

**Calmar City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2010
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Bob Lentz of Lentz Financial was present to explain various health insurance options. He stated that they had sent in applications to several insurance carries and the quoted prices are based on the census of the group quoted which are 4 single and one family plan. He explained that the plans had various deductibles and that the insurance companies were now offering plans that three people would need to meet the deductible for a family plan. The council will discuss this further during the meeting. Representatives from NICC were present along with the contractor to discuss the NICC waste lift station. They stated that they will be upgrading this facility and would possibly fund this project with either grants or a loan. Some of these options might require the city to become involved in the grant/funding requests. They also mentioned that the results of the census would give them some insight into the income levels that would determine some funding options. They intend to upgrade the facility to the cities specifications and then turn it over to the city. The city would then become the owner and operator of the lift station. Mayor McCasland stated that he had attended their construction project open house and was much impressed with the facility.

Mayor McCasland presented Sam Sabelka the 2010 Citizenship Award for Exemplary Volunteerism in recognition of valuable contributions to the City of Calmar. Sam proposed the hanging basket, Calmar beautification project. He spends countless hours installing, caring for and watering these flowers. He has plans to expand this project next year and donations are being accepted to help fund these baskets. The city thanks him for his hard work on this project.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M. Present were: Kleve, Anderson, Huinker and Phillips. Meyer was absent.

The clerk answered questions regarding claims. Phillips stated that the bid for lettering the police cars was from DVD not DSV as stated in the minutes. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of the August 30, 2010 meeting with the above correction, clerk/treasurer report, claims and approval of the ABD license for Annie's Garden & Greens) Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Phillips and Anderson.

Claims September 2010			Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	40.14
A & J Petersburg	Ins. Crown Vic	165.00	City of Decorah	beads for paint	55.00
Alliant	electricity	8927.52	City of Ossian	training exp	113.60
American Water Wk	membership	75.00	Culligan	service fire dept	35.31
Aramark	uniform	113.80	Data Tech	training fees	464.31
Barnes & Noble	books	156.69	Decorah Elec.	labor lift station	80.00
Beaver Creek	tshirts	228.00	Decorah Impl	belts	110.39
Black Hills Energy	gas	830.05	Decorah News	sub	35.00
Blazek Corp	pumps lift statio	792.50	Decorah Tire	tires Explorer	1305.88
Book Look	books	249.82	Don's Truck	parts	119.04
Bruenning Rock	washed chips	203.50	Drilling's	supplies	368.47
Business Systems	mtce. Cont	95.50	Farmers Union	fuel	140.56
Calmar Courier	pub & sub	132.70	Fastenal	lift station	152.32
			Hach	supplies	568.25

Hawkins	tubing	53.76	Qwest	phone	538.99
Heying Lumber	mural supplies	407.00	Racom	install camera	375.00
Hubers Store	pool concession	10.48	Richard Zahasky	services	360.00
Hygenic Labs	testing	44.00	Rite Price	supplies	669.50
Iamu	comp manuals	25.00	Robert Penrod	reimb ins, other	739.37
Ingram	books	176.87	Sherwin Williams	paint supplies	17.94
IRS	taxes	4687.84	Sim's	supplies	107.47
IA Dept. Rev.	sales tax water	4122.00	Treas State Ia	taxes	867.00
Iowa One Call	services	31.50	US Cellular	phone	221.12
Iowa Rural Water	training	10.00	Walmart	supplies	192.42
Iowa Workforce	unempl quarter	556.14	Wiltgen Const	services	952.75
Ipers	ipers	2620.45	Winn Cty Engineer	Emulsen oil	2190.00
Iroc Web Serv.	web update	25.00	Winn Cty Sheriff	car	2500.00
Joe Ward	insurance reimb	216.00	Woodlands & Prairi	subscription	29.00
Junior Boyer	insurance reimb	901.73	Payroll Sept.		14863.13
Keystone Labs	testing	296.60	Total		72,073.13
Kirkeby	welding	119.00			
Kwik Star	gas	1333.94	Claims by Fund		
Lance Peters	insurance reimb	158.95	General		44,249.11
Linda Crossland	reimb	90.00	Road Use		2,532.12
Malcom	garb 2 months	11742.96	l jobs		2,190.00
Marv Smith	services	578.85	Benefits		2,561.85
McMyers Cox	concessions	18.00	Water		11,046.50
McDonald Supply	supplies	34.17	Sewer		9,493.55
Michele Elsbernd	reimb	1001.41	Total		72,073.13
Micromarketing	books	245.40			
Mitchell County Insp	insp fee	243.00	Revenue by Fund		
Momentos	plaque	35.00	General		37,234.12
Municipal Supply	water lid	100.50	Road Use		10,172.99
Napa	supplies	241.38	Benefits		6,786.60
National Crime Prev	supplies	347.50	Emergency		811.76
Norby's	winterize	1005.41	Lost		8,694.03
NE IA Lawn	spray lagoon	120.00	Tif		17,527.44
Pats Mats	mats	84.00	Water		16,194.75
Postmaster	postage	140.00	Sewer		25,869.34
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	29.25	Total		123,291.03
Presto	pest control	38.00			

The fire department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. The department was thanked for the Fire truck parade. They also had a successful soup supper in conjunction with this parade.

The police department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Isaac Phillips reported that the car lettering had been completed and a design for the replacement lettering on the Explorer was available for approval. Phillips stated that the Explorer lettering with the exception of the shadowing would be replaced in warranty and that the shadow effect would be approximately \$ 25.00. Motion by Kleve, second by Huinker to approve the addition of the shadow effect on the Explorer in conjunction with this warranty replacement. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Anderson. Phillips abstained. Motion carried.

The street department report was accepted as presented. The pool was discussed briefly. Junior stated that he felt all was in good shape and that the water loss was down to approx 1500 gallons a day. He explained he had changed the water meter and how this affected the daily loss. The need to update Christmas lighting was discussed, the goal is to replace several each year. Motion by Kleve, second by Anderson to spend up to \$ 2400.00 this year to update Christmas decorations for 8 poles. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Anderson and Philllips. Junior Boyer mentioned that we never use the front mount JD and stated he would like to offer for sale and hopefully replace it with another Grasshopper with a smaller deck next year.

The water/wastewater report was approved and discussed. Bob Penrod explained the problems with the pumps at the west and plant lift stations. The water break near the new South Winneshiek Storage building was also discussed. Municipal Pipe & Tool's Maintenance Contract is up for renewal, this is a 5 year contract. Bob stated that they had been bought out and that some items had increased the cost of the contract. Motion by Huinker, second by Phillips to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract with Municipal Pipe & Tool. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker and Kleve.

The quotes were reviewed from K & W Coatings and Maguire Iron, Inc. K & W. for the interior painting of the water tower. K & W quoted an approximate cost of \$ 35,000 to do the work in 2011. Maguire offered a contract in the amount of \$ 39,136 for the same work with the price good for fall 2010 or spring 2011 completion. A discussion was held and a motion was made by Kleve and seconded by Huinker to approve the quote of K & W Coatings pending formal written contract. Aye: Phillips, Anderson, Huinker and Kleve.

In the Mayors report Halloween was discussed and "trick or treat" will be on Sunday, October 31st from 4:30 - 8:00 P.M. The Mayor commended the clerk on the excellent newsletter. The clerk thanked Junior Boyer and Joe Ward for their help with the project.

The Agreement for professional service with Tekippe Engineering for the mapping and park descriptions for the DNR was discussed. Motion by Anderson, second by Kleve to approve the agreement and to approve payment in the amount of \$ 184.30 for this project. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Kleve and Phillips.

Health insurance was again discussed. Huinker and Anderson volunteered to meet and discuss plans and options. Luther felt the other members of the council might also want to attend. The clerk will post an agenda for Monday, October 11th at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall/ Clerk's Office.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk