

**CITY OF CALMAR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2006
7:00 P.M.
CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Prior to the meeting Ed Gehling spoke on behalf of Helen Gehling regarding a water leak at her residence. He requested the council reduce the charges and make an allowance because it was clean water entering the sewer system. The council told Ed this would be discussed and a decision made later in the council meeting. Dave Zweibahmer also mentioned a possible business for the Industrial park area.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa was held at the Calmar Fire Station on Monday, May 1, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Al Shindelar, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Council member Zweibahmer moved that the minutes of the April 4, 2006 be approved as presented. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Council member Shindelar moved that the agenda for the May 1, 2006 meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Council member Patrick moved that the public hearing on the Budget Amendment for the 05-06 budget be opened at 7:05 P.M. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. The clerk reported that she had no written or oral comments regarding the amendment. There were no comments from the public. Council member Zweibahmer moved that the hearing be closed at 7:07 P.M. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Council member Patrick moved to approve resolution # 409 approving the budget amendment 05-06. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

George from Tekippe Engineering presented contract change order # 8 in the amount of a negative \$ 3456.40 and Partial Payment estimate # 10 in the amount of \$ 19,132.17 and Partial Payment estimate (final) # 11 in the amount of \$ 4,600.00. He stated that the chemical feed pumps were not working properly with the radio controls due to a card that wasn't installed in the pump. This option wasn't on the original quote but was written in red as a change on the submittals. The supplier missed this and the pumps were sent and installed without the needed card. The supplier requests the cost of the cards but the installation will be at no charge to the City. This will not be done until a written verification is received regarding the warranty. Council requested George to talk again with the supplier and the cost involved. Any additional costs will be handled outside the contract. Council member Shindelar moved for approval of CCO # 8 for -\$ 3456.40, PPE # 11 for \$ 19132.17 and PPE# 12 for \$ 4600.00. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

The fire department report was accepted as presented. The roof has been replaced and all felt is a nice addition to the building. The roof over the truck area of the building is still leaking in a few places. This will be checked into and repairs made.

The police department reports were accepted as presented. Mayor Willis reported he had positive comments from the public regarding the current stepped up enforcement. Council discussed extensively the upgraded equipment purchased for the police department. Chief Werner had done an extensive evaluation of equipment and presented this to Mayor Willis who authorized the purchase. The approved police budget had these items budgeted as expenses to upgrade the department.

Council member Patrick moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 316 pertaining to prohibited sales and acts and to waive the second and third reading and that the ordinance become effective upon publication. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Council member Patrick moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 317 pertaining to violations, penalties and alternative relief and to waive the second and third readings and that the ordinance become effective upon publication. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

The Street department report was accepted as presented, council requested greater detail in the report in the future. The summer street program was discussed. Bids were received for the proposed work on South and Melden streets including milling out and replacement with either 4' or 6' asphalt. Bids were also received for the seal coat needed for this year. Council member Shindelar moved to approve the bid from Fred Carlson Co. for option 2 which consists of placing 6' of compacted hot mix asphalt on South street directly south of St. Aloysius and on Melden Street directly east of the St. Aloysius complex in the amount of \$ 32,690.32 and for the milling and hauling of millings in the amount of \$ 4,600.00. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Council member Patrick moved to accept the bid of CFI for seal coat on the designated streets in the amount of \$ 28,106.21. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Sidewalks were discussed in length. Requests for removal of sidewalks will be handled on an individual basis. Decisions were made on the current requests for removal. Permits denied were: Kramme, Gerleman, Schroeder and Frana. Kuboushek will be allowed to remove the sidewalk north to south but must repair or replace the east to west sidewalk. Mashek will be allowed to remove as requested. An alternative to the proposed rock signage at the city cemetery is being researched. Prices are being obtained for council review. The drainage problem along the railroad track south of the train station was discussed. It was agreed to accept the bid from Wiltgen Construction. Junior Boyer explained this could be less than the estimated \$ 4380.09 because they quoted 250' of pipe and it is approximately 176'. The yard waste site was discussed and various options discussed including having the site in town closed and the rural site opened and manned on certain days for dumping. Also discussed was chipping materials as an alternative. Council agreed that we try chipping and then compare the cost. It was decided the site remain in town for the present. Residents will be asked to separate their grass clippings from the tree limbs etc. in the future. Also discussed was a water drainage issue in the west part of town.

The water/wastewater department report was accepted as presented. The council requests Mr. Penrod prepare a more detailed report in the future. The 2006 water quality report has been prepared and published as required. Mr. Penrod prepared a letter to the contractor regarding the water loss on April 4th. He estimated that approximately 45,000 gallons of water were lost. Council instructed a billing be sent to the contractor for the water and the sewer charges associated with this loss. The water did go down the sanitary sewer and therefore treated at the plant. The high water bill at the Gehling residence was discussed. All members agreed that an adjustment would not be made but agreed that this large amount could be paid off in installments over the next year.

Mayor Willis reported that he had been contacted by the Winneshiek County Historical Society. He reported that he had several volunteers for the Calmar Historical Preservation committee and that he would be contacting them to meet in the near future. He also stated that he had been in contact with Bruce Goetch regarding a wish list for needed equipment at the fire department. Mayor Willis also stated that the gaming grant that the pool had applied for had been denied but that the Calmar Senior Center's grant had been approved.

Council member Shindelar moved to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 314 to award Aquila a franchise. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

The need for fire proof storage of backups was discussed briefly.

The council reviewed and discussed the current purchase requisition policy. Council member Patrick moved to change the need for a requisition for items in excess of \$ 100.00 to \$ 500.00 and that they are approved by three council members. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Council member Kleve moved for approval of claims as presented. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Claims April 06

Acco	pool	1715.60
Ace Telephone	internet	17.95
Alliant	electricity	2246.80
ALA	flag	15.00
Aquila	gas	1925.29
Bills Auto Repir	tow	150.00
Blazek	water plant	19132.17
Book Look	books	166.83
Bruening Rock	intake	2500.00
Buchheit Appl.	vacuum	89.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	103.87
City Laundry	uniform	56.52
City of Calmar	reimburse	15.58
Country Living	subscription	25.20
Crystal Canyon	water plant	11.99
Decorah Rental	stripper	48.00
Decorah Tire	tire	13.71
Demco	library	65.91
Displays 2 go	library	60.16
Farmers Co-op	fuel	115.25
Fred Carlson	cold mix	32.85
Galls	supplies	649.10
Gunderson Clinic	drug test	43.30
Heying Lbr.	fire,clk,pol	27701.13
IAMU	dues	299.47
Ingram	books	263.65
IRS	taxes	3440.88
Iowa DOT	paint	373.63
Ipers	ipers	1717.06
Iroc Web	service	25.00
Keystone Labs	testing	323.00
Klimesh Motors	tow,service	134.09
Kwik Star	fuel	677.45
Law Enforcement	supplies	78.00
Linda Crossland	reimburse	40.00
Mark's Electronics	lights	2775.00
McDonald Supp	supplies	450.97
Michele Elsbernd	reimburse	337.31
Micormarketing	books	48.00
Nancy Tepestra	books	96.00
Napa	supplies	9.27
NEIT	service	540.94
Norby's	supplies	35.43
Ossian Bee	subscription	20.00
Postmaster	postage	306.50
Presto	pest control	32.00

Qwest	telephone	424.10
R. & R. Plmg.	service	260.31
Rite Price Office	supplies	3577.31
Robert Penrod	reimburse	26.90
Ronald Werner	reimburse	945.87
Sagebrush	library	450.00
Sim's	service	46.24
Gazette	subscription	168.95
State of Iowa	taxes	503.00
Upbeat Corp	waste cont	945.94
US Cellular	telephone	252.28
Walmart	supplies	1222.28
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Wiltgen	rock, dozer	873.36
Payroll	payroll	11388.66
	TOTAL	92129.81

Expenses by fund

General	35,016.30
Road Use	932.29
Benefits	2,244.20
Capaital	44,392.17
Water	4,099.78
Sewer	5,445.07
	92,129.81

Revenue by fund

General	89355.82
Road use	6685.75
Benefits	12705.89
Emergency	1970.95
Local Option	6718.70
TIF	50741.42
Debt Serv	13795.48
Water	8208.15
Sewer	21473.15
	211655.31

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

George Willis
Mayor