

**Calmar City Council
May 6, 2013**

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer, Linus Sabelka, Dennis Kleve, Michele Elsbernd, Mary and Tom Welch met at the Calmar Depot building to view the premises and discuss building use options.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:11 P.M. on Monday, May 6, 2013. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Phillips, Kleve, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Huinker was absent.

After discussion on claims and correction to the minutes removing the \$ sign before the 100,000 gallons of daily water pumped a motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Sabelka to approve the consent agenda (agenda, corrected minutes of April 1, 2013, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for April 2013). Aye: Phillips, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Kleve. Motion carried.

Claims April 2013			NE IA Tree	fire siren wirk	275.00
			Postmaster Calmar	stamps postage	423.24
Aeration Industries	prop aerator	754.39	Postville Vet	ship samples	89.07
Alliant	utilities	6635.89	Racom	install radar Explorer	356.50
ALA	20 flags	300.00	Rite Price	kyocera toner	290.33
A Rude	chairs, supplies grant	737.27	Sherwin Williams	sweeper	98.63
Aramark	monthly uniform	93.15	Sim's	batteries and supplies	32.99
Black Hills	gas	1172.44	SW Post Prom	post prom donation	100.00
Bodensteiner Imp	repair woods mower	442.94	Fehr Graham	engineering	679.00
Centurylink	monthly telephone	433.59	Gazette	subscription 52 weeks	168.95
City of Decorah	jet sewer	200.00	Treas State IA	state tax	719.00
Decorah Chev-	arm and connector jr.		Upstart	summer reading supplie	134.93
Cadillac	picup	97.65	US Cell	bill	343.86
Decorah Elec	labor siren	90.00	USA Blue Book	supplies	903.87
Delta Dental	dental insurance	148.00	Utility Equip Co	repair clamp	125.84
Digital Ally	camera	4325.00	Walmart Comm	dvd	117.29
Farmers Union Coop	fuel police	414.32	Wellmark	premium	5435.42
GT Distrib	supplies	109.88	Winco	road crew salt	104.20
Gunderson Clinic	random drug	75.00	World Book	reference book	60.00
Hawkins	chemicals	1977.64	Payaroll April		13892.90
Heying Lbr	supplies	52.56	Total		78895.21
Imau	quarterly safety dues	313.94	Claims by fund		
Icap	insurance premium	14020.00	General		53006.23
Imwca	premium	2907.00	Road Use		2919.29
Ingram	books	498.87	Benefits		4133.34
Irs	taxes	4611.08	Water		9911.11
Ipers	ipers	2960.60	Sewer		8925.24
Iroc Web	updates and support	45.00			78895.21
J.D. Financial	supplies	244.93	Revenue by fund		
Keystone Lab	testing	291.10	General		102144.48
Kirkeby Welding	edge snowplow blade	208.00	Road Use		6853.00
Kwik Star	fuel	1404.73	Benefits		42539.33
Lifetime Pools	pool repairs	1715.00	Emergency		2406.36
Malcolm	monthly garbage	6409.31	Lost		7743.67
Matt Bullerman	meal meeting	7.05	Water		15913.56
Matt Parrott	checks, recpt books	396.86	Sewe		25825.88
Micromarketing	audio books on cd	214.64	Total		203426.28
Napa	supplies	101.36			
NE IA Welding	brackets	135.00			

At 7:16 P.M., Mayor Meyer declared the public hearing to amend the Zoning Ordinance for property at 201 N. Melden Street in Calmar. There were no public or written objections received. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to close the public hearing at 7:17 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to approve Ordinance # 357 amending the Calmar Zoning Ordinance to change property at 201 N. Melden Street from R-1 to C-1. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to waive the second and

third readings of Ordinance # 357 making it effective upon publication. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was presented. Sam reported the Ossian and Fort Atkinson departments joined them for a training session on a house burn. Election of officers was held with Chad Schissel becoming the new Chief who will be assisted by Pete Meyer. Assistant Chiefs are Mike Wilder and Mike Euans; training officers are Eric Moore and Isaac Phillips and Kory Hageman the new secretary/treasurer who will be assisted for a short time by Linus Sabelka. They reported their upcoming dance to be held on June 22nd and the picnic on June 23rd.

Linda Crossland, Calmar Librarian was present and reported on library usage. She stated the recent renovation of the basement by Matt and Junior went well and stated that Merle Thuente, John Dale Meyer, Kyran Lutkenhaus and Ken Kirby along with community service volunteers painted the area. Linda will again be having the Summer Reading Program later in the summer after other summer activities are completed. She stated that there was \$ 6,000 in their budget to update the North exterior wall of the library. She asked for guidance from the council on how this best be accomplished. Junior will get pricing on various options.

Police Chief Joe Ward reported a busy month for the department. He stated the camera had been installed in the Explorer. He and officer Peters will be attending several local training sessions this summer.

The street department report was presented. A drainage problem was discussed. Junior reported that two Calmar signs are here and will be installed shortly. The council agreed that they would like to see the two remaining signs completed also. Three of the signs are on City property with the remaining sign on private property. A lease has been prepared and hopefully will be signed by property owners for the fourth and final sign. Bids were opened for the sale of the 1989 Ford Pickup. Seven bids were received with the high bid of \$ 1300.00 made by Kevin Kuhn. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to accept the bid of \$ 1300.00 from Kevin Kuhn for the 1989 Ford pickup. Aye: Sabelka, Phillips, Zweibahmer, and Kleve. Motion carried. Junior reported a successful clean-up weekend.

The water/wastewater report was presented. Matt Bullerman reported that the project to replace the water main on West Street was proceeding. The engineer will prepare specifications with two options. The second option would include installation of five fire hydrants that are on hand and need to be installed at various locations. Council authorized Mayor Meyer to sign the professional agreement for 2013 Water System Improvements with Tekippe Engineering. A quote was received from Midwest Geographical Services to collect sanitary sewer manhole data in the amount of \$ 4,700.00. The council had previously, in 2011 approved an \$ 1800.00 charge to add our collected data to the map. Matt stated that due to time constraints this had not been done and recommended retaining Midwest Geographical to collect and enter the data. Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve retaining Midwest Geographical per quote of \$ 4700.00. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer reported that responses to the recent LMI survey completed in Calmar indicate that the community will be LMI eligible. This opens the city up to many grant funding opportunities including Community Block Grants. Upper Explorerland has assisted Calmar in identifying areas of town that could qualify as "Slum and Blight". He stated that this sounds worse that it really is but falling under the guidelines opens the City up to future possible revitalization funding opportunities. Mayor Meyer reported that Tom & Mary Welch have offered to donate their building to the City. He stated that this property was previously identified in the Visioning process as a possible location for a green space, pocket park or parking. Mayor Meyer reported that Tom and Mary Welch are interested in working with the city to put a historic exhibit area/mini museum, tourist information center and antique business in the depot building. Dennis Kleve and

Larry Huinker were appointed to work with the Welch's to draft a lease agreement for this site. Mayor Meyer reported that he had been in contact with NICC regarding the old antique building and that they would be interested in a "green deconstruction" project for the property. Corey also reported that the Turkey River was selected for a NASA study on rainfall and its effects on flooding. A radar unit has been installed at the Calmar sewer lagoon site to collect this data. The mayor stated he is interested in a "Calmar Summit" to collect community input on how to proceed with revitalization projects and to prepare a "Community Action Plan". Tentative date scheduled is May 21, 2013 at the Fire Station. Watch the newspaper for further details. Corey also reported on recent communication with the DOT regarding future projects, streetscapes, ADA compliance and highway resurfacing. They encouraged hiring a consultant to work with the DOT to coordinate the needed work.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve Resolution # 483 authorizing membership in IMWCA. Aye: Kleve, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Phillips. Motion carried.

Motion by Kleve, second by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 484 regarding tax compliance procedures. Aye: Kleve, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Phillips. Motion carried.

Wages and Reviews will be discussed at a future meeting.

Notice was received from Mediacom regarding a rate increase.

The Iowa League of Cities provided information on the 2013 Small City Workshops. The topics for the session are Managing City Fire Operations and Grant Resources and Assistance.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to adjourn at 9:24 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Phillips. Motion carried.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk