

**Calmar City Council
Regular Meeting
June 1, 2009**

Prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland stated he had met with Janelle Pavlovec and a member of the Winneshiek County Historical Society to sign a grant request. This grant would pay for someone to write the application to get the Calmar Depot on the State Historical Register.

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

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda, minutes of 5-4-09, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for May) Aye: Huinker, Phillips and Zweibahmer.

Claims May 2009				pool mats	
Acco	chemicals	2092.80	Michele Elsbernd	thermo,clock	212.45
Alliant Energy	electricity	6377.30	Napa	supplies	244.51
Annie Rude	chairs, table, supplie	198.41	Norby's	pool	170.39
Aramark	uniform	173.18	NE IA Comm. Act	donation	793.50
Barnes & Noble	books	72.59	Panscend	computer work	105.00
Black Hills Energy	gas	517.92	Postmaster	postage water bills	140.00
Brown Supply	kurb box	636.00	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	59.50
Bruenning Rock	ground asphalt	333.61	Presto	pest control	38.00
Bunn Services	jet north lift station	150.00	Prosource Specialtie	pencils	51.00
Calmar Swim Team	donation	1500.00	Qwest	telephone	467.59
Calmar Courier	publish water quality	279.42	River City Paving	cold mix	396.80
Calmar Little League	donation	1700.00	Sharp's Trucking	roll off, lfill fees, r	228.65
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	77.88	Sim's	computer gps	1909.97
Chemsearch	top down aerosol	185.72	Skyline Const	29manholes@695	20155.00
City of Calmar	start up money	436.00	Thompson Gale	books	116.85
Creative Products	posters	111.67	Treas St. IA	taxes	818.00
Crystal Canyon	cups	3.95	US Cell	phone	375.23
Curtis Gifts	depot flowers	149.80	Walmart	supplies	264.68
Dalaco	topping & primer	380.00	Wellmark	premium	3674.11
Decorah Impl	filter, parts	183.06	Wick's	rebar	25.00
Drilling All Season	supplies	14.40	Wiltgen	frost boils	5099.02
Farmers Co-Op	fuel	293.46	Windridge	parts	224.87
Fastenal	grinding wheel-concr	39.99	Winn. Cty. Dev.	donation	1250.00
Follett	support, annual	450.00	Winn. Cty. Landfill	clean up day charge	310.12
Hearst Corp	subscription renewal	25.68	Payroll	May	15466.14
Helping Serv. NE IA	donation	1000.00	Total		213813.13
Heying Lbr	fence etc.	4793.53	Expenses by fund		
lamu	training ceu's	24.00	General		45998.07
ldnr	certificate renewal	60.00	Road use		5117.17
Ingram	books	270.31	Genefits		4609.13
IRS	taxes	4787.12	Water		6648.41
Iowa Finance Authori	interest	116205.00	Sewer		151440.35
Iowa One Call	services	24.40	Total		213813.13
Iowa Prison Ind	signs	304.60	Revenue by fund		
Ipers	ipers	2285.38	General		22938.41
Iroc Web	web support	25.00	Road use		7045.10
Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50	Benefits		3534.41
Keystone Labs	testing	548.50	Emergency		429.38
Kirkeby Welding	parts & welding char	90.00	Lost		7563.27
Kwik Star	gas	573.25	Tif		2462.16
Lifetime Pools	supplies, pool repair	2369.91	Water		10758.19
Linda Crossland	postage	7.20	Sewer		25666.39
Malcom Ent.	April & May	10892.21	Total		80397.31

Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to open the public hearing (7:07 P.M.) to amend the Calmar Zoning Ordinance to allow multi-family dwellings in the I-1 Industrial area. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer and Phillips. There were no oral or written comments. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to close the public hearing (7:09 P.M.) Aye; Huinker, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 342 to amend the Calmar Zoning Ordinance to allow multi-family dwellings in the I-1 industrial district. Aye; Zweibahmer, Huinker and Phillips. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 342. Aye; Phillips, Zweibahmer and Huinker.

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented. It was noted that their annual picnic is scheduled and Mayor McCasland encouraged council members to attend.

The Police Department Report was reviewed and accepted. Chief Ward reported that he had checked into the cost to purchase a Taser and they run around \$ 814.00 each and the cartridges are around \$ 30.00. He had not yet checked into the cost of training. This was briefly discussed with no action taken. Chief Ward also asked about our ordinance prohibiting discharging grass into the streets. If a citation is issued this is then a municipal infraction and the fines can be up to \$ 750.00 at the discretion of the judge. Council wishes to continue to post notices and if these fail to get the home owners attention, then to write the citation. Council agrees that a small amount of grass sometimes can't be helped and a citation wouldn't be written unless a large amount of grass is in the street. Mayor McCasland stated that the storm drains drain into Lake Meyer and there is an issue with nitrates and chemicals being harmful to the lake environment.

The Street Department Report was reviewed. Junior Boyer reported that the summer seal coat would start in the next week or so. He reported that we were using community service workers for some work around town and that a youth from the Iowa Works Grant and Training program would be working from around June 16th thru mid August. This is at no cost to the city. Discussed was the need for a variance for decks or structures without footings. Council felt we need to continue following the current policy requiring a variance until a time when the code might be changed. Garry Wiltgen was present to discuss the possibility of burying a tile line south of the tracks between Maryville and Melden Street. This would provide drainage where he parks his trucks. This is railroad property and Garry wished to share the cost of this project with the city. No decision was made at this time; council will look at the area and make a decision at a later date.

Ken & Mary Schissel were present to discuss a possible water meter/usage problem. The meter in question has been sent in for test and the city is awaiting the results. It was discussed to possibly hooking both the old meter and new meter up to see if they register the same.

Anderson arrived at 8:00 P.M.

The Water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Skyline Construction will be here to do the rest of the man holes. These will be paid for in next year's budget. Bob Penrod asked the council to look over bids to televise part of the sewer system. He stated he felt we needed to start doing this and do a part of the town in the next few years. There was a proposal from Trenchless Solutions at \$ 1.00 per foot and Municipal Pipe Tool Co. Inc. at \$.60 per foot. After discussion a motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Zweibahmer

to approve a 5 year agreement with Municipal Pipe Tool Co. Inc. to televise, inspect and clean the city sewer lines. Aye: Zweibahmer, Huinker, Phillips and Anderson.

Mayor McCasland reported he had attended the Northeast Iowa Housing Trust fund meeting. He stated that this fund will probably be administered by Upper Explorerland. He requested the city approve a resolution recognizing the cities support of the formation of the Northeast Iowa Housing Trust fund. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve Resolution # 450 recognizing the City of Calmar's support for the formation of the Northeast Iowa Housing Trust Fund. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Mayor McCasland also reported that he had attended a Waste Management Meeting and a Legislative Wrap up meeting at Luana on May 29th hosted by Upper Explorerland. The Mayor also reported that a letter of support from the City of Calmar had been written regarding the Hwy 150 and 52 corridors.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve cigarette permits for Kwik Star, Whiskey Grove and the Horseshoe. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer Huinker and Phillips.

The clerk reported that the CD had been renewed at the best rate available and that two new CD's had been obtained with money transferred from the sewer fund.

The Carl Lensing partially dismantled mobile home was discussed. The Police Chief will send a letter giving Carl 2 weeks to get the remains of the mobile home removed.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to re-appoint Kay Heying, Darrell Hoff and Shirley Kirby to a 6 year term on the Calmar Library Board. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Anderson.

The clerk reported on the census meeting held in Decorah recently. The area groups and cities formed a committee to promote Census 2010. The city has signed a partnership agreement and will request grant funds from Census to promote the 2010 census in Calmar.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor