

MINUTES CALMAR CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 5, 2024

Mayor Pro tem Dennis Kleve called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on August 5, 2024 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Kleve, Sabelka, T. Schissel, Gerlich and C. Schissel. Also present were Michele Elsbernd, Junior Boyer, Bill Klimesh, Steve Kelsay, Chuck Broughton and Bob Guttromson.

Motion by Sabelka to approve the consent agenda for all items except the ABD License for Whiskey Grove. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion by T. Schissel, second by C. Schissel to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes from July 1, 2024, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for July 2024, ABD license for The Bar and the ABD license for Whiskey Grove) Aye: Kleve, C. Schissel, T. Schissel, Gerlich. Nay: Sabelka. Motion carried.

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| Claims July 2024 | | | South Winn Rec | (3) x \$8.78 cotton candy | 26.34 |
| Acentek | sewer depot | 204.75 | Eurofins Environment | sewer testing | 982.75 |
| Black Hills | monthly utility bill | 2,222.10 | The Warrior Wash | joe | 46.00 |
| Calmar Motors | replace brakes-joe | 684.98 | Treasurer State of Iowa | state taxes | 1,006.35 |
| Center Point Lg Print | books | 46.74 | Truck Country | fire dept battery | 226.18 |
| Copy Systems | lib and office | 102.89 | Uline | lib-(2) mats | 351.32 |
| Decorah Tech | pool nvr,setup,joe,sheila | 1,350.00 | Upper Explorerland | clerk meeting supplies | 25.00 |
| Fareway | pool pizzas | 452.38 | Utility Equip | repair water trailer | 773.80 |
| Fastenal | pool-anchor | 9.82 | Verizon | cell phone and office | 403.46 |
| Fisk Farm and Home | pool pvc,water tower lock | 162.36 | Visa | pool clock,microsoft,fax | 55.64 |
| Flashing Thunder Firewo | supplies | 500.00 | Visu-sewer | south meldon,football field | 980.00 |
| Fort Atkinson Nursery | trim freedom rock | 200.00 | Wellmark | monthly premium | 9,436.42 |
| Graphics | library cards | 20.00 | Winn Co Recorder | deed without warranty-sw sc | 17.00 |
| Herman Law | soo green,solar,malcom,vap | 7,755.24 | Winn Co Sheriff | 7-24 to 6-25,verizon,software | 51,877.72 |
| Superior Building | pool,signs,storm drain | 10.58 | Payroll July | | 35,385.27 |
| Idnr | annual fee 7/24-6/25 | 123.43 | Total | | 146,724.04 |
| Ingram | books | 184.10 | Claim by Fund | | |
| Irs | fed/fica tax | 8,902.34 | General | | 115,634.05 |
| Ioponics | lib-animal presentation | 130.00 | Road Use | | 431.08 |
| Iowa One Call | monthly bill | 98.10 | Benefits | | 10,715.23 |
| Ipers | ipers | 5,157.13 | Water | | 9,585.25 |
| Iread | prizes for summer library | 374.86 | Sewer | | 10,358.47 |
| Joe Ward | reim ins | 2,500.00 | Total | | 146,724.08 |
| John Deere Financial | pool,shop,locate lines | 530.45 | Revenue by Fund | | |
| Microbac Lab | monthly testing | 122.75 | General | | 38,773.49 |
| Kwik Star | fuel | 1,572.07 | Road Use | | 12,800.72 |
| Malcom | gb,gf,rec | 7,837.66 | Benefits | | 1,224.29 |
| Micromarketing | books | 424.02 | Emergency | | 135.73 |
| Mid-America Pub | june and july minutes | 245.76 | Lost | | 18,387.60 |
| Mienergy Coop | lighting 175th | 69.18 | Debt | | 732.06 |
| Napa | water samples-keystone | 23.50 | Water | | 22,586.26 |
| NE Backhoe Service | lions park paving,water break | 2,162.50 | Sewer | | 38,563.94 |
| Overdrive | bridges ebook fee | 570.00 | | | 133,204.09 |
| Postmaster | 537 waterbills | 233.60 | | | |
| Safe-Fast | paint-blue,green | 147.50 | | | |

Council agreed to hold the September meeting on September 2nd, the normal 1st Monday of the month.

The Soo Green proposed ordinance was discussed. The council wants to put in the stipulation that the proposed line be bored continuous with no junctions 40-45' deep all the way thru the city limits and that a 5 year maintenance bond be required.

Steve Kelsay commented on the methane bio-digester conversation at the Board of Supervisors meeting and stated that the contractors are schedule to start on W-14 mid-September. Fence permitting was also discussed.

Bob Guttromson was present inquiring about trees in the right-of-way. Currently the city has an ordinance prohibiting planting in the right-of-way. Mr. Guttromson stated the benefit of shade to homeowners. Council discussed and agreed to consider changing the city ordinance to allow planting in the right-of-way with approval of a permit (no fee) and with city approval of location and species. They are also looking into a "beautification fee".


Motion by T. Schissel, second by C. Schissel to approve the building permit for Alison & Jon Elsbernd (stairs, front platform and new sidewalk to the driveway) All aye, motion carried.

Junior Boyer reported the street project was progressing. The concrete replacement on the highway was discussed.

The Police, Fire and Water/sewer reports were in the council packet for review.

Nuisance properties were not discussed.

Motion by T. Schissel, second by Sabelka to adjourn. All aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.



Dennis Kleve, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: 

Michele Elsbernd