

**Calmar City Council
August 5, 2013**

Prior to the meeting Pat Nervig addressed the council requesting use of the Calmar little league field for a softball league that would begin the end of August until the middle of October. Games would be on Wednesday nights for a 6 week period. Council members agreed to the proposal but requested that the area be left as found and lights out at a reasonable hour. Luther Anderson was present and stated he would like to request that Calmar be a "Holiday Train" stop for 2015 as this would be the 100 year anniversary of the Calmar depot building. Calmar makes a request to the CPR yearly to be a Holiday Train Stop, members agreed to have Luther submit the request. Mary Welch reported that they had several groups and many trail riders stop in at the depot when they were there requesting trail and tourist information. She stated the display case is being built and should be delivered by the end of August. Mary reported that Jim Halverson from Cresco has donated two items for the museum area which he felt came from the Calmar depot building.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:05 P.M. on Monday, August 5, 2013. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Phillips, Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

After questions on bills and the ABD licenses to be approved a motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve the consent agenda (agenda, Minutes of July 1, 2013, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for July 2013 and the ABD license for The Bar and The Train Station.) Aye: Sabelka, Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

		Ia Div Labor	inspection at pool	130.00
		Iowa One Call	services	28.30
		Ipers	ipers	3485.20
		Joe Ward	reimb dinner Cedar Rpds co	11.96
		John Deere Fin	driveway sealer	595.03
		Kay Park Rec	domed lid	89.10
		Keystone Labs	testing	249.10
		Kwik Star	fuel	1154.98
		Leroy Holm	street program contractor	112.00
		Malcolm	garbage	6117.78
		Marv Smith Elec	ll scoreboard,fixture	747.60
		Micromarketing	books	62.82
		Midwest Geographical	35% mapping manholes	1645.00
		Napa	belts	140.42
		North IA Inspection	pool inspection	288.00
		NE Iowa Tree	trees and stumps	385.00
		Ossian Bee	subscription renewal	33.00
		Postmaster	postage bills & stamps	282.20
		Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	59.00
		Rite Price	supplies	127.80
		Rite Price	fax and cart library	193.38
		Sherwin Williams	paint depot	81.95
		State Hygenic Lab	testing pool	33.00
		Susan Davis	book	15.00
		Fehr Graham	water project fees	3172.00
		Freedom Rock	deposit on rock painting	1000.00
		Treas State IA	taxes	909.00
		Truck Country	cylinder	99.51
		UPERC	consulting services	622.00
		US Cellular	phone	345.78
		Utility Equip Co	meter and supplies	432.73
		Walmart	supplies	214.47
		Wellmark	premium	5435.42
		Payroll July		21261.97
		Total		77457.76
CLAIMS REPORT				
ACCO	chemicals & steps diving bd	633.07		
Ahmed Alkhalili	web site design library	675.00		
Alliant	electricity	8646.32		
Annie Rude	reimb supplies	29.99		
Applied Concepts	mount bracket	37.00		
Aramark	uniform	89.27		
Beaver Creek Graphics	shirts reimbursable	333.00		
Becker Hdwd	milwaukee bit	36.60		
Black Hills Energy	gas bill	1584.25		
Book Look	books	203.86		
Calmar Courier	publishing	194.00		
Center Pt. Lg. Print	books	41.94		
Centurylink	phone	534.46		
City Laundry	towels	100.44		
Croell Redi Mix	holes in square	456.00		
Culligan	seasonal fire dept	38.00		
Ace Hdwd	bug soother	8.99		
Delta Dental	dental reimbursable	148.00		
Farmers Union	fuel , belt etc	698.65		
Fort Atkinson LL	concession	49.86		
Grassmasters	curb stop and sign work	333.50		
Gunderson Clinic	randon drug	51.00		
Hach	chemical testing	411.04		
Hawkins	chemicals water plt	451.26		
Heying Lbr	depot paint supplies	934.97		
Hubers Store	supplies	2.99		
Ia DNR	permit fee	114.79		
IMWCA	work comp	1308.00		
Ingram	books	342.24		
IRS	taxes	6338.77		
Iowa Codification	ordinance	95.00		
Iowa DOT	emulsn oil	2975.00		

Expenses by fund		General	18894.33
General	46491.50	Road Use	8009.16
Road Use	5203.57	Benefits	452.12
Benefits	4133.34	Emergency	38.12
Water	11183.28	Lost	8345.66
Sewer	10446.07	Water	16437.45
Total	77457.76	Sewer	25531.84
Revenue by fund		Total	77708.68

Casey Mai representing Upper Explorerland was present to discuss the grants that Calmar could potentially be eligible for to use toward water/sewer projects, street projects and downtown revitalization. He stated most grants are due this fall and recommended the city start the application process for multiple grants. Also discussed were a needed Capital Improvement Plan and the Derelict Grant Building program.

Annie Rude, Calmar Pool manager reported on the pool season to date. She stated that due to staffing and projected cool weather she was considering the pool close for the season on August 11th. This closing date will be publicized. She stated that our aging pool could use some upgrades which would include new filters and boiler.

Fire Chief Chad Schissel stated July was a quiet month with no calls. They participated in the Festina parade and Fireworks in Spillville and planned to be in the Ossian Fest parade. He demonstrated the automatic cribbing stabilization tool that the department has purchased to improve safety when raising a vehicle during rescue calls. They held their normal meeting and training sessions and reported 90 hours of community service.

The Police Department report was presented. Chief Ward stated that the Wildman case has been transferred to Federal Court in Cedar Rapids. He has spent some time doing business checks in the early morning hours due to burglaries in the area. They will be in attendance at Ossian Fest this weekend and were working with the DOT on the highway closure permit.

The Street Department report was presented. Junior stated that the Henry Street and alley project was scheduled to begin the end of the month. Plans are to light the Calmar sign by Lion's Park. The service there hasn't been active in many years and would not pass inspection. A quote was received from Marv Smith Electric which included a new service, trenching to the sign and LED lighting for the sign and lighting of the restroom and shelter. Motion by Sabelka, second by Huinker to approve the quote in the amount of \$2300.00 from Marv Smith Electric to update the service, trench wire and lighting at Lion's Park. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Kleve. Motion carried. Members agreed to donate the old little league scoreboard to Festina.

The water/wastewater report was presented. The West Street water project is scheduled to begin next week. The pre-construction meeting was held on August 5, 2013. Discussed briefly was the water issues due to the construction of the NICC lift station. Bullerman stated that the bill for the extra testing will be paid by the college or the contractor.

The clerk wished to acknowledge a donation from Grassmasters in the amount of \$ 214.00 for labor and equipment on the city signs, ball field and scoreboard. She stated she will put an article in the near future about the city council and mayor terms due to expire in 2013. Phone lines and the IMWCA inspection were also briefly discussed. A request has been received from the SW Youth Football League for funding. After some discussion it was agreed to inquire if the donations stay and are used locally. The clerk also reported she had submitted Sam Sabelka's name to "Someone You Should Know" and hopefully Danielle Wagner will come and do a story on Sam and all the hard work and time he donates to the Calmar flower beautification project.

Mayor Meyer reported on the meeting held with Iowa Economic Development. Representatives from Calmar Development, Calmar Commercial Club, NICC, Upper Explorerland, the City of Calmar and the City Engineer were in attendance. Meyer stated that we could possibly be a test site to demonstrate small town marketing strategies. Corey reported he had visited with John Danos regarding utilization of TIF funding to develop housing, downtown revitalization and economic development. Corey stated that we need to interest business to come to Calmar and market ourselves by offering incentives. He felt the City needs to decide what could be offered to these prospective businesses.

Chris Wiltgen reported that the Calmar Commercial Club is planning a community activity on August 28th which would include a Scavenger Hunt with a flat screen TV to the first place winner. It would include a lawn chair night with Fusion providing entertainment. The council agreed to pay \$ 175.00 towards the cost of the entertainment for this activity.

John Biederman of Fehr Gram Engineering provided information that included a map and opinion of preliminary cost for the downtown improvements proposed. He stated this was a no frill estimate but would include 1945 LF of parking, sidewalks, water and sewer lines, storm collection system, street lights with the project meeting ADA compliance regulations. He stated the City needed to review the budget and explore all funding options along with continuing discussions with the IDOT regarding their participation in funding the project.

Salaries were discussed. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to approve a .50 per hour raise for all full time employees. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to rescind the previous motion. Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve a .50 cent an hour raise to be applied to their salary or insurance per employee's preference. Aye: Sabelka, Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried. Motion by Huinker, second by Sabelka to raise the salary of PT employee Doug Bullerman to \$ 11.50 per hour. Aye: Sabelka, Huinker, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Annual Street Finance Report was reviewed. Motion by Kleve, second by Phillips to approve Resolution # 485 approving the official city Street Finance Report for the period July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Annual Report was reviewed. This is for the period July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013. This report includes beginning fund balances, income and expense and ending balances as of June 2013 by fund.

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The Swimming Pool and possible renovations were discussed. Due to the age of the pool much of the operating equipment is old. It was the consensus of the council to obtain quotes and explore the funding of upgrades with TIF funding.

Possible parking on Washington Street was briefly discussed.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to adjourn at 10:18 P.M. Aye: Phillips, Zweibahmer, Kleve, Sabelka and Huinker. Motion carried.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk