

## Calmar City Council

April 1, 2013

Prior to the meeting Phil French was present representing the Calmar Little League Committee to request their annual funding donation from the City of Calmar. They need to replace equipment and plan to utilize business advertising signs for further fundraising. The city will contribute the normal amount budgeted for the program this year. Mary Welch also reported on the Winneshiek County Affordable Housing meeting she attended in Decorah on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They have applied for the grant that would fund the Lease-Purchase home for the Calmar site. If funding is received the approval is expected this summer with bid letting for the project by fall and construction beginning the fall of 2013. The clerk reported she had attended the area clerk's meeting in Postville recently. John Danos, bonding and TIF Attorney with Dorsey and Whitney in Des Moines was the guest speaker. Isaac Phillips thanked the city on behalf of the Commercial Club for the pool passes that were inserted as prizes at the recent Easter Egg Hunt.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:10 P.M. on Monday, April 1, 2013. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Phillips, Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka and Kleve.

After inquiry regarding the ABD license and discussion regarding several claims, a motion was made by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to approve the Consent Agenda (agenda, minutes of February 26, 2013, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for March 2013 and approval of the ABD license for Calmar Can & Beverage). Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Phillips. Motion carried.

Claims March 2013			Micromarketing	audio books on cd	32.95
Alliant	monthly electricity	7855.03	Neals Auto Body	wiring harness	30.00
Aramark	uniform	89.61	Penworthy	childrens books	50.36
Barnes & Noble	books	32.40	Postmaster	postage water bills	146.68
Black Hills	gas	1540.24	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	33.75
Cahoy Pump	pump # 4	8415.00	Richard Zahasky	legal consultation fees	415.65
Calmar Commercial Club	membership 2013 dues	75.00	Rite Price Office	repair copy machine ww	199.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	575.64	Rite Price	supplies, copier cabinet	255.66
Calmar Motors	service and repair	595.12	Rite Price	cartridge library	89.00
Center Pt.Lg. Print	large print books	82.68	Sam's Club	membership	35.00
Centurion	maintenance fee	50.00	Schueth Ace	carmel corn supplies	125.00
Century Link	telephone 2 months	850.18	Sim's	supplies	1327.41
City of Calmar	reimburse pc, postage	16.70	Storey Kenworthy	newsletter paper	77.50
Culligan	seasonal service fd	38.00	Swcag	donation fireworks	500.00
Data Technologies	softwear meeting 4-14	95.00	Treas State Ia	state taxes	401.00
Decorah Electric	parts and labor	810.38	Treas State Ia	sales tax	3103.00
Decorah Tire	tire and mounting, stem	91.31	Treas State IA	sales tax	376.00
Delta Dental	insurance reimbursable	148.00	Upstart	office supplies	17.50
Demco	supplies	585.66	US Cellular	telephone 2 months	344.22
Des Moines Stamp	stamps	140.50	Vick's Plmb	black pipe	4.65
Electric Pump	parts flouride pump	266.03	Walmart	supplies Library Ipad cases	193.73
Farmers Union Co-Op	fuel	602.31	Wellmark	[re,oi,	5435.42
Hach	testing chemicals	286.05	Wiltgen	snowplow repair	130.00
Heying Lumber	sander	5.52	Winco	road crew ice melt	60.20
IAMU	Registration ccr	80.00	Woodlands & Prairies	renew subscription	29.00
IAMU	dues	456.51	Payroll March		14074.74
Ingaram	books	222.84	Total		70518.18
IRS	taxes, ssn, med	4817.25	Claims By Fund		
Interstate Power Systems	battery charger sewer plant	1229.60	General		29064.04
IDNR	exam fee	30.00	Road Use		3112.21
IA Dept. Public Health	pool registration renewal	70.00	Benefits		6473.62
Iowa Workforce	quarterly unempl	169.21	Water		20565.83
IPERS	lprs Feb & March	2997.42	Sewer		11302.48
Iroc Web Design	services	408.75	Total		70518.18
John Deere Financial	salt, supplies	121.85	Revenue by fund		
Dennis Boyer	locks, meal, spreader	863.32	General		23609.88
Keystone Labs	testing	222.20	Road Use		10267.47
Kwik Star	fuel	1599.22	Benefits		3035.12
Linda Crossland	supplies directors dialogue	19.18	Emergency		255.93
Malcom	garbage March	6205.83	Lost		7743.67
Marv Smith Elec	supplies	44.91	Water		19631.43
Matt Bullerman	reimb meals	16.31	Sewer		28288.62
Michelel Elsbernd	reimburse Ward boots	210.00	Total		92831.12

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to open the public hearing on the 2012-2013 Budget Amendment. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried. There were no written comments or objections submitted. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to close the hearing. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve Resolution # 482 approving the 2012-2013 Budget Amendment. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Sabelka, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was presented for the months of February and March. The report included their monthly activities including training, calls and their fundraiser. Sam reported they had updated their kitchen equipment, new dryer and video equipment. The fire siren located downtown has been repaired and is now operational should severe weather occur. The siren will sound daily at 6:00 P.M. and will be tested with the other sirens during fire department meeting/training nights.

Police Chief Joe Ward presented their report for the months of February and March. He reported that the department had been granted funding thru the Community Foundation for the in car camera needed in the Explorer. The camera has been purchased and would be installed shortly. He also stated that they had been dealing with several juvenile issues in both cities and were involved in numerous court cases. The department will be "stepping up" their surveillance in certain areas due to citizen concerns.

The street department report was discussed for the months of February and March. Junior reported the normal snow plowing, sanding and sidewalk cleaning work along with the filling of pot holes and their attendance at safety meetings to maintain OSHA compliance. Welcome to Calmar signs and the trees in the park were discussed briefly.

The water/wastewater report for the months of February and March were reviewed. The average gallons pumped daily was briefly discussed, if the amount averages over \$ 100,000 daily we may be required to obtain a Grade II water certification. Matt reported the NICC lift station project had been let for bids and the project would begin shortly.

Mayor Meyer reported funding had been received from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation for all three grants submitted. The Depot Outlet had also donated \$ 1,000 toward needed equipment at the swimming pool. The mayor also announced that he will be instituting a process of annual reviews for all departments in the near future. The LMI Survey that will be conducted shortly was discussed, training will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 P.M. at the Fire Station with the survey to be completed during the month of April. Mayor Meyer mentioned the Grand Opening scheduled for the NICC Business Center. The Governor is scheduled to attend and he encouraged council members to participate also. The Turkey River Watershed will hold a public meeting at the auditorium at NICC on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The Turkey River Watershed represents 35 communities. Calmar is one of the communities at the headwaters of the Turkey River and that could benefit the city long term. He along with Sam and Larry will be meeting with NICC to discuss how the Calmar Development, Calmar Commercial Club, the City of Calmar and NICC can partner to enhance business development in Calmar.

George Tekippe was present. They are now owned by Fehr-Graham Engineering and are requesting a new water advisory contract due to that name change. He explained the city is only billed on a time worked basis as in the past. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve the Water Advisory Contract with Fehr-Graham Engineering. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

It was reported that the Calmar Zoning Commission had met, held a public hearing and is recommending to the Calmar City Council that the property at 201 N. Melden be rezoned from R-1 to C-1 at the request of property owner Ben Rustad. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to set the date for the public hearing regarding the change to the Calmar Code of Ordinances that would zone property at 201 N. Melden from R-1 to C-1 for May 6, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve a 28E Agreement between the City of Calmar and Winneshiek County. (This would allow the city to ask the county to require delinquent parking tickets are collected before vehicle registration can be obtained). Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried.

A request was received from South Winneshiek regarding a post-prom donation. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to donate \$ 100.00 to the South Winneshiek Post Prom Committee. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Phillips. Motion carried.

Salaries will be discussed after the employee reviews.

ADA compliance issues were discussed. The Iowa DOT requires all intersections to be ADA compliant before they will do improvements to the highway within the city limits. The City of Calmar has contacted the DOT requesting a meeting to determine what needs to be done to meet this requirement. George Tekippe stated that many times their (DOT) standards change even in the middle of existing projects and it is difficult to pin them down to what is really required. Funding will need to be obtained to be able to do any of these extensive renovations. At last report the city had 15 intersections that needed attention.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Phillips and Huinker. Motion carried.

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Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk