

MINUTES CALMAR CITY COUNCIL

March 3, 2025

Mayor Frana called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. on March 3, 2025, 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 Keith Frana, Sheila Bullerman, Don Wurtzel, Steve Kelsay, Mike Hohenbrink, Heather Engelhardt and Bill Klimesh.

Motion by T. Schissel, second by C. Schissel to approve the consent agenda, minutes of February 3, 2025, clerk/treasurer reports for February, claims for February 2025. Aye: T. Schissel, C. Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka and Gerlich. Motion carried.

Claims February 2025			Mienergy Coop	lighting 175th	80.22
Acentek	sewer,depot	144.85	Napa	shop oil,fire floordry	449.66
Alliant	monthly utility	8,939.74	Northeast IA		
BH	monthly utility bill	2,565.74	Metalworks	snow plow arm	380.88
Calmar Motors	joe oil change	82.00	Postmaster	519 x .435 waterbills	225.77
Center Point Lg Print	books	47.94	Sara Kuboushek	tif	11,792.04
Christmas From the Heart	better homes & gardens	32.66	Storey Kenworthy	toner (4) matt/toilet paper	482.04
Column Software	ord 456,feb minutes	160.29	T & W Grinding	grind brush pile-sewer system	2,275.00
Consumer Reports	magazines	21.40	Eurofins Environment	sewer testing	795.50
Copy Systems	12/25/24-1/24/25 lib and off	105.20	Treasurer State of Iowa	STATE TAX	580.71
Craig Neuzil	tif	11,792.04	Truck Country	dump tk tailgate	61.55
Decorah Electric	sub assistance	452.00	Verizon	cell phone and office	328.60
Decorah Tech	medicon station \$1186.60	2,492.57	Visa	sw rec shelves-fire station	1,898.65
Demco Inc	book jacket covers	76.25	Wellmark	monthly premium	7,703.52
	2tree \$465,2cc		Payroll February		20,543.79
Display Sales	\$462,2stock\$435	3,249.00	Total		104,809.92
Fatenal	waste water pump	96.56	Claim by Fund		
GPM Environmental	service call to verify or cali	672.00	General		40,958.52
Hach	chlorine 42.65 and 41.65	1,972.46	Road Use		4,147.25
Hawkeye Interconnect	2/1/25-2/28/25	38.22	Benefits		5,646.16
Superior Building Centers	air filter,bolt-speed sign	14.69	Tif		23,584.08
Imfoa	membership benefitted Sheila	50.00	Water		14,338.58
Ingram	books	232.34	Sewer		16,135.34
Irs	fed/fica tax	6,033.02	Total		104,809.93
Iowa Dept of Rev	feb sales and use/water	1,562.30	Revenue by Fund		
Ipers	3PERS	4,365.46	General		11,676.15
Jerald Andera	(34)flower pots \$33,freight	1,271.00	Road Use		11,350.91
John Deere Financial	ratchet binder,grease tube	360.10	Benefits		-2,585.92
Kay Park Rec	4000 dog bags .07 ea	261.60	Lost		13,565.73
Keith Frana	city of calmar wins award-DM	76.24	Tif		35,353.56
Microbac Lab	monthly testing	60.00	Debt		166.91
Kwik Star	fuel	1,023.43	Water		19,452.72
L & B Electric	christmas lights,lions park	638.04	Sewer		32,845.50
Malcom	gb,gf.rec	8,129.61	Total		121,825.56
Micromarketing	books	193.24			

Heather Engelhardt, pool manager, gave us an update on the upcoming pool season (lifeguard wages, pool pass prices and sale of pool passes, daycare prices, additional training for our lifeguards-WSI, opening pool day (hopefully) Memorial weekend, shelving or something in shower rooms, cold water for lifeguards to fill their water bottles.

Kristin Eggen from Winneshiek Energy District talked about keeping energy local, renewable and affordable; They do Home Energy Coaching and Energy Auditing and Planning.

There were no comments and questions from the public.

Motion by Kleve, second by C. Schissel to approve (5) new ipads (10th generation) for the council at \$349.99 each along with cases at \$29.32 each. Aye: Kleve, C. Schissel, Sabelka, T. Schissel, and Gerlich. Motion carried.

Motion by Sabelka, second by T. Schissel to approve Resolution #704 Entering into a 28E Agreement for Funding Services for Economic Development between Winneshiek County Development and Tourism and City of Calmar. Roll Call Aye: Sabelka, T. Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka and Gerlich. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Schissel, second by C. Schissel to approve Resolution #705 Entering into a 28E Agreement for Funding for Services Between Helping Services for Youth & Families and City of Calmar, Iowa. Roll Call Aye: T. Schissel, C. Schissel, Sabelka, Kleve, and Gerlich. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Schissel, second by Kleve to approve yearly contributions for 7/1/25-6/30-26. Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund \$1,000, Northeast Iowa Community Action \$1,125, Winneshiek County Development & Tourism \$2,732, Helping Services \$1,000. Aye: T. Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich, C. Schissel. Motion carried.

Salaries for city employees were discussed effective July 1, 2025; Resolution #703 will be approved at the April 7, 2025 council meeting.

Sheila Bullerman, City Clerk, presented the FY 25-26 budget and excel sheets breaking out the expenses (depot furnace, water tower painting, Total Property Taxes Rate went down from last year because the new well loan will be paid off in June 2025; Property/liability/work comp insurance, utilities, wages, chemicals and supplies continue to rise).

Motion by T. Schissel, second by C. Schissel to set the date for the public hearing for the City of Calmar to propose the property tax levy (debt service not included) for April 7, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: T. Schissel, C. Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Schissel, second by Gerlich to send Bushman Family Farms a new lease to access the railroad in the City of Calmar (3 years at a time). Aye: T. Schissel, Gerlich, Kleve, Sabelka, C. Schissel. Motion carried.

No building permits/abatements submitted.

Fire Report presented to the council at the council meeting.


Police Report in the packet.

Water/Wastewater gave an update on pump #5 (text from Junior).


Don Wurtzel commented on the couple of grants to the Community Foundation (heating system for Depot and equipment for SW Rec) and a Depot Outlet Grant (pickleball court painting) when we would hear if we received.

The Mayor mentioned a grant we are looking into mentioned by our engineer Madden, an update on the sliver of land owned by the Wagon Company and the 175th Celebration coming up in July 2025.

Motion by Kleve, second by T. Schissel to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m..



Keith Frana, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sheila Bullerman