

**Calmar City Council
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2008**

Prior to the meeting the clerk reported that the city had received reimbursement for trail related expenses in the amount of approximately \$ 13,000.00. Mayor McCasland will be going to a meeting on December 1st. at the County Extension Office regarding bio-economy conversion to food, feed and fuel. He also noted he received a pamphlet from Northeast Iowa Community College Foundation. The tree grant was mentioned and Corey Meyer is still looking for volunteers to be on the Tree Committee. This committee would decide where and what kinds of trees could be planted and decide the cost share to residents. Copies of the Community Foundation Grant were available; grant deadline is January 9, 2009. Mayor McCasland also reminded of the Dare Graduation on Friday, December 12th at CFS at 10:00 A.M. They Mayor also commented on the recently sent Calmar Newsletter and that it gave a lot of good information.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 on Monday, December 1, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Meyer, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Huinker was absent.

After clarifying various claims a motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of November 3, 2008, clerks/treasurers reports and claims for November 2008) Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Meyer. Carried.

Claims November 2008			Michael Todd Co	tractor chains	284.00
Alliant	electricity	3977.14	Micromarketing	books on cd	29.95
America Red Cross	red crosss fees	21.00	Mississippi Welders	fire ext	39.75
American Water Wo	dues, member	68.00	Municipal Supply	supplies	308.35
Aramark	iniform	134.67	Napa	repairs	20.90
Audio Editions	books	133.37	Norby's	supplies	112.00
Becker Hdwd	4 way stop	36.84	Neit	service	52.50
Black Hills Energy	gas service	636.09	Postmaster	postage	373.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	105.95	Presto	pest control	36.00
City Laundry	mats	474.60	Qwest	telephone	396.80
City of Calmar	gas police	20.00	Rite Price	supplies	235.66
Com Tech Electron	pager repair	283.15	Roger's Lock & Key	services	132.47
Crystal Canyon	water cups	8.58	Scott Barnes	sidewalk repl	540.00
Data Technologies	support, reg fee	2363.30	Security State Bank	Rolling Hills SA	19004.90
Decorah Electric	ne lift station	285.70	Sim's TV	cell phone	20.00
Demco	supplies	28.30	Skyline Const	ppe3&4	9024.58
Don's Truck Sales	wing dump truc	2875.27	Stanard & Assoc	police test	33.50
Ebsco	sub	13.09	Tekippe Engine	gis, etc	2049.75
Farmers Co-op	tire, fuel	726.02	Thompson Gale	books	48.83
Galls	police uniform	609.86	Treas. St. IA	taxes	622.00
Hach	chemicals	445.66	Truenorth	insurance	336.00
Hawkeye Truck	repairs	60.93	US Cell	telephone	339.67
Heying Lbr	supplies	49.99	Walmart	supplies	268.62
Ingram	books	346.07	Water Enviroment	dues	54.00
IRS	fica, tax	4,201.98	Wellmark	insurance	3267.67
Iowa One Call	fees	33.30	Payroll	Payroll Nov.	11368.85
Iowa Rural Water	ceu's	10.00	Total		77,818.39
Ipers	ipers	1896.21	Expenses by fund		
Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50	General		26,781.12
Keystone Labs	monthly testing	593.20	Road Use		5934.29
Kirkeby Welding	welding	325.25	Benefits		1,907.80
Kwik Star	gas	770.26	Trust		16,178.43
Linda Crossland	reimb	289.28	Debt Service		19,004.90
Liqui-Systems	safety chain	97.65	Water		17,281.68
Malcolm	garbage	6324.43	Sewer		6,908.60
			Total		93,996.82
			Revenue by fund		

General	33,702.02	Debt Service	3,469.42
Road Use	8,528.23	Water	8,781.01
Benefits	3,636.85	Sewer	21,606.24
Emergency	441.81	Total	119,266.32
Lost	16,336.97		
Tif	11,341.41		
Trust	11,422.36		

Duane and Stacy Bushman were present representing Bushman Family Farms. A brief recap was given regarding the reason the city feels that a lease agreement for use of the site and some type of compensation. Duane explained that he feels that the proposed compensation was high as they would not be using the Calmar site as much in the future. He stated that a per ton charge for loading and unloading would be agreeable. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve a 1 year Lease Agreement with Bushman Family Farms with an area E of the city shop building SE corner and extending E for 300' and extending north from the unused rail for 24' be designated as a load/unload area, that equipment be parked east of the city shop and that access be from Lewis Street with compensation being \$ 1.00 per ton for all product loaded and/or unloaded. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Nay: Meyer. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented. The department was complimented on their recent Thanksgiving dinner. Mike Wilder, on behalf of the Calmar Fire Department, was present requesting funding for new SCBA units (self contained breathing apparatus). He stated that the current SCBA's are outdated and that there have been three price increases this year. They would like to purchase 6 units. He stated they received a \$ 3500 matching grant from Alliant. The Department would pay for 2 units, they are requesting the city pay the cost to purchase two units (\$ 8,954.00) and they would be applying for grants to pay for the last two. After much discussion Anderson made a motion, seconded by Zweibahmer to fund \$ 8954.00 for two SCBA units in the 08-09 budget year. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Meyer. Motion carried.

The Police Department report was discussed and accepted. New Police Officer Dawn Wagner was introduced to the council and public present. Council member Phillips reported he attended the Ossian council meeting earlier in the evening and felt that they were receptive to a \$ 1500 raise in the 28E agreement for police.

The Street Department report was accepted as presented. A discussion was held regarding moving the yard waste city from the city shop to an area near the sewer plant. A quote for fencing the area will be obtained and it is hopeful the site could be moved by sometime next year. Mr. Penrod stated that the fence would need to be a 6' chain link for security reasons and to keep leaves etc. from blowing into the lagoon.

The water/wastewater report was reviewed. It was reported that progress on the GIS has now halted for the season. The mapping of the system on computer will continue.

A city web link policy was introduced. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Phillips to approve the web links policy with the change adding # 8 with the wording - Links will be allowed to social networking web sits only if they support the cities economic development mission. Aye: Phillips, Meyer and Zweibahmer. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

The cities health care renewal was discussed. It is hoped a review may reduce the premium due to the recent change in demographics of the Calmar members. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Meyer to approve the proposed renewal with a 14.31% raise (for budgeting subject to review). Aye: Zweibahmer, Meyer, Phillips and Anderson.

Budgeting for the 09-10 budget year was briefly discussed. The clerk stated that a bare bones, only necessity budget would be prepared this year. A police vehicle and fence for the yard waste site will be budgeted along with the normal city expenses.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Joe McCasland
Mayor

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk