

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006 @7:00 P.M.
CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Prior to the meeting Michael Wilder inquired about the strong chlorine smell and taste to the city water recently. Council member Karen Kleve stated she had also noticed the change. Mayor Willis will speak to Bob Penrod regarding this concern. Jim Buchheit also inquired about the sidewalk and street light pole base/platform in front of his store. He needs to replace his sidewalk but was concerned about this platform and if repairs would be needed to this prior to his sidewalk work. Mayor Willis will check with Junior Boyer regarding this concern.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa was held at the Calmar Fire Station on Monday, December 4, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present. Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Council Member Patrick moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Zweibahmer, Vondersitt, Kleve and Patrick.

Council Member Vondersitt moved that the minutes of the November 6, 2006 meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Patrick Aye: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Mayor Willis stated that four residents had expressed an interest in the council vacancy. Joe McCasland, Isaac Phillips, Larry Huinker and Luther Anderson. Mayor Willis asked for the council to nominate and approve Luther Anderson to the position. Council Member Vondersitt moved that Luther Anderson be appointed to the vacancy on the Calmar City Council. Seconded by Patrick: Aye: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt. Carried. The Oath of Office was administered to Luther Anderson and he took his place at the council table. Mayor Willis voiced his appreciation to the other residents that expressed interest in the council position and reminded them that council positions would be open and up for election in November 2007.

Jim Buchheit of the Calmar Development and "Pave the Way" committee was present to request financial assistance for the bike trail. He stated that there would be matching money needed for a CAT grant that is now being written. He stated that they were hoping for a commitment in the area of \$ 15,000 from the City. He updated on the status of funding stating that they had \$ 750,000 of the needed \$ 900,000 to 1.2 million, which is an estimate of the funds needed to complete the project. Calmar Development has committed \$ 50,000 to the project. There is a deadline that has to be met. If the trail is not completed by the fall of 2007 they would lose the first grant that was applied for. Fundraising will need to continue and people are needed to be on those committees. Jim also stated that the Calmar Development property across from the city shop is the area they are thinking to use for parking for the trail. He stated that they are thinking of asphaltting the south two lots and are asking if they could replace the sidewalk in this area with asphalt to run with their parking lot. They would mark off the sidewalk area to run concurrent to the rest of the sidewalk on that street. The council tabled the sidewalk request; this will be discussed in the future. Council Member Zweibahmer made a motion that the City of Calmar support the trail project in the amount of \$ 15,000.00. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave Zweibahmer. Tim Vondersitt and Luther Anderson. Carried.

Council member Patrick moved to approve Resolution # 414 setting the date for a hearing to consider vacation of a city alley/street and potential conveyance of city property and to have the clerk publish such notice. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave Zweibahmer, Tim Vondersitt and Luther Anderson. Carried.

Paul & Barbara Posivio were present to request the council reconsider their request to vacate and sell to them the alley between Lot 5 & 2 and Lot 4 & 3 and Lot 1 & 6 of Block 34 and the street west of the alley between Lot 4 & 3 of Block 34 and west of the alley between Lot 4 & 3 of Block 34 and between Lot 4 of Block 34 and "H". Due to the location of this property near the bike trail, the council asked if they would consider the trade of all but the alley between Lot 6 & 1 of Block 34 for Lot 6 in Block 34. The Posivio's stated they were very interested but would request that the evergreen trees remain between Lot 6 and the trail and that a barrier of some sort be put between Lot 6 and Lot 5. Council Member Patrick moved that the paper work be prepared to vacate a portion of the alley and street and that a notice for a public hearing be published to proceed with the trading of the alley between Lot 5 & 2 and Lot 4 & 3 in Block 34 and the street west of the alley between Lot 4 & 3 of Block 34 and the street between Lot 4 of Block 34 and "H". Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Dave

Zweibahmer, Tim Vondersitt and Luther Anderson. Carried.

Randy Luzum, homeowner in Rolling Hills subdivision was present along with many other residents of the subdivision to make a formal request to the council regarding the cities funding of the project through special assessments. They also presented a written request asking that they city pay the difference in the cost to double seal coat and asphalt/concrete. A discussion followed with the differences between the special assessments which would make the project a city project and having the subdivision have the project bid themselves and funding the project individually through their own financial institutions. Residents were also concerned that the price would be better if bids were accepted in February rather than later. Homeowners want to discuss again their options and come to the January meeting with a decision. Council members also felt they needed time to think about the request for funding. The item will be added to the January agenda. Council members are requesting residents input regarding the request for the city to fund a portion of the street in the Rolling Hills Subdivision. Council instructed the clerk to write a notice to be put in the paper asking residents to tell the council their feelings on the issue.

The agreement with Tekippe Engineering will be signed by the mayor. We did receive an estimate of cost for the Frederick Street project.

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. Chief Werner brought up Isaac Phillips previous request to purchase the revolver he had used when he was an officer with the City. Chief Werner stated we have two identical guns and that he would like to keep one of them with the department. The gun had been appraised. Council member Zweibahmer moved to sell the gun to Isaac at the appraised value of \$ 250.00. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Patrick, Vondersitt, Anderson, Kleve and Zweibahmer. Carried. We have DOT signs that are supported by two poles in the business district. Chief Werner had discussed this with the DOT engineer and they stated that we could cover with PVC to make more visible if we wanted.

The Street Department was accepted as presented. Junior Boyer brought up a request for the fill dirt that is in storage at the sewer plant. It was decided that with the trail projects we would keep the dirt for now until we see what we need.

The water/wastewater Report was accepted as presented.

Mayor Willis reported that the Calmar Development had approached him regarding the old creamery building and splitting the buildings and giving part to the city to be raised for parking. The council stated that at this time they are not interested.

The January 2007 council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 due to the New Year's Holiday.

Council Member Zweibahmer moved to approve payment of the claims as presented. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Patrick, Vondersitt, Anderson, Kleve and Zweibahmer. Carried

Claims November 06

Ace Telephone	internet	17.95
Advanced Water	chemicals	719.18
Alliant	electricity	4104.14
Aquila	gas	823.13
Aramark	uniform	108.94
Audio Editions	books	222.81
Barnes & Noble	books	23.11
Book Look	books	169.76
Brink Enterprises	patch	555.15
Bruening Rock	INC. intake	3100.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	78.59
Calmar Fire Dept	annual cont	400.00
Center Point Lg. Pnt.	books	38.34
City of Calmar	postage	31.08
City of Decorah	paint	49.50
Clayton Clerk of Ct.	bond	100.00
Dan Holthaus	50% cement	200.00
Dan Luzum	50% cement	20.75

Data Tech	fees &support	2120.78
Dean Hamilton	reimb training	643.49
Decorah Impl	parts	10.11
Farmers Co-op	fuel	395.62
Fastinal	diamond blade	305.82
Fred Carlson	cold mix	31.20
Golden Door Press	books	22.50
Hawkeye Truck	repair	22.56
Heying Lbr	supplies	15.49
Highsmith	supplies	20.55
Ingram	books	290.68
IRS	tax	3836.13
Iowa Conservationist	magazine	12.00
Iowa One Call	services	34.20
Iowa Police Executive	fees	35.00
Ipers	ipers	1837.40
Iroc Web	renew domain	47.00
Jerome Hayek	curb	347.00
Keystone	testing	470.00
Kwik Star	gas	646.86
Law Enforcement Syst	labels parking	31.00
Linda Crossland	postage	5.16
M & M	supplies	26.25
Michele Elsbernd	renew anti virus	19.95
Napa	supplies	297.36
NEIT	services	60.00
Norby's	supplies	150.85
NE Iowa Seamless	gutters	845.00
Postmaster	postage	111.50
Presto	pest control	32.00
Qwest	telephone	314.55
R & R	services	48.45
R.W. Pladsen	pickup	15700.00
Rick Hosper	50% cement	70.99
Rite Price	repair printer	94.95
Ronald Werner	insurance	548.40
Treas State IA	taxes	570.00
US Cell	telephone	257.94
Utility Equip Co	supplies	341.00
Walmart	supplies	105.27
Wellmark	premium	2129.65
Wiltgen Cost.	rock,dump	1705.40
Richard Zahasky	services	850.31
Zarnoth Brush	rep. sweeper	61.25
Payroll		12125.78
Total		58409.83
Claims by fund		
General		21589.72
Road Use		2467.46
Employee Benefits		1703.75
Water		11036.63
Sewer		21612.27
Total		58409.83
Revenue by fund		
General		24411.80
Road Use		6202.11
Employee Benefits		4139.88
Local Option		18010.45
TIF		6930.01
Debt Service		4443.63
Water		8850.05

Sewer	22275.18
Total	95,263.11

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

George Willis
Mayor