

February 4, 2013

Prior to the meeting Isaac Phillips, Emergency Management Representative stated he had attended the recent meeting with nothing memorable to report. Mayor Meyer reported he had attended the recent Solid Waste Meeting. He learned that Calmar had deposited 1,023 tons of waste in the landfill last year. He also said that the landfill had a 12-14 year life span remaining and that the agency had around 6 million dollars on hand for the closing costs. Discussed briefly was the idea of applying for a grant for recycle tubs for Calmar homeowners to store their recyclables.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:04 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2013 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of the January 7, 2013, clerk/treasurer report, claims and the ABD license for Kwik Star). Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Phillips. Motion carried.

Claims January 2013		Northeast Iowa Tree	services	720.00	
Alliant	utility bill monthly	8006.66	Postmaster	postage, stamps, permit	561.16
Aramark	uniform	120.13	Postville Clinic	ship samples	98.75
Bills Auto	tow per police order	85.00	Reid Hageman	use of lift for Christmas deco	100.00
Black Hills	gas bill	1370.25	Rite Price	supplies	127.63
Book Look	books	247.83	The Iowan	magazine sub	30.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	93.45	Treas State IA	taxes	725.00
Calmar Motors	oil change Charger	28.20	Truck Country	resistor, clamp diaphragm	45.62
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	41.34	US Cellular	monthly bill	344.22
Centurylink	telephone	421.08	Utility Equipment	8 couplings	142.08
City Laundry	soap and towels	220.06	Walmart	library supplies	148.76
City of Decorah	jet sewer	200.00	Wellmark	premium	5435.42
Dan Marx Firearms	supplies	100.00	Wiltgen Const	8 gallons oil	81.60
Delta Dental	insurance reimb	85.00	Winco	road crew	104.20
Farmers Union	fuel police	408.87	Zip's	bulb assembly strobe light	104.63
Hawkins	chemicals	1298.70	Payroll		13879.78
Heying Lbr	supplies	25.02	Total		46288.27
IA Dpt. Insp. & Appeals	gambling licenses	40.00	Claims by fund		
Iamu	safety Jan-March	313.94	General		20919.68
Ingram	books	148.43	Road Use		3177.18
IRS	taxes	4551.83	Benefits		4133.34
IA Mun. Finance Officers	dues	40.00	Water		8351.88
Iowa One Call	services	1.80	Sewer		9706.19
Ipers	ipers	2911.69	Total		46288.27
John Deere Financial	supplies	359.95	Revenue by fund		
Keystone Labs	testing	223.10	General		26798.93
Klimesh Motors	gas can and stabelizer	85.81	Trust		4666.69
Kwik Star	fuel	1538.99	Road Use		7590.20
Marv Smith Elec	thermostat heater	60.43	Benefits		526.67
Michele Elsbernd	sweeper and window film	94.78	Emergency		44.40
Micromarketing	books	50.77	Lost		8820.09
Mid-American Research	siliconized release agent	156.83	Water		16611.58
Mississippi Welders	oxygen welder	25.95	Sewer		26543.54
Napa	mini bar and supplies	283.53	Total		91602.10

The Fire Department report was presented. The department held a training night on January 28, 2013, also Hazmat recertification and several members also attended the County Fire Meeting. The department plans to hold their annual Texas Holdum Tournament on March 23rd. Council was informed on the status of the kitchen remodel project.

The Police Department report was presented. It was reported to be a busy month with officers spending time on several narcotics investigations in both towns. They also spent time on snow removal parking issues in both towns. The department has also applied for a grant to install an in car camera in the Explorer and plans to apply for other grants

thru the Federal System for other needed equipment. Chief Ward stated the Charger would be having the front end damage repaired this week. The vehicle had a small run in with a raccoon.

The Street Department report was presented. Time was spent on snow and ice removal and equipment repair and maintenance. Junior Boyer presented cost figures on a new sander/spreader. This would be used to apply salt on the sidewalks in the winter and apply weed and feed in the summer. He had a price of \$ 450 for metal and \$ 579 for plastic. He will check to compare prices and consult with the street committee. The Calmar Visioning city entrance signage project was discussed briefly. Quotes have been received for the letters and lighting but still need clarification and pricing on various mounting options.

The Water/wastewater report was presented. The annual water/wastewater report was also available for review. Matt explained that Well # 3 is now pumping 300 gpm compared to 341 gpm previously. This could be due to a variety of reasons which could be a hole in the pipe or dirt in the screen. Matt stated that usually wells are pulled and checked every 7-9 years. They are consulting with George Tekippe who will check with Cahoy and get back to Matt for review at the March meeting. Matt also explained the issues with the Natural Gas Generator at the water treatment plant.

Mayor Meyer stated that he is the representative for the Turkey River Watershed Authority. The Iowa Flood Center is providing approximately 6 million in funding for selected areas. He said that Calmar might be chosen for this urban and rural flood management funding. A community meeting will be held on April 4, 2013 at NICC regarding this. More information will be forthcoming via area media. Corey encouraged council members to attend a meeting on February 5, 2013 at Upper Explorerland in Decorah. Discussed will be a possible LMI study and other ways they can help the City accomplish our Visioning goals.

The Mayor has a conflict with the normal scheduled meeting in March. After discussion the date of the March meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station.

Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to set the public hearing for the 2013-2014 budget for February 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Kleve. Motion carried.

The proposed budget amendment for the 2012-2013 budget will be delayed until April or May.

Material on the NLC Service Line Warranty program was presented. The council is receptive to having a representative explain the program when it can be arranged.

The clerk reported that there were three grants submitted to Winneshiek County Community Foundation. For City signage, pool pergola and Explorer in car camera. She also reported that the second installment of \$ 600 from the Black Hills Energy grant had been received.

Insurance Agents from Bushman Insurance and A & J Petersburg will be in attendance at the meeting on February 26th to provide quotes for insurance (these quotes will be for all coverage excluding health insurance).

Information was received from the Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. There are funds available for Calmar residents for home repairs. Residents should contact Upper Explorerland at 563-864-7551 ext. 101 or 106 for more information.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Zweibahmer to adjourn. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk