

**Calmar City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Pat Nervig addressed the council regarding parking in his lot during events held at the Fire Station. He stated they block his entrance to the building and park in the lot so he does not have access to his trailer parked there. Discussion was held and council felt that he should install signs posting the lot as private property no parking, and then if someone parks there he can have the vehicles towed. The city can't enforce parking on private property.

Mayor McCarland called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Present were: Meyer, Huinker, Kleve and Phillips. Anderson was absent.

Added to the agenda was Calmar Farmer Days outdoor license for Whiskey Grove. Various claims were discussed and a motion was made by Huinker, seconded by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of April 4, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports and claims). Aye: Kleve, Huinker and Phillips. Nay: Meyer (objection was due to a claim from Western Leak Detection he felt we shouldn't pay). Motion carried.

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| Claims April 2011 | | | Michele Elsbernd | reimb hotel police conference | 265.50 |
| A & J Petersburg | additional premiums | 238.00 | Michele Elsbernd | mileage | 281.00 |
| Alliant | electricity | 6384.87 | Municipal Supply | repair clamp | 221.10 |
| Aramark | uniform | 192.83 | Napa | silicone & sealant sweeper | 115.11 |
| Astleford Internatio | down pymt truck | 5000.00 | Patricia McDaniel | cookbook | 20.00 |
| Audio Editions | books on cd | 136.41 | Postmaster | postage | 160.00 |
| Bell's Fire Supply | extinguishers & inspection e | 838.00 | Qwest | phone | 419.41 |
| Black Hills Energy | gas | 1038.81 | Rite Price | toner cartridge | 153.33 |
| Booklist | sub renewal 1 yr | 109.95 | Sentimental Ref | dvd series | 110.00 |
| Brian Zweibohmer | mileage | 18.00 | Tekippe Eng | wastewater advisory | 259.60 |
| Calmar Courier | publishing | 254.25 | The Gazette | renew 1 year subscription | 168.95 |
| Crystal Canyon | supplies | 3.95 | Treas State Ia | taxes | 688.00 |
| Data Technologies | agreement 1/2 radio | 375.00 | US Cellular | phone | 224.43 |
| Decorah Electric | programming | 100.00 | Walmart | supplies | 229.52 |
| Delta Dental | ins | 87.00 | Wellmark | permium | 5441.93 |
| Demco | supplies | 197.07 | Western Leak Detect | leak detection | 387.50 |
| Don's Towing | tow bill | 189.50 | Wiltgen Const | rock | 142.70 |
| Farm Plan | supplies repairs | 59.76 | Zarnoth Brush Works | brush sweeper | 148.50 |
| Farmers Union Co | fuel, service Exp | 925.83 | Zarnoth Brush Works | spray nozzle | 311.10 |
| Franzen Sales & Serv | flags | 101.99 | Payroll | April | 13587.86 |
| Hawkins Inc | chemicals | 376.50 | Total | | 56524.85 |
| Heying Lbr | supplies | 138.75 | Expenses by Fund | | |
| Howard's Tire | tires grasshopper | 191.50 | General | | 25801.95 |
| Iamu | April - June safety fees | 332.57 | Road Use | | 5236.52 |
| Iamu | ceu's cpr & first aid | 24.00 | I jobs | | 3432.59 |
| Ingram | books | 281.32 | Benefits | | 5575.30 |
| IRS | taxes | 4042.37 | Water | | 7480.07 |
| Ipers | pension | 2435.66 | Sewer | | 8998.42 |
| Iroc Web Design | services | 755.00 | Total | | 56524.85 |
| Joe Ward | reimb meals | 44.69 | Revenue by Fund | | |
| Keystone Labs | monthly testing | 254.60 | General | | 101532.50 |
| Kirkwood | basic water distribution | 425.00 | Road Use | | 6356.25 |
| Kwik Star | fuel | 984.56 | Benefits | | 18852.82 |
| Lance Peters | mileage, meal reimb, postage | 263.84 | Emergency | | 2255.01 |
| Malcom Ent | garbage April | 5893.42 | Lost | | 7383.09 |
| Marv Smith Elec | material repair sweeper | 201.73 | Tif | | 50931.98 |
| Marv Smith Elec | firestation sink drain repair | 53.90 | Water | | 11939.60 |
| Matt Bullerman | Matt & Junior meals indepe | 19.84 | Sewer | | 19083.44 |
| Matt Parrott & Sons | receipt books | 218.84 | Total | | 218334.69 |

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to open the public hearing (7:15 P.M.) on the Budget Amendment 10-11. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. The clerk explained the various revenue and expense items covered by the amendment. Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to close the hearing (7:17 P.M.) Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve Resolution # 463 approving the Budget Amendment 2010-2011. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Phillips and Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to open the public hearing on proposed zoning changes to the Calmar Zoning Ordinance. (7:25 P.M.) Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. The clerk briefly explained the proposed changes would add Bed & Breakfast, Tea Rooms and Guest Houses to the R-1 to R-3 housing districts, it would also add provisions for Home Occupations and regulations regarding these home occupations. It also changes the size of signage allowed in residential districts and adds single family dwellings as a permitted use in the I-1 district. The council felt these were good changes. There were no written or oral objections to the proposed ordinance. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to close the public hearing at (7:27 P.M.). Aye: Huinker, Meyer, Phillips and Kleve. Motion by Meyer, second by Kleve to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 350 regarding zoning changes to the Calmar Zoning Ordinance and to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance # 350. Aye: Kleve, Meyer, Huinker and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Fire department report was discussed. Meyer stated that the department had attempted to burn along the trail but the rain came. He also stated that the Calmar Fire Department is fairly unique as almost all the members of the department carry the Firefighter 1 certification. The inoperable fire siren behind the post office was discussed. Matt explained the various places it had been taken to try and get it repaired. Mohawk Electric from New Hampton said it could be sent out east to see if it could be repaired. The transportation would be approximately \$300 and the estimate would be approximately \$3500 with no guarantees. Decorah Electric quoted a new T-128 Siren at \$ 12,299.00. Specifications for this siren appeared to meet our needs. After discussion a motion was made by Huinker, seconded by Kleve to approve the purchase of a new T-128 siren from Decorah Electric at the agreed upon price. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The police department report was discussed. Chief Ward stated that a tie rod in the Explorer needed to be replaced. He also stated that the department participated in the Drug Drop off program on Saturday and that 11# were collected in Calmar and 677# collected county wide.

The street department report was discussed. The summer street department proposal from Blacktop Services was presented and various areas needing repairs discussed. Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve the pricing proposal from Blacktop Services at \$ 88.00 per ton for Asphalt paving, single seal coat at \$1.52 per sq. yard, double seal coat at \$3.04 per sq. yard and milling at \$8.00 per sq. yard. Aye: Huinker, Phillips and Kleve. Nay: Meyer (due to needing clarification regarding proposed seal coating of an alley). Motion carried. The lighting of the little league field was discussed. Matt reported that NICC completed the trenching today and that Voltmer Electric had about 2 days' work yet to complete the project. The clerk reported that various groups and businesses had stated their intention to donate toward the project. These donations will be published in a future newsletter; they will be recognized with newspaper publicity and possibly signage at the facility. The city has received notification from the DOT stating their intention to place a 3" asphalt surface from the intersection of Hwy 24/150/52 north to the intersection of Hwy 52 and 9. This project is scheduled to be let for bid next spring. The City engineer stated we had no issues under this street that needed attention. The city will be responsible for the expenses in the "parking areas" in Calmar. Discussion was held regarding the truck purchased from Astleford International. The clerk has paid \$ 5,000.00 down on this vehicle. The vehicle should be available after July 1, 2011. The sale of the red plow/dump truck was discussed. Junior received a lot of inquires but no offers exceeding the bid from Bruening Rock Products. Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to accept the bid of \$ 20,000 plus \$7500 credit to in kind materials/labor. Aye: Huinker, Meyer and Phillips. Kleve abstained. Motion carried.

The water/wastewater report was discussed. Matt explained the work done on the water tower. During the cleaning process a hole was discovered. This has since been repaired and the interior coating applied. Due to the rust spots on the exterior surface K & W Coating proposed the application of a coat of paint to the exterior of the tower also. This includes touch up of all the rust areas and one coat of paint to the complete exterior of the tower and re-painting of the logo. The clerk explained the interior and exterior was done in 2000 and should we want to change the color of the tower it would have to be completely sandblasted at considerable more expense. This paint application is expected to give us up to 8 years before a complete painting project would be needed. Matt explained that the tower has to remain empty for 10 days after the interior coating was applied (in the meantime they are working on the exterior) then we need to fill the tower, it needs to sit for 24 hours and then we need to run a water sample before water can be used from the tower. Completion is expected by the end of next week. Matt also explained that the hydrant discharging water near the fire station is necessary to act as a "relief valve" when we are pumping direct to the system. The clerk reported the old "curtain" from the sewer plant was sold to Blazek Corporation for \$ 1500.00.

Mayor McCasland stated that the Calmar Industrial Park is in the Calmar City limits and is currently zoned as Ag land. We have not been officially notified yet but it appears that the Calmar Depot is listed on the Nation Register of Historic Places effective March 21, 2011. Mayor McCasland stated that Luther had attended the Winneshiek County Comprehensive Planning meeting held recently. Corey Meyer had also attended and reported briefly on the meeting. The Mayor also reported that Charles Frana was currently working on the paper work and reports necessary to complete the Winneshiek County Gaming Grant report requirements. The lighting at the handicap restroom facility and the lighting of the arch are part of this project and are scheduled to be completed shortly. McCasland also explained complaints regarding Chickens in the city limits and a nuisance property and

the issues there. The clerk stated she had discussed this with the City Attorney and that he could provide us with a sample ordinance regulating these properties similar to what Decorah has. Council agreed to look at an ordinance regulating this problem. The city has a CD due on May 11th. This will be renewed at the going rate. Correspondence was received from Mediacom regarding rate changes. Winneshiek County Recycling sent information stating because of a major increase in recycling participating by everyone in the Calmar area they will be replacing an old original recycling bin with a new one in the near future. It will be much larger and easier to use.

Salary proposals that would be effective July 1, 2011 were presented by Larry Huinker. He had visited with Luther regarding the proposals. Recommended were: Ward & Peters \$ 1.00 per hr.; Elsbernd \$.75 per hour; Kyle Meyer \$.50 per hour; Annie Rude \$.35 per hour and Boyer and Bullerman \$.50 per hour. Motion by Huinker, second by Meyer to approve the proposed salary increases effective July 1, 2011 and to encourage the library board to provide a quality raise for their employees. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk