

Minutes Calmar City Council March 1, 2010

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer brought up the problems with Snowmobiles driving everywhere in town. Chief Ward stated he would like to change the trail for next year. Anderson stated that when the city designates the trail we need to be responsible for marking the trail. This will be looked into before next winter.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Anderson, Kleve and Meyer. Phillips and Huinker were absent.

The consent agenda was discussed and questions answered on several claims. Anderson stated that brake was spelled incorrectly in the minutes and that Meyer had asked what chemicals the city uses in our water supply besides Fluoride not Anderson. Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda and minutes with the above mentioned corrections. Aye: Kleve, Meyer and Anderson. Motion carried.

Claims February 2010			Municipal Supply	batteries handheld	68.54
Alliant	electricity	5988.60	Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	34.95
American Water Wks	reg. mtg.	15.00	Ode Design	"Iowa" book	43.00
Aramark	uniform	107.64	OMB Supply	boots	123.98
Barnes & Noble	books	106.17	Postmaster	postage	642.90
Black Hills Energy	gas	1470.09	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	42.50
Book Look	books	177.74	Presto	pest control	38.00
Calmar Courier	publish, add	281.82	Racom	speaker portable	51.50
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	40.14	Rite Price	supplies	437.04
Creative Products	supplies	261.23	Robert Penrod	ins. Reimb J,F,M	2567.38
Culligan	fire department	35.31	Sensus	repair handheld	200.00
Dave Huinker	computer services	50.00	Treasurer State Ia	tax, gaming lic	740.00
Decorah Elec	water,siren	726.76	Ups	shipping	64.43
Demco	supplies	195.50	Upstart	supplies	21.65
Drillings	end cap mulch	33.05	US Cellular	phone	176.60
Emily Hoffert	services	13.00	Utility Equip	repair clamp	156.65
Farmers Union Co-O	fuel	287.63	Walmart	supplies	72.49
Fastenal	bolts	50.96	Water Leak Locators	locate leak Webster	500.00
Grassmasters	jackhammer	385.00	Wiltgen	snow removal volvo	1660.25
Gunderson	drug test	48.30	Payroll		13039.99
Heying Lbr.	insulation	73.95	Total		42837.67
Iamu	ceu's	20.00	Expenses by fund		
Ingram	books	49.85	General		16909.96
IRS	taxes	4173.53	Road Use		2036.50
Iowa Dept. Health	reg. renewal	70.00	Benefits		4688.26
Ipers	pension	2152.83	Water		10606.80
Joe McCasland	mileage mayor	97.70	Sewer		8596.15
Joe Ward	Reimb F&M	432.00	Total		42837.67
Junior Boyer	insurance	901.73	Revenue by fund		
Keystone Labs	testing	554.30	General		7478.08
Klimesh Motors	diesel additive	19.90	Road Use		8566.01
Kwik Star	fuel	799.83	Benefits		246.02
Lance Peters	Ins. Reimb. Mileage	923.80	Emergency		28.69
Marv Smith Elec	switches fire	55.00	Lost		8376.83
Matt Parrott & Sons	receipt books	221.24	Tif		28.31
Michele Elsbernd	ins reimb Feb,March	1199.30	Water		10329.78
Micromarketing	supplies	116.95	Sewer		18707.77
Midwest Living	renewal	19.97	Total		53761.49

Motion by Anderson, second by Kleve to open the public hearing on the Budget 2010-2011 and Certification of City Taxes. Aye: Meyer, Anderson and Kleve. There were no comments from the public or written comments regarding the budget figures. The clerk explained that we are asking 11.63 per thousand valuations. This is a few cents less than last year. She also explained that residential values are subject to a roll back and that taxes are calculated at 46.90 % of their valuation. She stated that taxes could increase if the properties valuation increased. Motion by Anderson, second by Kleve to close the public hearing at 7:14 P.M. Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve Resolution # 455 approving the 2010-2011 Budget. Aye: Kleve, Anderson and Meyer. Motion carried.

Renewal figures for the city property insurance which includes liability, crime, inland marine, auto, errors and omissions, umbrella and fire pack increased to \$ 20,500.00 from \$ 19,570.00 last year. Mayor McCasland stated that he, Junior and Bob had looked over the coverage and values of the property and found no problems. Our equipment list has also been updated. Council would like to get quotes for coverage every other year or so. This will be obtained prior to next year's renewal. The council would like these quotes earlier than the March meeting.

The Fire Department Report was reviewed. Mayor McCasland stated that the department had a "Major Save" at our recent fire and complemented them for their good work. Communications between departments and department members were discussed. The department has purchased new radios that will provide better communication with throat mikes that can be used when members are wearing their air packs. Corey Meyer and Sam Sabelka stated that they have a Fire Compact with all Winneshiek County Department to provide mutual aid when needed. They attended Ethanol training and stated that it was very eye opening. They stated that 2 ½ million gallons of ethanol on every train that passes through Calmar. If there was a fire there isn't enough "foam" in the state of Iowa to put it out and that it would take 3 hours to get it here.

The police department was reviewed and discussed. Several issues regarding local bars and fights were discussed and what could be done to deal with the situations. Chief Ward stated that patrol would be stepped up when Lance gets back from the academy. Council stated that the co-operation and mutual aid between the county departments is appreciated.

The street department report was reviewed. Junior stated he is waiting for the snow to melt and is cleaning the areas around the storm drains to get proper drainage. He is also patching pot holes as they appear. The advertisement for a part time person was in the paper and several people have requested applications. This advertisement will be in the paper once more in March with the deadline April 1st. Council asked if everything was working out okay with Bushman Family Farms loading and unloading. Junior stated there were no problems.

The water/wastewater report was discussed. The recent water leak by the high school was discussed. Bob stated that he had attended a meeting with the DNR regarding our

stream assessment. We have been put in Batch 4 and one of possibly 100 to be re-assessed. They will do that this summer but we wouldn't probably know the results until next January, February or March. The recent problem with the handheld water computer was discussed. This computer is no longer supported by the Manufacturer and will need to be updated to a new model shortly.

The Mayor stated that there was a Planning & Zoning workshop in Decorah on March 30th. Luther Anderson and Mayor McCasland will attend. The Mayor stated he had attended Conference Board Meeting to approve the budget and salaries for the Assessors Office. Mayor McCasland and Corey Meyer reported that there will be a Wellness Center Meeting on March 16, 2010 at 5:15 at the bank. At this time they will discuss cost and sustainability of the proposed center and where to go from here. Corey also stated that he had met with George Tekippe through his job to look into the possibility of establishing a wetland West of Calmar to capture water run off from the City of Calmar before it reaches Lake Meyer.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 7.58 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk