

Calmar City Council  
Regular Meeting  
July 6, 2009

Prior to the meeting Dr. Liang Wee, Provost Northeast Iowa Community College and Jim Oberle, Larson Construction (contractor doing work at the college) were present to explain what had happened with the water line break at the college and to apologize for any inconvenience to the city. Mr. Oberle stated they would cover all expenses. Dr. Wee said the buck stops with NICC and they want to be good neighbors in the community. The fire department requested that should this ever happen again they be notified. Mayor McCasland reported he went to the regional housing meeting. He stated that this would have been his last meeting because they have come up with board members who are economic development people from each county, one member of the board of supervisors from each county, real estate people and other members headed by Upper Explorerland. The city has completed their requested survey. Luther Anderson stated he had visited with a resident regarding dirt in the boulevard that was placed to level to make it possible to mow with a riding mower. Property line issues between this property and the neighbors to the east were also discussed.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station with Anderson, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Meyer present. Huinker was absent.

Claims were explained and the wine permit for East View Orchard explained. The first statement in the June 1, 2009 minutes should state that Mayor McCasland met with Janelle Pavlovec and Luther Anderson to sign a grant request. Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the consent agenda with the above correction. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips.

Claims June 2009			Idnr	water supply fee	127.81
Alliant	electricity	5845.35	Ingram	books	350.33
Annie Rude	supplies, ship	15.72	Irs	taxes	5157.56
Aramark	uniform	124.40	Iowa Codification	ordinance update	50.00
Audio Editions	books on cd	265.18	League of Cities	league dues 09-10	580.00
Black Hills Energy	gas	1613.65	Iowa One Call	services	18.00
Blacktop Service	street work	29860.78	Iowa Prison Ind	signs	105.85
Blazek Corp	ne lift repair	3488.99	Iowa Workforce	quarterly unempl	61.32
Book Look	books	549.43	ipers	ipers	2098.77
Bruening Rock	recycled asphalt	218.44	Joe McCasland	mayor mileage	93.80
Business System	copier contract	91.56	Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50
Calmar Courier	publication	128.14	Katie Althouse	seal reimb	32.16
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	38.94	Keystone Labs	testing	590.70
City of Calmar	postage to ship etc	11.24	Kirkeby Welding	pool ladder repairs	100.00
Croell Redi Mix	concrete, blocks	195.00	Klimesh Motors	partial on car	6000.00
Crystal Canyon	library water	3.95	Kwik Star	gas	1190.59
Culligan	water softner	35.31	Linda Crossland	postage	19.93
Dare	registration	50.00	Malcom Ent	June	5451.35
Decorah Impl	mower repair	198.53	Marv Smith Elec	pool heater, parts	54.69
Demco	office supplies	225.34	McDonaldl Suppl	supplies	827.29
Des Moines Stam	stamp	26.70	Michele Elsbernd	reimb suits, mileage	233.83
All Season Sports	part	23.01	Micromarketing	inventory	193.85
Ebsco	renew sub	478.36	Midwest Radar	certify radar	60.00
Fastenal	parts pool	130.31	Municipal Pipe	jet vac sewer lines	2857.75
Gene's Elec	repair lighting at po	75.60	Municipal Supply	test meter	76.66
HD Supply	hyd ext kit	1248.00	Napa	filter, supplies	94.10
Heying Lbr	supplies	262.10	NE IA Task force	membership	500.00
Hubers	pop concessions	56.00	Norby's	Supplies	752.92

NE IA lawn care	weed control	115.00	Zarnoth Brush	ignition sweeper	60.00
Pine Wilson	summer reading	100.00	Payroll	June	18854.95
Postmaster	box rent pol, mail bil	404.00	Total		143557.57
Postville Vet	ship samples	35.00	Claims by fund		
Presto	pest control	38.00	General		50229.23
Qwest	phone	465.76	Road Use		32441.07
Racom	police car	4205.56	Benefits		2404.01
Richard Zahasky	Legal services	575.00	Debt Service		2887.65
Rite Price	toner, paper	291.87	Water		10883.39
River City Paving	cold mix	712.00	Sewer		44712.22
Security St. Bk	interest sa rolling hil	2887.65	Total		143557.57
Thompson Gale	books	23.37	Revenue by fund		
Treas. State IA	sales and taxes	3669.00	General		18207.49
US Cell	phone	389.86	Road Use		6946.04
Venture Com	battery back up libr	459.00	Benefits		149.43
Visu-Sewer	manhole p	28911.40	Emergency		18.15
Walmart	supplies	162.55	Lost		7861.85
Wellmark	premium	3674.11	Tif		625.04
Wiltgen	roll, blade, rock etc	637.70	Debt Service		3945.21
Winn. Cty. Engine	salt sand	3149.00	Water		11097.56
Winn. Cty. Sheriff	ammo	125.00	Sewer		26268.58
World Book	book	99.00	Total		75119.35

Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson at 7:10 P.M. to open the public hearing to reconfirm the conveyance of property to Michael Taylor. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips. It was explained that this needed to be done due to an error in publication of the original notice. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to close the public hearing at 7:11 P.M. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve Resolution # 451 approving and confirming the conveyance of property owned by the City of Calmar to Mike Taylor. Aye: Meyer, Zweibahmer, Anderson and Phillips.

The fire department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Mayor McCasland stated that the fire department held a successful summer picnic on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The police department report was accepted as presented. Chief Ward stated that officer Wagner has resigned and will move to Atlantic, Iowa. He stated she plans to repay her contract amount of \$ 11,876.30 over a period of the next year in monthly payments with interest. Chief Ward stated he attended the city council meeting in Ossian earlier and they are very concerned and interested in continuing to share police protection with Calmar. After discussion regarding reserve and part-time officers a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Zweibahmer to advertise for a full-time officer. Aye: Anderson, Meyer and Zweibahmer. Phillips abstained. Motion carried. Chief Ward stated that the new Explorer is at Racom having the equipment transferred. He is currently using the Sheriff Department Explorer. A thank-you will be sent to the Sheriff's department expressing our appreciation of the loan of this vehicle. Discussed was the sale of the old Explorer. An add will be placed in the county newspapers accepting sealed bids with the opportunity to raise their bid. The city will reserve the right to reject any/all bids. The bidding will be open for 2 weeks from the date the advertisement is placed.

Mayor McCasland made a change to his committee appointments. Isaac Phillips will be replaced on the public safety committee by Larry Huinker due to a possible conflict of interest.

The street department report was accepted as presented. Junior Boyer wondered how the council felt about cost of street repairs after the street was dug up to repair water or sewer lines. He stated that it really takes 3 years for the street to settle. We fix it the first year and the property owner pays for repairs, after that we are fixing the next couple years at the cities expense. The council did not wish to change how residents are charged for these repairs. Parking of trailers in the street was an item for discussion. All vehicles are to be moved and the street is not a permanent parking space. The police department will monitor in the future. The sidewalk by Whiskey Grove was discussed. Junior Boyer stated the island area is in need of removal or replacement. Council stated it should be replaced like it is. Junior stated the waste site seems to be working out and that he had the area leveled off and seeded the area by the city shop. The sidewalk by the former grocery store was also discussed as complaints have been received regarding this sidewalk. Junior will speak to the owner of the property regarding this issue. Corey Meyer complimented Junior on the new horseshoe pits installed at the Calmar Lion's Park and stated that he felt it is kept up very well.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Discussed were the mix up with meter tests and the need for a better policy handling these issues. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to reimburse \$ 1026.30 for possible inaccurate meter usage. Aye: Phillips, Anderson, Meyer and Zweibahmer. The NICC water main break and the billing for the water and associated charges were also discussed.

Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve the resolution of support and partnership with the 2010 census. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Meyer.

Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 340 raising water rates. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Phillips and Zweibahmer.

The possible implementation of franchise fees was briefly discussed. The governor recently signed legislation to allow cities to implement franchise fees as an alternative revenue option. The League of Cities will have more information regarding this in the future.

A possible ordinance regulating pools and fences were briefly discussed along with setback regulations and permit regulations. The city will help determine the property line to the best of their ability and if the parties can't agree the property owner will need to have the property surveyed.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

Joe McCasland  
Mayor

