

Minutes

Calmar Regular Council Meeting

September 6, 2016

Mayor Keith Frana called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Schissel, Kirkeberg, Kleve, Sabelka and Ondrashek.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion by Schissel, second by Sabelka to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of August 1, 2016, clerk/treasurer reports and the ABD license for Whiskey Grove) Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Ondrashek and Kirkeberg. Motion carried.

Claims August 2016			Postmaster	stamps	282.00
Acco	chemicals	562.25	Postmaster	postage water bills	148.86
Acentek	internet service sewer	29.95	Anderson, Wilmart, Zah	services	2852.20
Alliant	electricity	11514.73	RitePrice Office	copier contract	43.42
B & R Blasting	dump truck paint blast	1920.00	Rite Price Office	trash bags	62.79
Black Hills	natural gas	684.66	River City Paving	cold mix	290.63
Book Look	books	202.84	Sandry Fire Supply	fd auto pump	497.05
Calmar Motors	service Explorer	29.20	Sherwin William	paint	341.90
Centurylink	phone	777.58	Sierra	subscription library	12.00
City Laundry	garbage bags, towels	281.27	Sim's	hard drive Library	64.99
Dave Huinker	library	600.00	State Lib. Of Iowa	subscription platforfees	58.00
Decorah Electric	radio repair	1147.70	Stephens Windows	blinds fd	1431.45
Delta Dental	dental insurance	237.08	Terry Linderbaum	paint at Depot	2497.50
Drilling All Season	parts	100.78	TestAmerica	sewer testing	277.20
Electronic Engineering	service and fee	313.00	Treas State Ia	taxes	937.00
Farmers Union	fuel	416.67	Upper Explorerland	admin cdbg housing	535.84
Faronics	library softwear	154.00	US Cellular	phone	470.69
Hawkins	chemicals	322.80	USA Blue Book	supplies	459.80
Heying Lbr	supplies	42.40	Utility Equip	supplies water	1004.74
Heying Lbr	20' flat bed	900.00	Walmart Comm	supplieis	1193.18
Ingram	books	104.04	Wellmark	insurance	3268.88
IRS	taxes	6542.03	Wiltgen Mfg	labor, material etc	215.13
Iowa Codification	code update	443.00	Payroll August		22372.91
Iowa One Call	service	27.00	Total		81109.50
Ipers	pension	3588.58	Expenses by fund		
Iroc Web	services	292.50	General		48,738.04
John Deer Financial	supplies	258.66	Road Use		5056.32
Julie Kramme	50% concrete	200.00	Benefits		5578.54
Kay Park & Rec	bags doggie station	255.75	Water		13802.54
Keystone Labs	testing	30.00	Sewer		7934.06
Kwik Star	fuel	526.50	Total		81,109.50
Malcolm	garbage service	6024.72	Revenue by fund		
Marv Smith Elec	supplies	127.06	General		30301.32
Marv Smith Elec	library	960.40	Road Use		13374.83
Micromarketing	books	507.11	Lost		9261.10
Mid-America Publishing	publishing	238.82	Water		18390.51
Mississippi Welding	acetylene	15.50	Sewer		28681.30
Napa	belts mower	195.24	Total		100009.06
NE Iowa Drug Task Force	dues	550.00			
Northeast Iowa Tree	services	337.50			
Overdrive	subscription fees	330.02			

T.J. Schissel presented the Fire Department Report. They had a busy month with many water related calls and a bale fire and car/tractor accident with 318 volunteer hours for the month.

Police Chief Joe Ward presented the Police Department Report. Chief Ward explained that the public safety committee, mayor, Sheriff Marx and the City of Ossian had been in discussion regarding the future of the Calmar # 2 position. He explained the possibilities and stated that officer Andy Hageman would in the future be hired by the Winneshiek County Sheriff Office as a deputy. He stated that it is becoming harder to find good applicants and then we train them and they seem to move on to the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Marx has proposed adding another deputy with the cost shared by the City of Calmar and the deputies would then cover when Chief Ward is off duty. Motion by Ondrashek, second by Schissel to move forward collaboration with the Winneshiek County Sheriff to develop a possible agreement. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Ondrashek and Kirkeberg. Motion carried. Chief Ward stated he had done some research on the in car computers and explained that the cost of the computer and related fees such as mobile internet and fees to the State for use of the system would be approximately \$ 12,000 - \$ 13,000 dollars for both vehicles. Council agreed to hold off on the implementation of this system for the present.

Junior Boyer presented the street department report. He had quotes for the Lewis Street repair project. The cost of 4" of blacktop from the highway to East Street would be \$ 80,000. Cost of concrete is double. Motion by Schissel, second by Sabelka to approve 13,000 feet of 4" asphalt placement for Lewis Street. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Kirkeberg, Ondrashek and Schissel. Motion carried.

Matt Bullerman presented the water/wastewater report. He stated that all pumping was back to normal for the present.

Don Wurtzel, Calmar Economic Development stated that the Subway was open. Site work will probably start on the Neuzil property yet this fall. The grant submitted for site development of the former Huber property has been approved. This is a great partnership between the City and Calmar Development. He stated that a grant has been written and submitted seeking funding for the trail from the current bike trail to the Dollar General Property. He also stated that Stephanie Fromm of Winneshiek County Development is preparing a RISE grant requesting funding to pay for construction of Huber Drive.

Jeremy Bril, city engineer stated that site work for the Farmers Union Coop would begin yet this fall.

Motion by Schissel, second by Kleve to appoint Tammy Brincks to the Winneshiek County Community Foundation Distribution Committee. Aye: Kirkeberg, Ondrashek, Kleve, Sabelka and Schissel. Motion carried.

The need for a sidewalk at 505 N. Jefferson was discussed. This property had a sidewalk that was removed during landscaping. The City requested that the sidewalk be installed in July of 2014, this sidewalk was identified in the "Calmar Safe Route" pamphlet. Motion by Kirkeberg, second by Kleve to require the property owner install a sidewalk by November 1, 2016. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Ondrashek and Kirkeberg. Motion carried.

The preliminary audit report was reviewed and the council approved the audit firm file with the State Auditor's office as presented.

The Annual TIF Report was presented. Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve the Annual TIF report for filing. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Kirkeberg and Ondrashek. Motion carried.

Discussed briefly was a condition where trees were planted near an alley that has an easement for drainage that prohibits trees that may block the drainage. The affected property owners will be contacted to remove the trees.

A tree and house number inspection is in progress. City code requires that the property owner trim trees over the street to a height of 15' over the street and 8' over the sidewalk. House numbers are required, property owners with no house numbers will have to install numbers. Also it was noted that there are several places where trees, shrubs or bushes interfere with the safe movement of traffic. These are a public safety issues and will also need to be trimmed or removed. Letters will be sent to affected property owners.

Motion by Kleve, second by Ondrashek to adjourn. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Ondrashek, Kirkeberg and Schissel. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Keith Frana, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk