

**Calmar City Council  
January 2, 2012**

Prior to the meeting Tony Kocian was present to ask what regulations the city had regarding chickens in the city limits. He requested the city look into modifying the code to allow chickens (with limits). He stated that other cities had changed regulations regarding chickens. Mayor Meyer stated we would check into what modifications other cities had done to their ordinances regarding chickens. He also asked about regulations regarding privacy and water/sewer accounts. The clerk stated that all this information is public record per state law. It was also brought to the attention of everyone present that parking was not allowed in the parking lot to the east of the Calmar Fire Station per owner's request. Mayor Meyer stated that everyone that rents the Fire Station is told that this area is not public parking. Parking in the boulevard is not regulated by the adjoining property owner however. Janelle Pavlovec asked to be added to the regular agenda to discuss the depot building. Mayor Meyer complimented all involved in Christmas in Calmar. He stated it was a very successful event.

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

Questions were answered regarding claims. Motion by Kleve, second by Phillips, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows: Minutes of December 5, 2011, Agenda with the addition of Janelle Pavlovec regarding the Depot, clerk/treasurer reports and claims. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Claims December 2011			Ingram	books	464.03
A & J Petersburg	ins. Baumler Bldg	19.00	IRS	taxes	4524.72
Alliant	electricity	5804.23	Ia Dept. Revenue	sales tax on water	3274.00
Aramark	uniform	74.04	Iowa Finance Auth.	interest sewer note	21915.00
Audio Editions	audio books	55.45	Iowa League	registration MLA2	25.00
Bankers Trust	interest water note	2422.50	Iowa One Call	service	35.80
Black Hills Energy	gas	970.04	Iowa Workforce	unempl	115.43
Bodensteiner Impl	parts	103.20	Ipers	ipers	2679.60
Book Look	books	244.76	John Deere Fin	supplies	55.28
Calmar Motors	oil change pickup	53.00	Junior Boyer	reimb misc supplies	31.28
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	large print books	41.34	Keystone Labs	testing	292.00
Century Link	telephone	421.02	Klimesh Motors	part	12.99
City Laundry	uniform	99.28	Kwik Star	fuel	654.73
City of Decorah	half of office supplies	57.35	L & R. Mfg	extend flower brackets	791.32
Culligan	service	38.00	Malcom Ent.	garbage December	6354.17
Delta Dental	insurance	87.00	Matt Parrott & Sons	water bill postcards	330.55
Decorah Tire	tires	274.01	Michele Elsbernd	reimb Idr, deed Baumler	61.50
Demco	supplies	176.76	N H V	used christmas deco	355.00
Des Moines Stamp	corporation stamp	49.00	Napa	filters & supplies	47.94
Display Sales	star	159.00	NE Wisc Tech School	fees tazer	20.00
DNR	exam processing fee	30.00	Postmaster	postage,box rent	178.16
Don's Truck	freight	9.00	Richard Zahasky	fees	421.13
Ed Roher Safety	holster & cartridges taser	130.31	Rite Price	copier counter rdg pymt	55.47
Farmers Union	gas	949.62	Security State Bank	principal	33739.95
Gunderson Clinic	random drug testing	50.30	Sim's	usb serial cable	256.96
Hach	chemicals	230.36	South Winn Ins	surety bond employees	378.45
Heying Lbr	bulbs pd	182.04	T. Baumler Estate	purchase building	39000.00
Hubers Store	supplies	66.34	Trails Unlimited	add map	25.00
Iamu	confined space ceu's	20.00	Treas St. IA	taxes	686.00
			Upstart	posters library	21.45

US Cellular	phone	225.68	Sewer	28,686.02
Utility Equip	meters	649.47	Total	148,976.26
Walmart	dvd	582.81	Revenue by fund	
Wellmark	premium	4414.46	General	22,999.91
Winn Cty Clerk Ct	cost to dismiss case	60.00	Road use	7,178.60
Payroll		13510.98	Benefits	1,787.62
Total		149063.26	Emergency	154.00
<b>Claims by fund</b>			Lost	8,743.75
General		68,813.19	Tif	1,333.86
Road Use		2,342.80	Water	20,559.98
Benefits		2,917.64	Sewer	31,806.97
Debt Service		33,739.95	Total	94,564.69
Water		12,476.66		

The Calmar Fire Department report was reviewed. They also submitted their Year in Review 2011 which listed all the calls and activities the department participated in in 2011. The department prepared an updated list of equipment which will be submitted to the insurance company.

The Calmar Police Department report was reviewed. This report included a summary of police department activities for Calmar and Ossian for December. He also presented a list of current equipment and known age of each. The replacement of the police vehicle will be the one large purchase for the department in 2012-2013 and this is already included in the proposed new budget.

The Street Department Report was reviewed. Mr. Boyer also included a list of all equipment and know age of each and a "wish list" for the future. Discussion included expanding the heated part of the city shop, picnic table replacement, and a possible ice skating rink.

Matt Bullerman stated his report wasn't complete for the meeting but did provide a listing of equipment and a "wish list" for the next 5 years. This included replacement of a water main from South to Clay which is in bad condition, the pulling of Well # 4 for inspection and a possible generator for the NE lift station. Also included was a quote from Midwest Geographical Services to supply a camera and create links to our GIS software for the manholes in Calmar.

Annie Rude, Calmar Pool manager reported on the local pool facility with a list of wants for the future. These items include an AED unit, shading for the pool area and an ADA portable lift. She is seeking grant funding for several of these projects.

Mayor Meyer reported that Calmar was one of 12 communities selected to receive a Community Visioning Grant thru Iowa Living Roadways. This grant will provide for planning on how best to enhance the appearance of Calmar. Committee members will attend a workshop in Independence on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Meyer stated he intended to meet with each employee quarterly. He also intends to submit a monthly article to the newspaper to keep people informed on what is happening in Calmar. All community members and interested parties are invited to participate in the two-part series Calmar Community Think Tank by attending meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. From 5:30 to 7:30 at the Calmar Fire Station. These meetings are intended to provide input on how you envision our community in the future. This is part of the Smart Planning project which was funded by a grant. This grant provided Smart Planning for Winneshiek County and all communities in Winneshiek County. Mayor Meyer and Linus Sabelka attended session I of the Municipal Leadership Academy and felt it was very informative. Session II is scheduled via internet connection for January 12, 2012, all council members and city employees are encouraged to attend.

Budgeting was discussed. The normal requests from NEICAC, Winneshiek County Development and Helping Services were received. The clerk explained the Annual Report, which is the actual report of receipts and disbursements from July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. She also explained the proposed budget for 2012-2013. Changes can still be made to this budget. The council will need to approve the budget at the February meeting and schedule a public hearing for the March meeting. If the budget is left as proposed the levy would be 12.60443 compared to 12.50753 last year.

Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 468 authorizing for payment of monthly city obligations. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The clerk received an inquiry regarding a TIF rebate for the Calmar Development Property. The clerk checked with the bonding and TIF attorney and he stated that a rebate could be done but recommended that it would only be a rebate of their own property taxes for a specified period of time. He suggested that the interested party send in a plan stating their use and possible tax implications for the property. The TIF may need to be extended if this property is developed as it expires in 2016 or the year TIF funds were first received.

The clerk reported that Mary Welch had requested information from Our Iowa magazine regarding the Burma Shave Signs for Winneshiek County. The clerk submitted a proposal for these signs near our community. A decision will not be made by the magazine until toward the end of January. The clerk also requested the Canadian Pacific Railroad consider Calmar a stop for their Holiday Train Program. They do not schedule stops for the train until October 2012.

Janelle Pavlovec spoke about the depot building. She gave a summary of the background from the purchase of the building until the present. The depot is now on the National Registry of Historic Places. She is interested in forming a "Friends of the Depot" group to raise money and apply for grants to develop all or part of the building into a museum type facility. The city stated they would allow her to pursue this plan as long as they are consulted about any plans for the building. The city will also look into obtaining a plaque stating that the building is on the National Historic Register.

Mayor Meyer presented his appointments to city committees for 2012. There were a few changes due to new people on the council.

Council was informed of donations to the Calmar Fire Department for \$ 200.00 and the Calmar Library for \$ 250.00 from Malcom Enterprises, Inc.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Kleve to adjourn at 9:15 P.M.

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Corey Meyer, Mayor

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City Clerk

