

## Calmar City Council October 6, 2014

Prior to the meeting Bob Lentz reviewed with the council the City Employees Health Insurance Renewal information. The city is grandfathered into the current plan and if the plan would change the cost would be considerably more. He stated that the city could consider self-funding part of the employee's deductible which is \$ 3,000 per employee or \$ 9,000 per family. The City is not eligible to have an HSA. Bob answered council questions.

Mayor Frana called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:05 P.M. on Monday, October 6, 2014 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer.

Questions were answered regarding the clarification of a claim and the ABD license for Whiskey Grove, this is strictly the approval of an outdoor permit for the Haunted 5 K. Motion by Schissel, second by Kleve to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of September 2, 2014, clerk/treasurer report, claims and the ABD outdoor permit for Whiskey Grove). Aye: Sabelka, Kleve, Huinker, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Claims September			Marv Smith Elec	toilet replacement	395.84
Acco	anti-freeze, reagent etc	805.95	Marv Smith Elec	timers signal lights	974.32
Acentek	internet 2 months	59.90	Micromarketing	books on cd	645.40
Alliant	electricity	10957.44	Mid-American Publishing	publishing	502.54
Aramark	uniform	59.36	Postmaster	stamps	294.00
Barnes & Noble	books	138.12	Postmaster	mail water bills	155.29
Black Hills	gas	874.35	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	62.50
Bodensteiner Impl	sweeper motor, motor	437.94	Anderson, Wilmarth,		
Book Look	books	259.83	Zahasky	fees	837.38
Calmar Motors	service	86.84	Rite Price Office Supply	supplies	184.25
Century Link	telephone	353.62	Sherwin Williams	paint	226.16
Croell Redi Mix	intakes	1239.00	Storey Kenworthy	receipt books	208.20
Culligan	fd seasonal	42.50	Fehr Graham	service well	2905.50
Data Tech	fall training session	95.00	Treas. State IA	taxes	804.00
Decorah Elec	repair damage ww plant	500.00	US Cellular	phone	422.67
Decorah Newspapers	subscription lib	35.00	Walmart	supplies, dvd etc	121.71
Delta Dental	ins reimb	148.00	Wellmark	premium	3300.85
Dorsey & Whitney	tif urban ren etc	4212.50	Wiltgen Const	intakes n street	220.00
Drillings	repair-supplies	117.07	Winn Cty Public Health	shot fd	50.00
Farmers Union	roundup and fuel	330.42	Payroll Sept		15957.18
Hacker, Nelson	annual exam	2975.00	Total		75446.20
Heying Lbr	supplies	262.66	Claims by fund		
Hubers Store	supplies	28.95	General		41151.24
IAMU	quarterly safety fees	322.58	Road Use		4654.13
IAWEA	registration	50.00	Benefits		5187.66
Ingram	books	178.82	Water		13008.64
IRS	taxes	5080.87	Sewer		11444.53
Iowa DOT	emulsn oil	592.50	Total		75446.20
Iowa Dept. Revenue	taxes water & pool	4010.00	Revenue by fund		
Iowa One Call	services	41.20	General		37570.21
Iowa Workforce	quarterly unempl	56.80	Road Use		7799.34
Ipers	ipers	3167.15	Benefits		8509.23
Iroc Web Design	computer and backups	1376.98	Emergency		664.41
Iroc Web Design	domain renewal	80.00	Lost		8949.28
John Deere Financial	supplies	244.15	TIF		6868.26
Keystone	testing	196.20	Water		20545.53
Kwik Star	fuel	1360.48	Sewer		27690.70
Malcom Ent	garbage	6401.23	Total		118596.96

Council agreed to keep the current health insurance plan and will discuss self-funding of some of the deductible at a later date.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve the 28E Agreement for joint administration between the Northeast Iowa Community College, City of Calmar and Calmar Development for an economic development director. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Schissel and Kleve. Motion carried.

Motion by Huinker, second by Zweibahmer to appoint Keith Frana and TJ Schissel to the joint 28E administration board. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Schissel. Motion carried.

A discussion regarding the development of the next addition to Rolling Hills Estate was held. Chris Wiltgen stated the costs to develop these 10 or 12 properties (depending on the size of the lots) were considerable. He stated they would need the co-operation of the city and others to make this development a reality. TIF funds would be one of the options under consideration. A new TIF would have to be developed. Some members agreed that there is a need for building lots as they are in short supply in the City. Many options were discussed and this will be discussed further by a committee that will include the economic development director, Mayor Frana, Council members Huinker and Kleve and the developer. They will come back to the council with a recommendation at a later date.

Junior Boyer stated that the pool has been winterized, the cement work completed, new doors installed in the rest room facility. The roof and siding have been replaced and the shelter will be put back in place shortly.

The Fire Department report was presented by TJ Schissel. Members had their monthly business meeting and training night and assisted in a 4 wheeler accident, motorcycle accident and responded to a call to assist looking for a lost child. At their training they went to the Joe & Marcia Bullerman farm to get a close look at a variety of grain bins while they were empty to get a new perspective on how a rescue could be accomplished.

Lance Peters presented the police report in the absence of Chief Ward. He reported September was busy but things had slowed down recently. Their new body cameras have been purchased and are currently in use.

The Street Department report was presented. Junior Boyer asked again about the depot windows and what should be done. After discussion it was decided to use insurance monies and replace all the windows. Junior will check to see if Kohlmeyer is a certified installer for the windows that Heying Lumber sells and get back to the council. He also reported that L & R Mfg. should have one of the signs completed so the design can be reviewed by Thursday. He stated that he can paint them in the shop prior to installation. He reported that the timers have been purchased for the school flashers on Hwy 150 and will be installed shortly for the specified hours Monday thru Friday. He stated that a request had also been submitted to the DOT for flashers on Hwy 24, after installation by the DOT they would become the cities responsibility. A discussion was held regarding the old shop door. This needs to be replaced. The door will be ordered from Heying Lumber and Mr. Curtin will install. An article on the shop renovations will be in the Calmar Courier and an Open House scheduled for October 23, 2014 from 4-7 P.M. at the facility for anyone interested in viewing the improvements. Sidewalks were discussed. The clerk stated that residents were having difficulty finding a contractor to make the needed repairs for them. Junior spoke with the contractor the city uses and he agreed to come in the spring and repair sidewalks for the homeowners at their expense. Letters will be sent to all residents that have to repair or replace sidewalks explaining this option and the new deadline.

Junior Boyer presented the water/wastewater report in the absence of Matt Bullerman. All testing was completed and is in compliance. Matt is flushing fire hydrants this week.

Mayor Frana had nothing to report.

George Tekippe of Fehr Graham reported that they will finish up with the documents to be submitted to the DNR shortly. As of yet they have no cost estimate. He anticipates the earliest we could go out for bids would be January 2015 with completion of the new well the summer of 2015. Due to this time frame Junior questioned if we should have the piping and well pump re-installed into the well under the water tower as a precautionary measure. George Tekippe and council agreed to this plan.

Information was presented regarding the sale of a lot at the end of West Main Street. This is a minor division of property and would require nothing on the cities part as water and sewer is available to the location.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve the Annual TIF report. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Huinker, second by Schissel to approve the Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment as presented. Aye: Kleve, Schissel, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Huinker, second by Schissel to set the date for a public hearing regarding the CDBG Housing Application for November 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Kleve, Schissel, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Presented for the first reading was Ordinance # 369 regarding sidewalk regulations. Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 369 and make it effective upon publication. Aye: Sabelka, Schissel, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Huinker. Motion carried.

Presented for the first reading was Ordinance # 368 regarding street use and maintenance. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to approve the first reading and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 368 and make it effective upon publication. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Schissel. Motion carried. These two ordinances update our code to comply with new state laws that remove the city from liability should someone trip and fall and make the city exempt from any possible lawsuit.

A discussion of possible Ordinance # 370 regarding no parking zones was held. No action was taken to adopt this ordinance.

Motion by Kleve, second by Schissel to adjourn. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Keith Frana, Mayor

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Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk