

## JULY 2, 2012

Prior to the meeting Isaac Phillips stated that the Calmar Commercial Club meeting had been moved to July 9<sup>th</sup>. Chris Wiltgen spoke briefly on the Calmar Trail Days. He stated he felt the Calmar Fireman's Dance seemed to fit in well with the celebration. The commercial club is seeking input on how to proceed with Trail Days in the future. They are discussion the option of a one day celebration vs. two days. He also stated that Vicky Osmundson and Emily Hoffert were retiring and would no longer take charge of the Little Mr. & Miss Calmar pageant. We were also reminded that the Commercial Club is sponsoring the Circus on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Dave Zweibahmer, Linus Sabelka, Dennis Kleve, Larry Huinker and Isaac Phillips.

Steve Kuhn was present to request funding for the fireworks display held in Spillville. After discussion a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Sabelka to donate \$ 500.00. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding several claims for June 2012; the clerk explained that the clerks reports distributed at the meeting contained the final ending fund balances for June 30, 2012. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of June 4, 2012, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for June 2012). Aye: Phillips, Kleve, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Huinker. Motion carried.

				Iowa Dept. Revenue	taxes		3347.00
				Iowa Finance			
Claims June 2012				Authority	sewer note		119567.50
A & J Petersurg	work comp adj		197.00	Iowa League of Cities	membership		587.00
Acco	pool chemical	1316.30		Iowa One Call	services		47.10
Acco	rebuild flow switch	148.65		Iowa Workforce	unempl		1394.64
Acco	down payment lift	2500.00	3964.95	Ipers	ipers		3345.34
All State Ag Parts	draw bar mower		107.00	Iroc Web	web upgrades		3003.00
Alliant	electricity		5982.42	John Deere Financial	supplies		662.94
Aramark	uniform		121.05	Junior Library Guild	books		171.00
Audio Editions	audio books on cd		187.38	Kay Park & Rec	tables		6057.20
Bankers Trust	water payment		112422.50	Keystone Labs	testing		355.00
Black Hill Energy	gas		924.28	Kwik Star	gas/fuel		1287.17
Book Look	books		212.83	Marco	sub		314.99
Calmar Comm Club	sponsor t-shirts		50.00	Marv Smith	supplies	33.94	
Calmar Courier	add cv		181.99	Marv Smith	supplies pool	442.23	
Carl Homstad Studio	mural		3600.00	Marv Smith	furnace/ac	4196.00	4672.17
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	large print books		82.68	Master Blasters	hydrants		2000.00
Century Link	telephone		368.82	McMyers-Cox	concessions		877.83
Chemsearch	supplies pool		274.84	McDonald Supply	pool supplies repair		86.54
Croell	storm drain repair		222.00	Michele Elsbernd	reimb	75.00	
Dan Marx Firearms	elite op2		965.00	Michele Elsbernd	pool supplies repair	279.20	354.20
Dave Huinker	service work		50.00	Micromarketing	audio books on cd		133.97
Dave Gehling	power wash curbs		935.00	Mower Power	used push mower		225.00
Decorah Impl	replac battery		23.31	Municipal Pipe	jet clean lift stations		1056.00
Delta Dental	insurance		63.00	NE Iowa Drug Task	yearly dues		525.00
Drilling All Season	supplies		80.10	NE Iowa Spray Foam	foam and lift		3902.83
Ebsco	renewals		467.55	Patricia McDaniel	cookbook		20.00
Farmers Union	fertilizer		846.69	Penworthy	books		125.84
Follette Softwear	tech support		450.00	Pepsi	pop concessions		274.95
GT Distributors	supplies, police	524.76		Postmaster	box rent	44.00	
GT Distributors	sight pd	75.95	600.71	Postmaster	mail water bills	145.32	189.32
Hach	chemicals		252.26	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples		33.50
Hawkins	monthly chemicals		489.50	R.C. Booth	plat book		30.25
Heying Lbr	materials		576.69	Racom	service program radio		264.00
Hubers	supplies		38.96	Rite Price	office supplies, cartridge	718.25	
Iamu	dues		306.12	Rite Price	counter copier	30.00	748.25
Ingram	books		235.64	Schwan's	ice cream pool concess		170.09
Irs	taxes	3009.38	6258.09	Security State Bank	interest sa note rolling hills		1513.71

Sherwin Williams	depot paint	325.30		Water	125,261.93
Sherwin Williams	supplies	97.47	422.77	Sewer	128,867.69
Sunset Law				Total	330,867.79
Enforcement	ammo		158.51		
Treasurer Iowa	taxes		964.00	Revenue by fund	
US Cellular	telephone		240.18	General	19,544.80
Walmart	supplies		219.17	Road Use	4,359.64
Wellmark	premium		6867.50	Benefits	163.23
Payroll	June payroll		23113.97	Emergency	14.05
Totals			307753.82	Lost	8,273.43
			330867.79	Tif	145.42
Claims by fund				Water	15,066.57
General			68313.76	Sewer	25,011.96
Road Use			1683.41	Total	72,579.10
Employee Benefits			5,227.29		
Debt Service			1,513.71		

Rochelle Howe from Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission was present to inform the council of possible grant funding available for the NICC lift station. She explained that the CDBG grant is available but has LMI guidelines that the city might not be able to meet but said that NICC probably would- but stated that a survey would have to be conducted. She offered options for grant funding that might be available in the future and stated that the city might want to adopt an incentives program to promote business development. She will visit with the mayor and council about grant options after the current Visioning process is completed.

The Calmar Fire Department report was presented. Linus Sabelka stated that their annual dance was very successful and they had a good participation at their annual picnic.

The Police Department report was presented. Chief Ward stated he had spoken with officials with the STEP program regarding a speed trailer. He stated that funds had been cut for their program. He stated that Trail Days had gone well with no problems. The City expressed thanks to NICC for their donation of \$ 500.00 toward equipment for the police department.

The Street Department report was presented. The North Street resurfacing was discussed briefly with the balance of the discussion on hold until the city engineer arrives.

The Water/wastewater report was presented. Matt reported that all the hydrants had been sand blasted and painted. The NICC lift station was discussed briefly, at the present the agreement between the City of Calmar and NICC is being drafted by the entities attorneys for review at a later date.

City property and the alignment of lots on Melden Street were discussed. The property on Clay Street which could possibly be used as a lot for the Affordable Housing program was also discussed. This will be reviewed when the city engineer arrives.

Mayor Meyer reported that we will be dealing with several properties regarding complaints. These issues need to be abated. The owners will be notified and citations issued if not in compliance by the deadline.

Mayor Meyer stated that Trail Days were a success and reminded everyone of the Circus coming on August 7<sup>th</sup>. He also noted that the local access station has been updated. Announcements are now available to any Mediacom subscriber and on the City of Calmar web site: [calmaria.com](http://calmaria.com) home page. He stated that we have been notified that the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund has funding available for Winneshiek County residents who meet the income criteria. This funding is available to improve the condition of a current home or to purchase housing thru down payment assistance. Information will be posted to try to get the word out to area residents. Corey also reported that the next

Visioning meeting will be on August 6, 2012 from 5-7 P.M. at the depot. At this time concept drawings will be displayed to give the community an opportunity to view the "Vision of Calmar", meet with the committee and designers and have free Ice Cream. The regular city council meeting will begin at 7:15 on August 6, 2012 due to the Visioning Open House. Mayor Meyer also stated that the city may be involved in the Lake Meyer Watershed Project. This project is through his place of employment but he stated that the city could be involved as part of the "Urban Conservation" as a large portion of Calmar drains into the Lake Meyer watershed.

Mike Wilder the Calmar representative to Winneshiek County Emergency Management stated that they will be updating and developing a new Hazard Mitigation Plan in the near future.

Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 472 approving the 2012-2013 salaries. Roll call vote: Sabelka, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Kleve all ayes: Motion carried.

George Tekippe of Tekippe Engineering visited briefly on the Melden Street property and the need to survey in order to re-distribute and square up the property lines of the city property and the other five properties to the south. He will visit with the property owners and explain the situation. The council felt we should have the survey completed so that the property can be sold or transferred to the adjoining property owners. Also discussed was the property on Clay Street, the engineer will provide a sketch so that the street and alley can be vacated. Drainage issues and utility easements were also discussed. This property would then be available should Affordable Housing need a lot in Calmar. Discussed was the North street surfacing project. George explained why assessments were applied to the new concrete section of North Street but also stated that surfacing or upgrading can be done without curb & gutter and assessments to property owners.

Junior Boyer was instructed to check on the three bids for the North street project to see if they are still valid. The council consensus is to proceed with the project pending review of bids.

Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.

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Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk