

CITY OF CALMAR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011

Prior to the meeting Mary Welch mentioned that Calmar was mentioned in the Our Iowa Magazine this month. Clementine Kinkor sent in information about our town slogan: "If you lived in Calmar you'd be home by now." Mayor McCasland commented on the music uptown, the music is to go off at 10 PM and there was a problem with the timer. Compliments had been received regarding the decorated tree at the depot. The local snowmobile club has changed their route around Calmar. New maps have been prepared and signage within the city limits changed accordingly.

Also prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland presented a certificate of appreciation to Luther Anderson for his service to the city. Corey Meyer presented Mayor McCasland with a certificate of appreciation for his years serving as mayor of Calmar. The Oath of Office was administered to Corey Meyer, Linus Sabelka and Dave Zweibahmer.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Meyer, Phillips, Anderson, and Kleve. Huinker was absent.

After clarification of several claims, a motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of November 7, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports, and claims) Aye: Kleve, Meyer, Anderson and Phillips.

Claims November 2011

Alliant	electricity	5016.65
Aramark	uniform	110.80
Black Hills Energy	nat gas	445.72
Brian Zweibohmer	mileage	61.20
Brink's Painting	painting poles	2450.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	112.61
Center Point Lg Pnt	lp books	82.68
Centurylink	telephone	422.43
City of Calmar	supp, used tree	63.84
Crystal Canyon	water/cups	16.57
Data Technologies	license fee,support	2761.88
Delta Dental	premium	87.00
Don's Truck Sales	pump part sweeper	596.18
Drilling All Season	buffers	8.72
Ed Roehr Safety Prod	police supplies	12.95
Farmers Union Co-Op	fuel, police	937.26
Fastenal	parts poles, etc	333.23
Heying Lbr	supplies	32.59
Iamu	ceu's	20.00
Ingram	books	354.21
IRS	Taxes, ssn, med	5236.52
Iowa Codification	code bk update	210.00
Iowa League of Cities	reg 2 members	130.00
Iowa One Call	service	20.70
Iowa Rl. Water	dues	200.00
Ipers	ipers	3358.70
John Deere Financial	supplies	296.91
Kay-Park & Rec	doggie station	296.75
Keystone Labs	testing	278.60
Kirkeby Welding	blade, box, plow	1608.80
Klimesh Motors	radio repair 2011 F550	87.52
Kwik Star	gas	767.20
Malcom Enterprise	Oct & Nov fees	12731.90
Michele Elsbernd	part lift station gen	66.38
Micromarketing	book	22.94
Mississippi Welding	batteries tools	149.00

NE Wisc. Tech College	taser training cert	40.00
Norbert Bullerman	hook up fee as agreed	500.00
Oriental Trading	story hour supplies	58.73
Pat Nervig	concrete	200.00
Postmaster	postage	354.42
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	76.65
Rite Price	supplies etc	243.87
Sim's	batteries pd	12.99
T & W Grinding	grind brush pile	1500.00
Tekippe Engineering	advisory	259.60
Treas St IA	taxes	948.00
Upstart	supplies	62.70
US Cellular	phone	227.24
Walmart	tv monitor local station	261.93
Wellmark	premium	4395.23
Wiltgen Const	dig culvert out	360.00
Winn Cty Extension	training pesticide ceu's	90.00
Payroll	November	17370.55
Total		66350.35

Claims by fund

General	42,669.30
Road Use	6,544.90
Benefits	2,815.71
Water	6,484.69
Sewer	7,835.75
Total	66350.35

Revenue by fund

General	18914.21
Road Use	8025.75
Benefits	3685.56
Emergency	317.48
Lost	11772.78
Tif	1337.78
Water	12086.99
Sewer	20060.35
Total	76200.90

Motion by Kleve, second by Phillips to open the public hearing on the proposed property maintenance ordinance. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Kleve and Anderson. No oral or written comments were received from the public. Discussion was held and Anderson commented he felt that things were unfair and inequitable in the three block area around the center of town. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to close the hearing. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. Motion by

Meyer, second by Kleve to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 352 providing for building and property maintenance requirements. Aye: Meyer, Kleve, Phillips. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was presented. Questions were answered and discussion held on the capability of the department's jaws equipment. Sabelka stated that their next purchase would possibly be a laptop computer that you would put the VIN number of the vehicle and the program would tell you where to cut with the jaws on the vehicle.

The police department report was reviewed. When Chief Ward arrived later in the meeting he reported that they had a large party with 16 underage citations issued. He also stated they held a mock lockdown at South Winn. He also stated he had not as yet used the Taser.

The street department was discussed and accepted.

The water/wastewater report was accepted. Matt Bullerman reported all was going well and all reports and tests were very satisfactory. They are looking into the possibility of shutting down 2 or 3 aerators in the lagoon for the winter.

Mayor McCasland stated that there would need to be a replacement chosen for him on the Winneshiek County Waste Management Board. Discussion was held and Corey will assume this responsibility. Mayor McCasland reported that a gentleman had looked at the depot windows and was to get a recommendation and quote back to the city on restoration of the windows.

The Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund requested a pledge of funds for 2013. Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to pledge \$ 1,000 to the fund towards the match requirements. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Kleve and Phillips.

It was noted that Mediacom sent notice of a rate increase.

The clerk reported that after much correspondence via email with the State Historic Society of Iowa we had finally received a copy of the notification letter we should have received in September to tell us the Depot was on the National Historic Register of Historic Places effective March 21, 2011. A copy of this letter and the nomination are now on file.

Budgeting 2012-13 was discussed; the clerk will work on this after the first of the year. She stated that anyone having a request for a large item or a large expense to let her know. The budget will be discussed again in January.

The Winneshiek County Comprehensive plan is progressing and is to the point where the cities in the county need to schedule meetings for community input. They are schedule in Calmar for January 10, 17, 24 & 31st. Residents will be notified via local media. They will be held at the Fire Station in Calmar.

Corey Meyer explained the Iowa Living Roadways grant application he had submitted. We should be notified if we receive this grant before the Christmas holidays. Tourism and various ways to promote Calmar were discussed. Suggestions included a Facebook page, 360 virtual tours on the web site and participation in Winneshiek County and area tourism groups.

Handicap parking was discussed and council agreed that one of the handicap parking spaces on the north side of Main Street be moved to in front of the bank on the south side of Main Street.

Discussion was held regarding the date of the January meeting due to the holiday observance on Monday. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 2, 2011 at the Calmar Fire Station at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk