

Calmar City Council

April 6, 2015

Mayor Frana called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2015 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Huinker was absent.

There were no comments from the public.

Randy Poshusta, commander of the local American Legion along with Merle Thuente and Mike Costigan were in attendance to discuss the "Freedom Rock" that is intended to be a memorial for veterans, police, fire and emt. The memorial will be located near the gazebo/kiosk between the Prairie Farmer Trail and Henry Street. The city has obtained a rock that will be transported to the site. Area veterans will be looking into designs to be painted on the rock and other features to incorporate into the memorial. The rock is scheduled to be painted in 2017 by Ray "Bubba" Sorenson who paints the "Freedom Rock" with only one per county in Iowa. Off street parking will also be developed near the site.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of March 2, 2015, clerk/treasurer reports and the claims for March 2015 with the exception of the bill from Fehr-Graham) Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT			John Deere Financ	supplies	92.05
Acentek	internet	29.95	Keystone	testing	636.60
Alliant	electricity	7735.53	Kwik Star	fuel	691.51
Aramark	monthluniform	122.55	L & R Mfg	signs pool	440.18
Black Hills	gas	2018.26	Malcolm	garbage	6218.45
Book Look	books	310.79	Zips Truck Equi	jackets & vests	192.07
Calmar Motors	explorer	258.58	Marv Smith Ele	bulbs	2305.92
Center Pt. Lg. P	books	83.88	Matt Bullerman	reimburse	6.73
Centurylink	telephone	735.94	Micromarketing	books	106.18
City of Calmar	reimburse	18.94	Mid American P	publish	397.33
City of Decorah	jet sewer lines	350.00	Napa	support	39.98
Culligan	seasonal servic	42.50	New Hampton Red Po	hose fittings tractor	103.14
Data Tech	user meeting	95.00	Penworthy	books	91.68
Delta Dental	insurance	192.56	Percision Overhead D	door installation fd	2680.00
Farmers Union	fuel pd	360.92	Postmaster	stamps	294.00
Gunderson Clini	drug test	105.00	Postmaster	mail water bills	152.66
Hach	chemicals	617.57	Postville Vet Cl	ship samples	105.00
Heying Lumber	supplies	89.29	Rite Price	supplies	161.11
Ia Dept. Inspect	raffle license	40.00	Secy of State	notary fee	30.00
IAMU	cc workshop	80.00	South Winn Tra	donation	400.00
IAMU	safety dues	330.90	Storey Kenworthy	supplies, checks, en	347.38
IDNR	permit fee	100.00	Streichers	vests police	2110.00
Ingram	books	324.90	Fehr-Graham	water project,	2592.00
IRS	taxes	5188.06	The Book Farm	books	418.93
Ia Dept. Reven	water sales tax	3082.00	Treas State IA	state tax	871.00
Iowa Prison Ind	signs	897.15	US Cellular	telephone	424.34
Iowa Workforce	unemployment	61.68	Utility Equip	6 meters	1661.77
Ipers	ipers	3303.90	Walmart	supplies	77.73
Iroc Web Desi	tech service	202.50	Wellmark	premium	2793.83
Iroc Web Design	computer w/ww	1075.00	Wiltgen Const	snow	323.13
			Winco Farm	road crew, li	113.15

Payroll March	15456.65	General	22231.83
Total	70187.85	Road Use	8912.09
Claims by fund		Benefits	2657.86
General	38148.15	Emergency	207.55
Road Use	3345.20	Lost	8174.14
Benefits	2215.38	Tif	3829.16
Water	15685.96	Water	16805.64
Sewer	10793.16	Sewer	32673.07
Total	70187.85	Total	95491.34
Revenue by fund			

The Fire Department report was given by T.J. Schissel in the absence of the fire chief. They responded to 4 paged calls, held their regular business meeting and training night and provided 150 hours of volunteer community service for the month of March. Zweibahmer mentioned that the department had done a wonderful job burning the prairie area located behind his home. Two baby changing stations will be installed in the restrooms at the Calmar Fire Station.

Chief Ward presented the police department report. He reported several burglary investigations, search warrants issued, two arrests for warrants and several tickets for speed and equipment violations. Chief Ward also reported that the new bulletproof vests had arrived and were a huge improvement over the previous vests.

Junior Boyer presented his monthly report. He reported that he, Matt and Mayor Frana had met with the DOT and the Engineer regarding the 2016 street project. They walked the area and discussed various options. Mayor Frana stated that he felt the DOT was very receptive and co-operative. Junior reported that a rock had been obtained for the "Freedom Rock" and will be donated to the City. We will need to arrange to have the rock loaded in Winthrop and unloaded in Calmar. This will require a crane at a cost of \$ 225.00 per hour. He reported he will be sweeping streets and fixing frost boils shortly and is in the process of blading the alleys. The additions to the Calmar signs are almost complete with selection of paint color and installation all that remains to be done.

Matt Bullerman presented the water/wastewater report. He stated that we had received our final NPDES permit dated April 1, 2015. He explained that this makes changes to our testing requirements and as a result we have changed to a different testing lab. This lab will pick up samples every Thursday morning. George Tekippe and Jeremy Bril from Fehr-Graham Engineering provided information comparing the pervious permit with the current permit requirements. The permit requires us to comply with more stringent ammonia limits due to new standards and new limits for E.coli and increases monitoring requirements. The permit also requires with a compliance schedule which gives the City of Calmar until August 1, 2019 to meet all necessary requirements.

George Tekippe explained that easements are required for well protection in the area of the new well site. He is in the process of obtaining the required signatures which will then be sent to the DNR. When these easements are received they will then issue our construction permit. George stated that they will be sending our requests for bids on the well project and publication of the same notice shortly. The bids must be received at the office of the City Clerk by 2:00 p.m. on April 28th at which time they will be opened. They will then review the bids and make a recommendation to accept at the May 4, 2015 regular city council meeting. A bid from Cahoy to abandon Well # 3 was received in the amount of \$ 11,000.00. Motion by Schissel, second by Sabelka to accept the quote as presented. Aye: Schissel, Sabelka, Kleve

and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Mayor Frana explained to George of Fehr-Graham why the payment was withheld from the claims this month. This was due to the issue with the cost of the rail crossing with Canadian Pacific Railroad. George will discuss this with his firm.

Mayor Frana had nothing to report at this time.

Ordinance # 374 was introduced for the first reading. This ordinance would implement changes to trees in the right-of-way. Discussion was held and council requested changes made to the proposed ordinance. Action was tabled until the May meeting.

Motion by Kleve, second by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 512 approving the comprehensive plan of the Winneshiek County Solid Waste Agency. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

The City will be submitting a grant application to the Winneshiek County Landfill to recoup costs of the spring cleanup. Motion by Sabelka, second by Kleve to approve Resolution # 511 approving and authorizing the grant application. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Schissel to approve the change to the Uniform section of the employee manual stating that the city will pay for safety equipment (high visibility jacket and steel towed safety shoes yearly). Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Salaries were discussed. Motion by Schissel, second by Zweibahmer to approve \$.50 per hour salary increase for all full time employees effective July 1, 2015. Aye: Schissel and Zweibahmer. Nay: Kleve and Sabelka. Motion died for lack of a majority vote. The clerk was requested to put together a salary and benefit comparison for the next meeting. This will be on the agenda again in May.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to adjourn. Aye: Schissel, Sabelka, Kleve and Zweibahmer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Keith Frana, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk