

**Calmar City Council, Regular Meeting
June 1, 2015**

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Huinker called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Zweibahmer, Kleve, Schissel, Sabelka and Huinker. Mayor Frana arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Winneshiek County Sheriff Dan Marx was present to share his plans and goals for the department. He is increasing transparency at the office. They are a tax funded department and he feels the public has a right to know where their tax dollars are spent and have access to information of public record. He stated that they are the back-up for the Calmar Police Department and that Chief Ward is also their back-up. He has a direct interest in what happens in Calmar and stated that Calmar/Ossian were the only cities in the county following state code by providing law enforcement to their residents. He thanked the Calmar Fire Department for use of their facilities during the investigation of the recent bank robbery case.

Motion by Schissel, second by Sabelka to approve the consent agenda (after questions were answered on several bills) (agenda, minutes of May 4, 2015, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for May 2015 and cigarette permits for Kwik Star and The Horseshoe) Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Motion carried.

Claims May 2015			Kwik Star	fuel	843.35
Acco	pool chemicals	1439.40	Linus Sabelka	reunburse plants	395.58
Acentek	sewer internet	29.95	Malcolm	garbage	6264.33
Alliant	electricity	6398.59	Marv Smith Electric	pigtail	4.29
Aramark	uniform	106.36	Michele Elsbernd	reimburse library	193.98
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	469.89	Micromarketing	books	198.72
Bob Guttormson	1/2 concrete	95.33	Mid-American Pub	publishing	283.01
Bruenning Rock	millings	797.65	NE IA Reg. Housing	donation	1000.00
Calmar Develop	economic dev	875.00	NEICAC	donation 15-16	711.00
Calmar Motors	oil changExplorer	33.08	Penworthy	childrens books	74.94
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	41.94	Postmaster	stamps & water	398.54
Centurylink	telephone	739.56	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	13.00
Culligan	seasonal service	42.50	Reliable Dumpster	dumptr & fees	303.10
D.A. Davidson	dissemination file	500.00	Anderson,Zahasky	fees	306.73
Decorah Electric	controls ww plant	8535.30	Rite Price Office	lib parts/service,	290.86
Decorah Electric	controls water plt	10011.30	River City Paving	cold mix	235.32
Decorah Newspape	add police	89.96	Roger Colberson	77 flower baskets	2695.00
Decorah Tire	mower tire	77.94	SWCAG	donation firewor	500.00
Delta Dental	insurance	192.56	Tegeler Body	locate Rock	1250.00
Demco	supplies	237.16	Fehr-Graham	fees well # 5	7616.10
Drilling's	chain saw repairs	111.90	Test America Labs	testing sewer	340.20
Farmers Union	fuel	346.29	Treas State IA	taxes	804.00
Fayette Publishing	add police	70.00	Truck Country	truck repairs	1926.39
Gerald Andera	flowers	1455.00	Upstart	supplies reading	150.85
Gunderson Clinic	drug testing	55.00	US Cellular	telephone	424.67
Helping Serv NE IA	donation 15-16	1000.00	Utility Equipment	water supplies	242.53
Heying Lumber	supplies	1321.91	Walmart	supplies	80.69
Hubers Store	steel toed boots	159.99	Wellmark	premium	2166.13
Ingram	books	259.10	Wiltgen Const	rock	383.75
Internal Revenue	taxes	5020.02	Winn. Cty Engineer	salt and sand	3243.90
Iowa DOT	highway paint	253.36	Payroll May		15045.33
IDNR	operator certif	240.00	Total		92583.62
Iowa One Call	fees	22.50	Claims by fund		
IPERS	pension	2947.37	General		42020.12
John Deere Financi	mtce supplies	131.52	Road Use		7792.63
Keystone Labs	testing	89.90			

Benefits	1538.43	Benefits	2750.00
Water	23987.95	Emergency	214.69
Sewer	17244.49	Lost	8174.16
Total	92583.62	Tif	3745.64
Revenue by Fund		Water	16942.22
General	20650.44	Sewer	27875.63
Road Use	4418.91	Total	84771.69

Mayor Frana opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan. Clerk explained that a 10 year payback was the option chosen and that no comments either written or oral had been received. The hearing was closed and a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Schissel to approve Resolution # 516 authorizing and approving a General Obligation Water Improvement Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a \$ 485,000 General Obligation Water Improvement Note. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Schissel. Motion carried.

Annie Rude, Calmar Pool Manager was present and stated that pool start up went very smoothly. She has 16 young people on staff and that there has been a strong response to the online swimming lesson registrations. Mac Faldet, head guard at the pool was present to inform the city that they are planning a Triathlon on June 20th. the same day as NICC's Breakfast on the Farm. They will be running, then biking and ending with swimming meters at the pool. He outlined the intended route and stated that posters and publicity will be distributed shortly.

Linda Crossland, Calmar Library was present to inform the council of recent vandalism to the building, she has reported this to the Police Chief for investigation.

Fire Chief Chad Schissel reported they had two paged calls for the month of May. Members attended their monthly meeting and attended their monthly training with 91 hours of community service.

Police Chief Joe Ward reported a busy month with the bank robbery and the process to hire a police officer. He reported 10 applicants (none certified) for the position and stated that testing will be conducted on June 13th. A space at the academy has been scheduled for August 31st. thru December 11th. His goal is to have someone hired by the middle of July.

Junior Boyer presented his monthly report. The possible installation of a balcony to the south of the Whiskey Grove building was discussed. This was tabled until Mr. Timp could attend and answer questions.

Matt Bullerman presented his water/wastewater report. He stated that their recommendation for the engineer to work with the city on the wastewater treatment upgrade was Tom Madden with SHE Engineering out of Mason City. Matt stated they wished to continue to work with George and Jeremy on all other engineering issues in the City of Calmar. Motion by Kleve, second by Huinker to approve the operators recommendation to hire SHE Engineering (Tom Madden) as the engineer for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Schissel. Motion carried.

Jeremy of Fehr-Graham stated that the well project was scheduled to start in the next few weeks with a completion date of September 15th. The insurance requirements of the railroad seem to have been resolved. An easement will be needed from Croell to access the new well site. This is being prepared by the city attorney and will be signed shortly.

Don Wurtzel, Economic Development Director stated that Calmar Development made an offer that was accepted for property on Railroad Street. The abstract is being updated and then the property will transfer to Calmar Development.

Mayor Frana mentioned that the City and NICC would be looking into the Metronet to see if it could be feasible for NICC and the City.

The clerk reported that insurance renewals from IMWCA for work comp were \$ 10,297.00 and that ICAP premium was \$ 16,931.39 after the premium credit was subtracted. The rates have not increased but some values were raised.

Motion by Schissel, second by Zweibahmer to re-appoint Shirley Kirby to a six year term on the Calmar Library Board and to appoint Rhonda Todd and Cheryl Satterfield to six year terms on the board replacing Kay Heying and Emily Hoffert. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker, Schissel and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Alanda Gehling was appointed as the rural representative by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors to replace Sandy Holthaus.

Motion by Schissel, second by Zweibahmer to approve the pay formula as presented for city employees to include the COL. Aye: Sabelka, Schissel, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Kleve. Motion carried.

Motion by Huinker, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 515 setting salaries effective July 1, 2015. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Schissel. Motion carried. A resolution will need to be prepared each year from the formulas adopted on the salary spreadsheet.

The implementation of franchise fees for Black Hills Energy and Alliant Energy were discussed. This process takes several months before it becomes final. Resolutions and Ordinances will need to be adopted and a public hearing held. Motion by Kleve, second by Schissel to change our Ordinances to request a 3% franchise fee from Black Hills for Natural Gas and Alliant Energy for Electricity. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Motion carried.

Martin Timp joined the meeting to consider his request to install a balcony on his building. This would be 12 to 15 feet long and no more than 5' wide with a sturdy railing. Council members expressed concerns about items littering the alley around the balcony. Mr. Timp stated he would make sure the area below and around the balcony is kept free of cigarette remains and beverage containers and would close the area if problems occur.

Chad Schissel asked if the city could look into installing a Bike Fixation station along the bike trail.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Kleve to adjourn. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Kleve, Zweibahmer and Schissel. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Keith Frana, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk