

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M.
NICC CAFETERIA**

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa was held at the NICC Cafeteria on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

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

Council Member Vondersitt moved that the minutes of the January 2nd and January 25th be approved as presented. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Penny Wills, President of NICC was present to welcome the Mayor and council to our campus. She stated that the college is 40 years old and the facilities 38 years old. She stated that that we should be embarrassed by the conditions of some of the buildings, particularly the T & I Building. It has been remodeled so often and the heating and cooling systems are ineffective and need updates. She stated that the intention is to remodel and update several buildings and to build a new student center and library on the Calmar campus. Luther Anderson asked if the focus of NICC was still vocational. Penny Wills stated that 51% of the classes offered were still vocational. The bond issue is scheduled for February 20th with polls open from 12 – 8 P.M. NICC comprises 24 school districts, 8 counties and part of 2 others and that they are asking for .42 cents per \$1,000 valuation for a 10 year period. Council Member Kleve moved to approve Resolution # 319 supporting the NICC Bond Issue. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Winneshiek County Supervisor Steve Bouska and Winneshiek County Engineer Lee Bjerke were present to discuss the surface of 175th Street. Bouska stated that they had received petitions from the property owners along 175th regarding dust and potholes. The City and the County share this road at a 50/50 split. The county stated that they have no money in the budget for this project but was sharing the information with the city because if the work were done they would need city participation. An estimate was received from Fred Carlson for 5" of hot mix asphalt 22" wide at approximately \$ 90,000. The estimate for 5" of compacted recycled asphalt was approximately \$ 75,000. This does not include pavement markings or rock shoulders.

Melody Patrick was present to request a donation to the South Winneshiek Post Prom. Prom is April 21st. and post prom will be at the Bowling Alley in Decorah. This activity is intended to keep the kids occupied with safe after prom activities. Moved by Kleve to approve the donation of \$ 100.00 to South Winn Post Prom. Seconded by Vondersitt. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Kevin & Kris Kulish were present to again discuss their request to vacate and sell a city street. Council members and the mayor had looked at the area. Some council members expressed that this area could possibly be used for future development and if that would happen this street might be needed. Moved by Anderson NOT to proceed with vacation and sale of this street at this time. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Vondersitt and Anderson. Nay: Patrick and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Randy Luzum, resident of Rolling Hills was present to request that the council take another look at their request for partial TIF funding for street improvements in the addition. After much discussion regarding different options available with TIF a motion was made by council member Zweibahmer to proceed with TIF funding in the amount of \$ 50,000 for Rolling Hills Addition. Seconded by Anderson. Aye: Anderson and Zweibahmer. Nay: Kleve, Patrick and Vondersitt. Motion did not carry.

Moved by Kleve to approve Resolution # 420 Approving the Sale of certain property owned by the City, specifically that part of Frederick Street lying between Lot 1 of Block 78 and Lot 5 of Block 79 Western Addition to the City of Calmar, Winneshiek County Iowa. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye; Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Moved by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 421 approving the sale of certain property owned by the City of

Calmar, specifically that part of the alley lying between Lots 2,3,4 & 5, Block 34, and a part of vacated Western Street adjacent to Lot 4, Block 34, lying north of the I.C. & E. Railroad and south of the south line of Lot 1,2, and 3 extended westerly to the west right-of-way line of said Western Street, all in Western Addition to the City of Calmar, Winneshiek County, Iowa. Seconded by Kleve. Aye; Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

The Fire Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Police Chief Ronald Werner presented the council with the departments annual report for 2006. He was not able to give a comparison from previous years but future reports will provide a comparison. Chief Werner also received information from Winneshiek County Public Health regarding the Tamiflu and Relenza vaccine. The county is willing to order these vaccines for employees of the City that are considered essential services. These vaccines would be stored with the county until they would be needed. Vaccine shelf life is 5 years. Chief Werner also stated that they are looking into an in-car camera for the police vehicle. The approximate cost is \$ 5400.00 and he has a grant for \$ 3500.00 of the cost. This will be in the current year's budget.

The street department report was accepted as presented.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Mr. Penrod had received an estimate of cost to do two water-looping projects. No decision was made; these will be discussed at a later date. Mr. Penrod stated that the polyphosphate pump would be replaced before the end of the month.

Mayor Willis stated that he would have copies of the Winneshiek County Solid Waste report distributed to the council for future reference. This has a schedule of the increase in tipping fees for the landfill.

The Clerk went over the 2007-2008 proposed budget with the mayor and council. The cities asking per thousand-dollar valuation will decrease 1.487. Moved by council member Vondersitt to set the date for the public hearing on the 2007-2008 budget for March 5, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. A spreadsheet of city employee wages was presented. Council decision on wage increases needs to be done by June 30th. The clerk did include increases in the proposed budget.

The city received a request from Helping Services of Northeast Iowa for funding in the amount of \$1,000. Moved by council member Zweibahmer to approve funding in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Employee valuations were discussed, and may possibly be done in the future.

Ronald Werner stated that he felt the council needed to take a serious look at the lack of Welcome signs coming into Calmar. This will be discussed in the future.

A letter was received from Aquila stating they wished to have a training session with the Calmar Fire Department and city officials this year. This is something they do every 3 years. Tim Vondersitt will check with the Fire Chief to see if they had received this information and get back to the clerk so Aquila could be notified if we were interested or not.

The dirt at the sewer plant was discussed. The council again stated that at the present the dirt would no longer be available to anyone because the City could possibly need this for fill along the bike trail along North Street and out of town toward Lake Meyer.

A letter from the DNR concerning a storm water permit was discussed. The city engineer advised that this is something the city would not need to be concerned with at this time.

An Outdoor Furnace ordinance was presented for review. It is a sample ordinance from a neighboring town. Council members will review and discuss the possibility of adopting an ordinance of this type for Calmar at a future meeting.

Tom Bushman requested to quote for city insurance coverage from ICAP. This was done last year and the council stated they were not interested this year.

Moved by Zweibahmer to approve the ABD license renewal for Kwik Star. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

The legislature has passed the new minimum wage law. The clerk stated this would affect the part time employees at the library. The swimming pool employees would not be affected as they are classified as seasonal part time. This classification was not addressed in the minimum wage law.

Moved by Zweibahmer, seconded by Kleve to approve payment of claims for the month of January. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Claims January 07

A.J. Petersburg	premium	30.00
Ace	internet	17.95
Advanced Water	chemical	632.04
Alliant	electricity	4806.32
Aquila	gas	1145.33
Aramark	uniform	95.76
Audio Editions	library	32.94
Bittersweet	supplies	45.00
Book Look	books	171.83
Calmar Courier	publishing	211.21
Carol Mincks	cement	200.00
Carey's Machine	services	11.00
Center Pt Lg. Pnt	books	65.02
Decorah News	add	36.60
Decorah Tire	tire repair	14.00
Hach	supplies	520.50
Heying Lbr	supplies	34.31
IAMU	dues	328.49
IIW Engineering	fees	3000.00
Ingram	books	117.49
IRS	fica/tax	3698.82
Iowa Conserv	magazine	6.00
Iowa Gardening	magazine	24.95
Iowa One Call	services	7.20
Iowa Rural Water	ceu's	10.00
Ipers	ipers	1761.00
Just Kidin Around	auction item	74.00
Keystone Labs	testing	270.00
Kirkeby Welding	services	474.60
Klimesh Motors	services	49.25
Kwik Star	fuel	485.21
Linda Crossland	postage	3.56
M & M Family Mkt	supplies	24.71
Malcom Enterprise	garbage	5994.91
Mid-Amer. Res	chemical	121.82
Matt Parrott	supplies	120.62
McDonald Supply	supplies	49.39
Municipal Supply	battery	143.62
Napa	supplies	183.55
Norby's	supplies	89.96
Postmaster	Permit ren	271.50
Postville Vet Clinic	shipping	56.50
Presto	pest control	34.00
Qwest	telephone	360.08
Rite Price Office	supplies	401.74
Ronald Werner	mil,ins	732.70
Sim's	supplies	71.24
Taylor Tree	xmas lights	465.00
Tekippe Eng	Frederick St	400.00
Treas St. IA	taxes	549.00
US Cellular	telephone	258.48
Utility Equip Co	supplies	241.08

Walmart	supplies	344.90
Wellmark	premium	2129.65
Wiltgen Const	services	322.40
Payroll	payroll	11796.75
Total		43543.98

Expense/Fund

General	24,067.50
Road use	2,212.86
Benefits	1,826.19
Trust	74
Water	9,521.63
Sewer	5,841.80
Total	43543.98

Revenue / Fund

General	32338.14
Road use	7556.01
Benefits	144.50
Tif	106.32
Trust	2544.80
Debt Service	90.24
Water	9912.85
Sewer	23787.74
Total	76480.60

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

George Willis
Mayor