

# COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## City of Calmar • May 1, 2023

### MINUTES CALMAR CITY COUNCIL May 1, 2023

Mayor Frana called the meeting to order at 5:28 P.M. on May 1, 2023, at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Kleve, Schissel, Kirkeberg, Sabelka and Gerlich. Also present were Mayor Frana, Michele Elsbernd, Don Wurtzel, Junior Boyer, Mike Hohenbrink, Steve Kelsay, Marta Kelsay, Ana Islas, Jamie Vera, Chad Schissel, Bill Klimesh and Heather Engelhardt.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to approve the agenda, minutes of April 2, clerk/treasurer reports, and claims for April 2023 and the cigarette permit for Dollar General. Aye: Kleve, Schissel, Kirkeberg, Sabelka & Gerlich. Motion carried. Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to approve the cigarette permit for Kwik Star. Aye: Kleve, Schissel, Sabelka & Gerlich. Kirkeberg abstained. Motion carried.

#### Claims April 2023

Acentek, sewer internet .....	34.90
Alliant, monthly utility .....	7,173.77
American Legion, 40 x \$15 ...	600.00
BH, monthly utility bill .....	1,978.04
Book Look, books .....	150.92
Brueing, spot patcher-3/8 chi .....	713.46
Calmar Motors, oil change joe .....	71.69
Center Pointe Lg Print, books ...	46.74
Centurylink, sewer phone alarm .....	93.52
City Laundry, uniforms-2 months .....	492.56
City of Decorah, leak on webster st .....	150.00
Copy Systems, 3/8/23-4/7/23 off .....	90.72
Croell, pool shed .....	2,358.00
Decorah Electric, tower and wwtwp .....	4,095.36
Decorah Tech, cameras @ sw ins .....	187.50
Display Sales, 2trees \$453,2cc .....	

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Dollar General, batteries,poster.....	78.25
Don's Truck Sales, street sweeper .....	160.00
Hawkins, azone,freight,jpc.....	2,231.43
lamu, apr-jun 2023 .....	471.00
lrs, fed/fica tax .....	5,557.40
lpers, ipers.....	4,023.89
John Deere Financial, sweeper,fire dept do .....	173.44
Microbac Lab, monthly testing .....	51.00
Kwik Star, fuel .....	1,795.10
Linda Crossland, \$13 x 7.72hrs library .....	100.75
Malcom, gb and gf .....	7,658.78
Micromarketing, books .....	519.38
Mid-American Pub, minutes..	587.18
Midwest Geographical, mapping ....	1,813.75
Mienergy Coop, lighting 175th.....	69.88
Mississippi Welders, master elec ice hard .....	226.28
Napa, sweeper hose,w gen ...	155.01
Northeast Iowa Metalworks, cst loader-clam bucket .....	389.53
Postmaster, 548 x .394 waterbills...	215.92
Pro-earth Environmental, mulch 6 x 38 red .....	228.00
Safety X-treme, icap grant 2023 signs .....	1,957.05
Sandy Fire, scba testing ...	1,173.00
Scheels, 2 hoops-grant.....	4,400.00
Shimak Surveying, well house driveway .....	800.00
Drew Stevenson, 2 maples wash ...	2,500.00
Eurofins Environment Tes, sewer testing .....	1,597.50
The Warrior Wash, joe.....	95.75
Treasurer State of IA, state tax.....	762.81
Truck Country, fire dept trucks .....	2,233.55
Utility Equip, 2x17radio.....	2,803.17
Verizon, cell phone and office.....	326.88
Visa, flag poles,time clock...1.905.40	
Wellmark, monthly premium .....	7,971.36

Ziegler, lens-cat loader .....	19.21
Payroll April.....	19,305.83
Total .....	95,506.66

#### Claim by Fund

General .....	53,585.00
Road Use .....	2,966.20
Benefits .....	5,807.60
Water .....	16,216.22
Sewer .....	16,931.68
Total .....	95,506.70

#### Revenue by Fund

General .....	204,608.25
Road Use .....	12,602.39
Benefits .....	30,394.05
Emergency .....	3,585.49
Lost .....	11,485.24
Tif .....	18,235.27
Debt .....	20,440.54
Water .....	20,330.49
Sewer .....	33,679.02
Total .....	355,360.74

The 203 North Iowa Street temporary project was discussed. Ana Islas and Jamie Vera answered questions. The council requested they contact the landlord and that he provides a written statement indicating he has no problem with this project being constructed on his property. The council indicated it would probably be approved providing the statement was received and the tenants agree that the project be removed from the property before December 1, 2023. Final approval was tabled.

Motion by Kirkeberg, second by Schissel to approve the building/fence permit for Dan Gerleman. Aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Kirkeberg to approve the building/fence permit for Pam Drucker. Aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried.

The location of the electric vehicle charging station was discussed. Committee members Sabelka and Gerlich recommended two possible locations. Motion by Gerlich, second by Sabelka to locate the charging station at the east end of

the parking lot south of the Hotel. Mayor Frana opened the public hearing on the amendment to the 2022-2023 budget. There were no written or oral comments or questions, and the mayor closed the hearing. Motion by Schissel, second by Kirkeberg to approve Resolution # 680 approving the 2022-2023 budget amendment. Roll call vote-aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried. Motion by Sabelka, second by Kleve to approve Resolution # 681 authorizing funds to be transferred prior to June 30, 2023. Roll call vote-aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried. Motion by Kirkeberg, second by Schissel to approve Resolution # 682 approving and naming official city depositories. Roll call vote-aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried. Salaries for city employees effective July 1, 2023 were discussed. Committee recommended a salary increase of \$ 1.00 per hour for City Clerk Sheila Bullerman. Motion by Gerlich, second by Sabelka to approve \$ 1.00 per hour increase for the City Clerk. Aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried. The public safety committee did not have a recommendation for a salary increase for the police chief, this was tabled until the June meeting. The fire department report and police department reports were in the packet. Junior Boyer updated members on the status of the proposed slide at the Calmar Swimming Pool. The Iowa Department of Public Health required that an engineer sign off on the installation. The City Engineer stated that he could not approve the installation and he didn't think any other engineer would approve either due to liability issues. Junior

Boyer will try and sell to someone for a non-commercial installation. Junior Boyer reported that the fence has been installed at the Pickleball court and painting and net installation will be complete shortly. Also discussed was the possibility of installing the same fencing behind the basketball goals.

Heather Engelhart, Calmar Pool Manager stated that she has scheduled pool cleaning for May 13th and opening day will be May 29th. She has 19 guards hired and many lessons already scheduled. She stated that Heather Ward will be conducting monthly training for pool staff and that Heather Ward has recently become CPO certified.

Don Wurtzel, Economic Development Director stated that Tos Dos Amigos Mexican Restaurant opened on May 1st. Wurtzel reported the yearly grant was submitted to the Winneshiek County Landfill, the grant for the pickleball court has been received, the new basketball hoops are here that were purchased with a grant from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation, and that he had no update on the Walmart grant.

It was noted that the city is updating policies as required to secure grant funding for new sirens.

Nuisance properties were discussed and letters will be sent to properties not already undergoing abatement.

Steve Kelsay stated that paving 175th Street will start the week of May 8th and asked if the council had any questions or concerns.

Motion by Kleve, second by Kirkeberg to adjourn. Aye: Schissel, Kleve, Sabelka, Gerlich and Kirkeberg. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

*Keith Frana, Mayor*  
*ATTEST:*  
*Michele Elsbernd*