

**CITY OF CALMAR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Janelle Pavlovec addressed the council regarding the depot. She stated that the building was purchased partially with city funds and partially with private donations. She explained that the Calmar Tourism Committee had intended it to become a museum. Mayor and council were reminded that they are invited to attend a Town Meeting sponsored by Winneshiek County Public Health at the Fire Station on March 12th.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa, was held at the Calmar Fire Station on March 6, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Al Shindelar, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Council Member Kleve moved that the agenda for the meeting, as posted be approved. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Council Member Patrick moved that the minutes of the February 6, 2006 meeting is approve as presented. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Council Member Vondersitt moved to open the public hearing for the Budget 06-07. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer. There were no oral or written comments regarding the proposed budget. Council Member Patrick moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer. Council Member Zweibahmer moved to approve Resolution # 406 approving the 2006-2007 budget. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Calmar Development members: Don Schroeder, Penny Wills, Tom Ridout, Garry Wiltgen and Jim Buchheit were present. Jim Buchheit stated that they had been involved with Ridgeway, Cresco, Howard and Winneshiek County Conservation, Winneshiek County Supervisors and the City of Decorah to promote a hard surface on the Prairie Farmer Bike Trail. He explained what the bike trail had done for Lanesboro. He stated that they have a 5 year plan which included hard surfacing of the trail, hard surface of the Lake Meyer road and the extension of the bike trail to Lake Meyer and the NICC campus and Dairy Facility loop. Future plans also include joining the Decorah trail up with the Prairie Farmer Trail in Conover. Grants have been obtained and more are being sought, some of these need a percentage of matching funds which the cities may be called upon to help with.

Gene Sanderman of A. & J. Petersburg Agency presented the annual quote for the city insurance renewal and explained the coverage included in the quote and presented information explaining the differences between EMC and ICAP coverage.

Tom Bushman and Tara Hoffert of Bushman Insurance presented a proposal for insurance from the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool and explained the coverage included in the quote. The explained the ICAP program and how it works.

Council has schedule a special meeting on March 27, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Department to discuss and compare the proposals.

PPE#9 for Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 15,199.39 was presented. Council Member Shindelar moved to approve PPE#9, seconded by Kleve: Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

The Fire Department Report was accepted as presented. Mayor Willis stated that he and several council members had met and selected the color steel for the Fire Station Roof and that it has been ordered.

Police Chief Ronald Werner presented his report and updated council on the status of the remodeling project. He stated that they are hoping to get everything done by the end of the month. He also stated that he felt that a new phone system would be a benefit to his department.

Junior Boyer stated that he will have quotes for the street projects by the next meeting. Several residents of the Rolling Hills Addition and Garry Wiltgen were present requesting the council consider bonding for the street and curb and gutter project. This would be a 10 year special assessment at no cost to the city. Council member Shindelar moved that the city do the bonding for the street and curb & gutter project in the Rolling Hills Addition. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer. Garbage cans in the business district were discussed. These would be mounted on the street light poles. Junior Boyer will check into this further. A city wide clean up day was discussed. Malcom Enterprises would be willing to do this on a Saturday. They would charge \$ 25.00 per appliance and \$ 7.50 for other large items. The clerk will check with him again to see if he would be willing to take the calls from the people that wanted items picked up and collect the fee from them at the time of pick up. An add will be placed in the paper for summer part time help. The old shelter at the Calmar Lion's Park was discussed. The Lion's would like to see the shelter restored to the way it used to be. The city will buy the material and the Lion's and Junior Boyer will restore the shelter.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Bids were reviewed from 4 companies to cap the old well at the Fire Station. Council Member Vondersitt moved to have Shawver Well do the work. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer. Discussion was held regarding a water problem at the Sue Heying residence. Mr. Penrod will try a few other things to try and resolve the problem.

Council Member Zweibahmer moved to approve the Beer, Liquor, Outdoor and Sunday sales for the Horseshoe Tap and the Beer & Sunday Sales for Kwik Star. Seconded by Kleve: Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Mayor Willis, Michele Elsbernd and Junior Boyer will be attending a NIMS training session in Ossian on March 14th.

The Library Children's Addition Dedication and Open House is scheduled for April 29th. If everything works out an Open House will be held at the remodeled Police Department and new Clerk's office at the same time.

Council Member Patrick moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 314 which grants a franchise to Aquila. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Council Member Kleve moved to approve the claims for the month. Seconded by Vondersitt. Aye: Shindelar, Kleve, Patrick, Vondersitt & Zweibahmer.

Claims February 06

Advanced Water	Hydra-Chlor	258.00
Alliant	Electricity	6835.79
American Water Works	Supplies	33.00
Aquila	Gas	2146.09
Audio Editions	Library	122.63
Calmar Motors	Oil	12.00
City Laundry	Monthly Serv.	108.89

Winneshiek Landfill	Dumping fees	60.48
Crystal Canyon	Library	33.27
Dave Huinker	Services	120.00
Demco	Library	83.18
Dorsey & Whitney	fees	3583.30
Fashion Floor	project	12.73
Galls	uniforms	573.99
Hach	supplies	320.30
Heying Lbr.	project	342.08
Highsmith	library	92.94
Ingram	books	331.75
IRS	taxes	4068.87
IA Dept. Public Health	registration	70.00
Iowa Law Enf. Acad	evaluation	125.00
League of Cities	MLA part 3	40.00
Iowa Prison Ind.	road signs	46.25
Ipers	ipers	1931.70
Keystone Labs	testing	312.00
Kwik Star	fuel	541.79
Laura Lechtenberg	reimburse	76.18
Linda Crossland	postage	4.88
Malcom Enterprises	garbage	12760.02
Michele Elsbernd	supplies	42.05
Micromarketing	Library	47.90
Midwest Living	magazine	19.97
Midwest Radar	calibrate radar	25.00
Municipal Supply	supplies	323.10
NICC	training	45.00
NICC	class Mayor	285.00
Norby's	supplies	116.62
Oxford Uni. Press	library	35.25
Postmaster	postage	111.50
Presto	pest control	32.00
Qwest	phone	327.49
R & R Plmg	project	32.90
Racom	battery radio	84.00
Rite Price	folders	13.98
Ronald Werner	exams	424.75
Schilling	supplies	174.56
Sim's	Library	54.00
Treas. State IA	taxes	619.00
US Cell	phone	256.80
Walmart	supplies	173.41
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Richard Zahasky	Services	753.00
Payroll		12267.85
Total		53431.99
Claims by fund		
General		32900.80
Road Use		1624.69
Benefits		1695.80
Capital Projects		3583.30
Water		6261.03
Sewer		7366.37
Total		53431.99
Revenue by fund		

General	8290.93
Road Use	8024.49
Benefits	67.44
Emergency	10.46
Local Option	7245.87
Debt Service	64.23
Water	10761.60
Sewer	26431.86
Total	60896.88

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

George Willis
Mayor