

**Calmar City Council
Regular Meeting
November 3, 2008**

In the questions, comments and informational time before the meeting Mayor McCasland stated that there was a very good representation from our area at the Winneshiek County Foundation gathering on October 23rd. He stated that there is approximately \$ 116-119,000 available for grants this year and that applications would be due earlier than last year. He also stated that Carl Lensing, owner of the partially dismantled mobile home would have the main part of the mobile home removed by a week from today and the rest shortly thereafter. Mayor McCasland commended the library and the library board for having new wood flooring installed at the library, he encouraged the council to go to the library and look. Mayor McCasland also mentioned the cities criteria for sidewalk replacement and curb replacement. When the curb is already there and is in bad shape the city replaces the curb, if it is removed for a reason like water or sewer line work then it is the property owner's responsibility to replace the curb. He also stated that we still pay for 50% of the cost of concrete up to \$ 200.00 for sidewalk replacement. He also mentioned that the expected road use funding for last month was down \$ 1800.00. Isaac Phillips expressed concern on behalf of the fire department about the fire hydrant near the Train Station being inoperable. Richard Luzum was present and stated that the yard waste site looks good now but he thinks this shouldn't be sitting in the middle of our city. He stated it is a mosquito hole and a health issue. Mayor McCasland stated it is a convenience to the citizens of Calmar. Mr. Luzum wondered if it could be cleaned up more than once a year. The reason it is only cleaned up once is a cost issue. Council will look into a possible alternative location.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. on Monday, November 3, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Phillips, Anderson, Meyer, Zweibahmer and Huinker.

Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes, clerk/treasurer reports and claims) with the spelling correction of the word phosperous. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Phillips, Meyer and Anderson.

Claims October 2008			Infobase	books	299.60
Advanced Water	chemicals	1173.23	Ingram	books	230.54
Alliant	electricity	4892.98	IRS	tax	3868.84
Aquila	gas	401.58	Iowa League	survey	55.00
Aramark	uniform	233.47	Iowa One Call	locates	21.60
Auburn Sports	supplies	175.00	Ia Water Poll	registration	25.00
Audio Editions	books on tape	175.74	Ipers	ipers	1737.64
Auditor of State	filing fee Audit r	175.00	Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50
Bankers Trust	interest bond	8711.25	Keystone	testing	370.50
Blooms on Main	corsage Marian	5.35	Klimesh Motors	service	92.00
Book Look	books	173.86	Knife River	cold mix	200.70
Bunn Services	clean lift statio	450.00	Kwik Star	fuel	1066.23
Calmar Courier	pub, gift library	133.42	Law Enf. Serv	daily reports	92.50
Calmar Fire Dept	annual contrib	800.00	Lifetime Pools	repair, liner pit	962.55
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	large print book	77.88	Linda Crossland	reimburse	239.51
Chris Frana	cake Miller	35.00	Lyceum Books	book	47.45
City Laundry	cleaner	95.92	Michele Elsbernd	mileage	243.36
City of Calmar	postage	17.84	Micromarketing	books on cd	131.85
CMI	mouthpieces	51.81	Mississippi Welders	drills	32.03
Croell Redit	concrete pool	595.00	Municipal Supply	sleeve auto gun	32.37
Data Tech	update	14.00	Napa	filters, oil etc	391.81
Dave Huinker	library reffloor	250.00	National Crime Prev	supplies	266.00
Decorah Elec.	siren, relay lift	3579.45	New Hampton Tribun	add officer	78.40
Decorah News	add officer	70.60	News Publishing Co.	add	56.40
Farmers Co-op	battery jd	529.11	Norby's	supplies	1038.53
Fastenal	ramset etc	51.31	NE IA Tree	tree trim	350.00
Fayette County Un	add officer	71.50	Ossian Bee	add officer	36.00
Gene's Electric	library reffloor	45.00	Postmaster	water bills	121.00
Grassmasters	grass seed	48.75	Postville Vet Clinc	ship samples	46.50
Hawkeye Truck	spring, light	84.90	Presto	pest control	36.00
Heying Lbr	supplies	58.27	Public Safety Ctr	supplies	78.16
Qwest	phone	447.26	T & W Grinding	grind brush pile	1000.00
Rite Price	supplies	141.06	Tekippe Eng.	gis water distrib	4885.50
Schilling paper	towels	122.73	Thompson Gale	books	70.11

Treas. State IA	taxes	548.00	Water	18433.69
Truck Country	truck repair,	259.52	Sewer	9147.36
Upstart	supplies	50.00	Total	60256.97
US Cell	phone	314.13	Revenue by Fund	
Utility Equip Co.	risers	143.46	General	78302.28
Walmart	misc supplies	328.34	Road Use	5865.28
Wellmark	premium	3967.87	Benefits	13318.85
Wiltgen Const.	rock	1080.33	Emergency	1618.04
Winn. Cty. Recorder	rec. fees	7.00	Lost	7968.67
Payroll		10892.87	Tif	52157.29
Total		60256.97	Debt Serv	7227.04
Expenses by Fund			Water	11408.72
General		26534.42	Sewer	25646.00
Road Use		4233.70	Total	203512.17
Benefits		1907.80		

Stacy Bushman of Bushman Organic was present; he was accompanied by Steph Jones an employee of Bushman Family Farms. Stacy stated that product coming in owned by S & C Organic Farms. They are hired by Bushman Family Farms to do the unloading of the product. Mayor McCasland stated that two council people were to meet with Stacy. Corey met with Stacy and after some discussion felt that it would be more advantageous to meet with the whole council. Luther Anderson agreed that the meeting was an appropriate place for the discussion. Luther Anderson read a statement he had prepared which reflected only his views, opinions and proposals. In his statement he said that as the level of activity has increased along the rail and that truck traffic has also increased. He stated there had been concerns and complaints from adjacent property owners and he felt it is time to come to address these and find an agreement on what, how and where continued use of city property for access to the rail site. He stated that size of the loads hauled to and from the rail makes the request for compensation valid and fair. He feels that driving on the grass area must be curtailed and proposed an area E of the city shop building SE corner and extending E for 300' and extending north from the unused rail for 24' be designated as a load/unload area. Trucks can be driven to this area off of Lewis Street through the shop area. He proposes that trucks stay off the newly surfaced parking lot west of Melden Street and the parking lot west of the city shop. All tractors and equipment be parked in the city lot and no loading in the west lot allowed. The area designated for loading and unloading needs to be well rocked. He also felt when deciding on activity at the load/unload site consideration should be given to excessive winds and where the dust will blow. Staying in this designated area will eliminate most of the concerns. He proposed a monthly compensation of \$ 800.00. Stacy Bushman stated that he felt they could make Luther's proposal work but would like to meet and make sure all were on the same track as far as location. An alternative location to load/unload was mentioned. Stacy stated he would prefer to be out in the country but is somewhat limited to what the rail line will do. Stacy was asked what was loaded and unloaded and he stated Organic Flax, Soy Bean Meal and Alphalfa Pellets come in and sometimes they load out corn and feed. He stated there were 3 cars of soy bean meal from China and after these were unloaded there would be no more from China. Richard Luzum stated his wife did child care across from where they currently unloaded and wondered about health issues with the dust floating around and breathing the dust. Stacy stated that the soy bean meal with melamine was approved by the FDA and DNR to be disposed of at the County landfill. The parts per million of melamine was very low and considered non toxic and non hazardous. They stated that only a small portion of the rail car had melamine with the soy bean meal but that the whole load had to be disposed of. More questions, answers and discussion followed. Stacy asked that the city consider compensation by the ton rather than a flat fee because some months they may not unload a car. He will discuss the proposal with his dad and a representative will be at the next meeting. After an agreement is reached a formal lease agreement will be drawn up. Payment of rock was discussed.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve Contract Change Order # 3 final for an increase of \$ 654.50. Aye: Huinker, Meyer, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Anderson.

Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Anderson to approve partial payment estimate # 3 for Skyline Construction in the amount of \$ 5320.95 and partial payment estimate # 4 final for Skyline Construction in the amount of \$ 3703.63. Aye: Huinker, Meyer, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Anderson

Hydrant flow tests performed at Wiltgen Construction and NW Quad of Hwy 52 & Jefferson Street were discussed. A note regarding psi pressure was questioned and George Tekippe will need to clarify this.

The Fire Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Regarding the fire siren, Jeff Busta of Alliant is currently checking how far the siren has to be from the utility line. After this is done the siren will be installed.

The Police Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion by Isaac Phillips, seconded by Zweibahmer to offer the police officer position to Dawn Wagner with beginning salary at \$ 14.00 per hour with a dollar an hour increase upon completion at the academy. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Meyer. Discussion was held regarding the current 28E agreement with Ossian for police protection. The city will give Ossian notice that we are requesting an increase and the public safety committee will attend the December Ossian council meeting to discuss the amount of compensation.

The Street Department report was reviewed, discussed and accepted as presented. Tree trimming over the street was discussed.

The Water/wastewater report was reviewed.

Mayor McCasland mentioned that he had received correspondence regarding a T.C.E.C. Survey but after reading the information would not be responding.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Joe McCasland
Mayor

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk