

October 1, 2012

Prior to the meeting Mary Welch asked if the city shopped around for health insurance. The city does check with our agent regarding plan pricing. He writes for several companies and assures us we have the most cost effective option at this time, but costs can be reduced by changing to plans with different options such as higher deductibles. John Logsdon, Winneshiek County Supervisor introduced himself to the council. He stated that since the census, the boundary lines had changed and he is now representing Calmar Township.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order at the Calmar Fire Station at 7:05 P.M. by Mayor Corey Meyer. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Kleve.

After some discussion a motion was made by Huinker, seconded by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of September 4th and 17th, clerk/treasurer reports, and claims for September 2012). Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Claims September 2012			Napa	supplies	15.57
Acco	supplies	581.00	Calmar Postmaster	postage	326.44
Ahmed Alkhalili	tech support	175.00	Rite Price	toner cartridges	247.76
Alliant	electricity	9937.14	River City Paving	1/2 alley	6127.65
Aramark	monthly uniform	94.64	S & E Sno Cream	supplies Visioning	63.00
Barnes & Noble	books	122.05	South Winn YFL	donation	700.00
Black Hills Energy	gas	786.87	Treas State Ia	STATE TAXES	683.00
Book Look	books	162.36	Triple T	book	135.75
Calmar Courier	publishing	332.35	US Cellular	services	238.16
Century Link	telephone	375.56	Utility Equipment	water metrs	278.13
Croell Redi Mix	concrete	809.50	Walmart	supplies	73.68
Data Tech	reg meeting	95.00	Wellmark	premium	6043.41
Delta Dental	ins reimb	85.00	Wildman Industries	book	25.00
Decorah Newspapers	subscription renewal	35.00	Wiltgen Const	alley	1504.69
Farmers Union	police fuel & service	683.11	Winn. Cty. Engineer	sign posts and sign	671.46
Gunderson Clinic	random drug	51.00	Iowa Workforce	unempl quarterly	914.58
Hawkeye Truck	exhaust bands & pipe	61.69	Payroll		13371.44
Heying Lbr	supplies	69.73	Total		73603.26
Howards Tire	tire repair	30.75	Expenses by Fund		
Hubers Store	pop pool	35.42	General		35992.63
Ingram	books	211.72	Road Use		10781.78
IRS	taxes	4029.06	Benefits		7535.86
Ia Dept. Revenue	sales tx	4091.00	Water		9872.36
Iowa One Call	services	63.80	Sewer		9420.63
Ipers	ipers	2793.34	Total		73603.26
Iroc Web Design	tablets, support	1398.75	Revenue by fund		
John Deere Financial	supplies	182.02	General		36104.32
Keystone Labs	monthly testing	223.10	Road Use		9349.80
Kwik Star	fuel	1386.58	Emergency		853.52
Linda Crossland	reimb	72.60	Benefits		10122.58
Malcom Enterprises	August & Sept.	12432.19	Water		14929.48
Marv Smith	supplies pool	390.08	Sewer		21949.11
Matt Bullerman	phone protection case	44.99	Total		93308.81
Michele Elsbernd	cancellation fee reimb	37.50			
Micromarketing	books	303.64			

Motion by Kleve, second by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 478 providing for issuance of \$ 1,115,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was accepted and discussed. Linus Sabelka stated that the department had jaws training and had one fire call during the month. They purchased a new Toughbook computer which has a program that will tell

the firefighters using the jaws equipment where to safely do cutting on vehicles. Linus also stated that their soup supper and fire truck parade is scheduled for October 7, 2012 in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

The Police Department report was accepted and discussed. The department was busy with several ongoing investigations and several arrests. Officer Peters attended a class on underage drinking held in Decorah. Council members discussed the present 28E agreement with Ossian for police protection. Mayor Meyer will meet with the Ossian mayor to discuss this further.

The Street Department report was accepted and discussed. Junior Boyer stated he had attended the pre-construction meeting for the Highway 24 project that was recently held in New Hampton. The DOT stated they would not bring the re-surfacing into town but would stop at the Calmar Swimming Pool area due to a future trail that would go along this area. Junior and Corey will be in contact with DOT officials to discuss this further as we had previously been lead to believe they would end the project at the Fire Station. Junior also stated that Century Link would be boring from their equipment building on Charles Street to the cell tower on Hwy 52 east of Calmar.

The water/wastewater report was presented. Junior Boyer stated that Municipal Pipe had been in town and jet cleaned the lift stations and cleaned 3,000' of sewer line. Fire Hydrants will be flushed the week of October 1-5th.

Mayor Meyer reported that NICC will be funding the lift station without assistance from the City of Calmar. A statement for out of pocket expenses incurred by the city will be sent to NICC for reimbursement. Corey also stated that City Engineer George Tekippe had spoken up at a recent meeting with DNR regarding cities having to live to a different standard than everyone else. Corey reported he and John Heying had met with Rochelle Howe of UPERC to investigate funding available through the Department of Economic Development. UPERC will be conducting a LMI survey this winter to determine eligibility for grant funding opportunities. He also attended training on "A comprehensive approach to Storm water Management", and a symposium call the "Brain Gain Project" given by Ben Winchester. This symposium had to do with smaller communities gaining residents due to the middle age group with families moving back to the community to provide a simpler and safer place to live to raise their children. Corey announced that the next Visioning meeting was scheduled for October 10, 2012 from 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Corey said that the Calmar Development Corp. will also be conducting a survey to determine the viability of Senior Housing Projects for the area. Corey also attended a recent Waste Management Meeting. Corey shared a letter received from Robert Bucheit, son of Gerald Bucheit.

Chris Wiltgen of the Calmar Commercial Club stated he had met with Dr. Wee from NICC to discuss welcoming new residents to the Calmar Area. They are working on a partnership between NICC and the Commercial Club that may include some type of "Welcome" package. More information will follow and plans progress. Chris also stated that "Christmas in Calmar" was scheduled for December 13th.

George Tekippe, city engineer stated he had climbed the water tower to replace a bulb and found that the paint system on the exterior looked very good with the exception of the addition of one antenna on the top of the tank. The antenna was added by K & S Coatings of Elkader and the antenna base was welded to the tank top within an area of the roof of about 20 inches square with the base and roof showing rust in the immediate area of the welding. He stated when welding on the outside of the tank, the inside (ceiling) of the tank paint coating is probably blistered also and would need to be cleaned to the bare metal, primed and painted. George spoke with Stan Wagner of K & S Coatings and he indicated they will take care of the problem in the spring. Council members discussed cost for loss of water and testing needed when they do the needed repairs.

The City employees' health insurance renewal was discussed. Various options were reviewed. The current plan is increasing 13.2%. The clerk explained that employee benefits are an item that we request property taxes to fund. Should we keep the current plan property taxes would need to be increased next budget year. Members agreed the deductible and various other options needed to be increased to keep the health insurance affordable and to prevent property tax increases as a result. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to approve the Alliance Select Plan W7P/AAA. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Huinker. Motion carried.

The recent audit of the cities books by Hacker, Nelson & Co. P.C. was discussed. The clerk shared the replies that were submitted to the auditor regarding employee benefits, debt service and the depository resolution. The auditing firm will attend a future meeting to review the audit with the city council.

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve Resolution # 479 to update the cities Depository Resolution to ensure compliance in the future. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Kleve. Motion carried.

Members were reminded that the Winneshiek County Supervisors have proclaimed October as Winneshiek County Celebration of Life month. The chairman sent a letter requesting community leaders support this year's event on October 8, 2012 at the Elk's Lodge in Decorah.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Aye; Phillips, Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk