

JUNE 4, 2012

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Dave Zweibahmer, Isaac Phillips, Dennis Kleve, Larry Huinker and Linus Sabelka.

Doyle Gordon and Darrel Johnson from the Winneshiek County Democratic Central Committee introduced themselves and stated they were at the meeting to listen and asked for the council's local concerns for the community. Street improvements were the councils main area of concern expressed to the representatives.

Various claims were discussed, motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the Consent Agenda (Agenda, Minutes of May 7th with a spelling correction, clerk/treasurer report, claims for May 2012, approval of ABD outdoor license for Whiskey Grove for June 23-24 and approval of cigarette permit for Kwik Star and additional approval of cigarette permit for Whiskey Grove). Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Kleve, Phillips and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Claims May 2012			Linus Sabelka	peat for planters	51.30
A & J Petersburg	insurance premium	28356.00	LTD	pet seat protector police	44.80
Acco	chemicals pool	1141.55	Malcom	garbage April & May	12604.80
Ahmed Alkhalili	labor	325.00	Marv Smith	lights, wire bulbs	187.32
Alliant	electricity	5473.78	Matt Bullerman	reimb meal meeting	8.19
ALA	flag pool	15.00	Matt Parrott	check blanks	188.66
Annie Rude	reimb barells & liners	417.42	Mc Myers Cox Co	concessions	767.46
Annie's Garden	plants	187.79	Michele Elsbernd	reimb plants	273.18
Aramark	uniform	76.88	Micromarketing	book	11.04
Audio Editions	books	116.03	Napa	filters	74.68
Bell's Fire Shop	fire extinguisher annual ck	358.00	NEICAC	donation per capita	711.00
Black Hills	gas	531.54	Overdrive	neibors prograam	388.02
Calmar Courier	publishing minutes	97.01	Pine Hill	beautification supplies	192.07
Calmar Little League	donation	2000.00	Postmaster	postage water bills	144.48
Calmar Swim Team	donation	1500.00	Postville Vet Clinic	shipping samples	43.50
Cedar Valley Produce	beautification supplies	282.48	Richard Zahasky	fees	1021.15
C enter Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	41.34	Rite Price	copier rdg, supplies	124.11
Centurion Technologies	maintenance renewal 1 year	50.00	RogerColberson	flower baskets	2800.00
Centurylink	telephone	426.24	Schwan's	pool concessions	144.64
Chemsearch	safety can	72.63	Sharp Trucking	roll off, tipping clean up day	406.14
City of Calmar	pool start up funds	200.00	Sim's	cell phone	80.00
City of Decorah	jet line	450.00	Sunset Law Enforcement	supplies	6.43
Croell Read Mix	pea roc, concrete	772.50	The Gazette	l year sub	168.95
Crystal Canyon	water and cups	11.27	Treas. State IA	state taxes	733.00
Culligan	seasonal service	38.00	Upstart	srp supplies	158.05
Decorah Electric	siren west	2214.31	US Cellular	telephone	239.91
Delta Dental	ins reimb	107.00	Walmart	supplies	137.95
Drillings	bar oil, saw, cone	47.75	Wellmark	premium	6043.41
Farmers Union	fuel police	501.74	Winn. Cty. EMS	Zoll AED & cabinet	1249.00
Fastenal	lift station repair	25.58	Winn Cty. Dev.	donation 2013	1000.00
Galls	name badge	13.98	Zarnoth Brush works	throttle assembly	155.00
Gunderson Clinic	annual drug alcohol memb	75.00	Payroll May 2012		14935.34
Hach	chemicals	213.19	Total		105650.21
Helping Services	donation	1000.00			
Heying Lbr.	keys	894.36	Claims by fund		
Ingram	books	456.13	General		84289.78
IRS	fed/fica tax	4460.95	Road Use		3024.40
Iowa DOT	street paint	808.52	Benefits		4051.85
Iowa DNR	operator certificate	60.00	Water		6254.55
Iowa Prison Ind.	road signs	60.25	Sewer		8029.63
Ipers	ipers	2825.69	Total		105650.21
Iroc Web Design	host & domain ,update	115.00			
John Deere Financial	supplies park	507.86	Revenue by fund		
Keystone Labs	testing	925.50	General		23,143.76
Kwik Star	fuel	1169.36	Road Use		7226.38
Lifetime Pools	repair liner	1134.00	Benefits		3543.57

Emergency	305.24	Water	15473.66
Lost	7,676.66	Sewer	30388.31
Tif	2208.06	Total	89,965.64

The Fire Department report was accepted. Sam reported that some members attended the “burn trailer” training at NICC. He stated their dance will be held on the square on June 23rd along with the Trail Days Celebration and that the department’s summer picnic would be June 24th.

The Police Department report was presented. Chief Ward reported the CV police car was sold for \$ 1500.02. He also reported that he had visited with Rhonda from NICC regarding the request for help funding equipment.

The Street Department report was presented. Junior stated he had requested a quote for additional picnic tables from Kay Park & Rec. The quote included two of the round tables with umbrella for the grass area at the swimming pool and five for the Lion’s park shelter, one of which will be handicap as accessible. It was the consensus of the Council member to go ahead with this purchase. Mile markers on the trail were discussed and it appears that the markers that were originally planned when the trail was hard surfaced are now being installed. Junior reported time spent on the pool, Lion’s Park and ball field, city-wide cleanup and the hanging baskets and flower barrels. Benches in the business district were discussed. This project could be considered as part of our Visioning grant request. The North Street surfacing project was discussed in length. Three quotes had been obtained for a 2 ½ “ asphalt overlay. No decision was made at this time pending further research by the city engineer. The Jefferson street repair project was discussed. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve concrete eight inches thick rather than the six inch previously discussed Discussion followed. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to rescind the previous motion. It is the consensus of the council that the replacement concrete should be 8”. One quote had been obtained to date and additional quotes will be requested. This item will be placed on the July agenda. The flags in the up-town area were discussed and the council agreed that they will be left up and not just put up for holidays. Junior reported that pending favorable weather conditions the mural surface would be sprayed on Tuesday. Junior stated he had requested a quote from Heying Lumber to replace the chemical building at the swimming pool. The building would be 21 x 11 at the quoted cost of \$ 2300.00. The council authorized Junior to proceed with the project. They would put the building up themselves as time allows. The need for water for the Circus that is coming to town in August was discussed. The letter from the DOT stating that work will be done on Hwy 24 into Calmar next summer was discussed. Junior stated that the fire hydrants are in need of paint but that most of them also needed to be sandblasted. A quote had been received to sandblast and paint at \$ 25.00 per unit. There are 84 hydrants; the Council agreed that the work should be done.

The Water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Matt reported that Municipal Pipe was here and had cleaned the wet wells. He stated he had also passed his last water test and had one test to go (for sewer).

Mayor Meyer reported on the recent Iowa Living Roadways Visioning meetings. He stated that we will begin from this stage forward to see the “fruits of our labors” with actual Landscape Design Architect designs. He stated that the meeting last week with the DOT outlined signage and ADA compliance. The DOT did state that due to the process there will be a turning lane onto 175th going North. Mayor Meyer also stated he would like to establish a program to recognize “Outstanding Citizens” in our community. This would be accomplished thru a nomination and selection process. An application will be developed. The selected citizen would receive a certificate and appropriate proclamation and would be featured in the cities quarterly newsletter. The possibility of developing a “city logo” was discussed. This could possibly be done along with the visioning process.

Salaries for city employees were discussed. Larry Huinker proposed that the city apply the salary increase toward the employee's family health insurance "out-of-pocket" for those that have a family plan. The other employees would receive as a salary increase. After some discussion a motion was made by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the employee salary/benefit increase effective July 1, 2012. Aye: Zweibahmer, Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka and Kleve. Motion carried.

Discussed briefly was the status of the Sewer CD's. The SRL loan is a 3% loan and the current CD rate is 1.40%. These funds could be applied to our loan after July 1, 2012. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to add Corey Meyer and Annie Rude to the Corporate Resolution (allowable signatures to transact business for the City of Calmar) for Security State Bank. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Phillips. Motion carried.

The 28 E Agreement between the City of Calmar and the Turkey River Watershed has been prepared and approved by the members. The Mayor and Clerk will sign the agreement and get copies to the appropriate persons so it can be forwarded to the State of Iowa.

The Clerk briefly discussed the needs of the local access TV station. The equipment and programs are in need of upgrade.

Discussion was held regarding a possible lot for the NEICAC Lease to Purchase Homeowners Program. The city would need to provide a building lot for a home to be constructed in our community. Contact will be made with NEICAC to discuss the feasibility of donating a city owned lot to this "lease to purchase" program.

Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk