45.50
Prairie Farmer Trail	CT grant	67500.00
Prairie Farmer Trail	city donation	15000.00
Prairie Farmer Trail	gaming foundation	2250.00
Presto	pest control	36.00
Qwest	phone	413.42
Rite Price	supplies	680.30
Ronald Werner	ins. reimb	629.25
Scholastic Library	books	247.00
Sharps Roll off	dumpster	218.02
Sim's	telephone	63.99
Skyline Const	manhole adjustmen	7150.00
Skyline Const	Jefferson loop	39847.50
Tekippe Engineering	services	598.80
Thompson Gale	books	68.81
Treasurer State of IA	sales tax	2949.00
Treasurer State of IA	taxes	995.00
US Cell	phone	315.34
USA Blue Book	impeller	143.91
Utility Equip	locater	5600.67
Walmart	supplies	900.89
Warehouse Flooring	cove depot restroom	62.00
Wellmark	premium	2552.58
Windridge	parts	26.66
Richard Zahasky	legal fees	607.75
Payroll		21366.83
Total		410998.44

#### Claims by fund

General	178581.22
Road Use	32570.06
Benefits	2563.07
Capital Proj	5179.61
Water	63657.24
Sewer	128447.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>410998.44</b>

#### Revenue by fund

General	150506.12
Road Use	7615.41
Benefits	150.79
Emergency	14.25
Lost	7707.7
Tif	3177.78
Trust	8472.83
Water	140644.8
Sewer	24653.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>342943.48</b>

Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Anderson to approve PPE # 1 for Skyline Construction in the amount of \$ 39,847.50. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

The Fire department report was discussed; there were many volunteer hours during the month due to storm spotting, sandbagging and disaster drill. The fire sirens were discussed. A new quote will be requested from Decorah Electric with itemization of costs along with quantities. Alliant will be providing a quote on the poles needed and the installation of the poles. The fire department stated that they will be looking into buying a different boat after working with rescues during the flooding.

The police department report was accepted as presented. The status of the 28E agreement was discussed. The department has applied for a Step grant for next year; this will be for overtime for stepped up enforcement. He asked that all vandalism be reported no matter how small. Curfew is also being enforced with no tolerance.

The street department report was discussed and accepted as presented. The Iowa Street replacement was discussed. The use of recycled asphalt on the streets this year was discussed. These areas will be seal coated next year. The patches on these streets make bumps in the street. Luther felt they need to try and work on eliminating these bumps when street work is done. Discussed were properties that needed to be abated regarding lawn care and home maintenance. Also discussed was a vision problem/traffic hazard entering the Highway 150 from Hancock Street and the wide loads damaging the curb by Whiskey Grove. Corey Meyer stated that he would get the seed and the area north of Croell's could be done yet this year.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Huinker to approve the quote from Decorah Electric for installations of the radio alarm system at the NE lift station with the provision that an itemized quote be itemized with both quantities and cost of quantities. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer. There will be change orders and payment estimates still to come in for the Jefferson loop project.

Mayor McCasland reported that he had attended a meeting at NICC with people from the college, Commercial club, Iowa State University, Calmar Development and the city to discuss revitalization of Calmar. Iowa State University, Institute of Public Affairs would come and set up a meeting for \$ 1200.00. This meeting would be with the council and would take 4 to 6 hours and would be about goal setting, they also want to send out a survey to people, commercial people and various organizations. This survey would be tabulated and they would give answers and options. Mayor McCasland also stated that the sidewalk in front of Tank's was crumbling and in need of replacement. A sidewalk inspection will also be completed on the city sidewalks. He also stated that there is an absence of many house numbers on many buildings in town. These need to be installed. Chief Werner stated they would take care of posting notices to that effect.

Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve appropriate signage for the bike trail. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Meyer and Anderson. Phillips abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve the cigarette permit for Whiskey Grove. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve the renewal of LC0027254 for Tank's. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

The City audit was discussed. Motion by Zweibahmer to approve Hacker & Nelson to do the audit. Motion died for lack of second. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Anderson to approve Dietz Donald &

Company to do the audit in the amount of \$ 4150.00. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Meyer abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Meyer to approve Resolution # 443 regarding the 2008-09 salaries. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson, Phillips, Meyer and Huinker.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Huinker to approve a donation of \$ 300.00 to the South Winn Youth football league. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson, Phillips, Meyer and Huinker.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve a handicap parking space for the Schluter – Balik Funeral Home. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Meyer, Anderson and Phillips.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

Joseph McCasland  
Mayor