

City of Calamus
 Minutes of the City Council Meeting
 301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
 September 6th, 2023

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present included; Buckner, Leibold, Sprague, Reed and Mayor Goettsch. Member Griebel was absent.

Motion by Leibold, second by Buckner to accept and approve the Consent Agenda including the agenda, minutes, financial report, FY23 Outstanding Debt Report and the following detailed claims resolution, Ayes All.

Vendor	Detail	Amount	Check#
Agvantage FS	Diesel Fuel	\$718.72	13130
Alliant Energy	Utilities	\$13.56	13131
Brubaker, Flynn, & Darland	Legal Fees	\$1,030.00	13132
Calamus Country Store	Fuel	\$505.39	13133
Chemsearch	Chemicals	\$175.00	13134
Clinton Co. Sheriff	28E Contract	\$1,143.00	13148
D. Kalfas	Siren Rental	\$50.00	13135
Davisson Tiling LLC	Curb Box Items	\$10.80	13136
ECIA	Grant Application	\$500.00	13121
EFTPS	Federal Withholding	\$1,665.71	15136604
FTSB	Recycling Loan Fee	\$132.51	15136614
GIS Benefits	Life Insurance	\$8.60	13128
IA Pump Works	Serv Agreement	\$1,908.00	13137
IPERS	Ipers withholding	\$843.52	15136605
J&R Supply	Sfty Clth & Mtr Cpls	\$863.80	13138
John Deere Financial	Oil/Blade/Bttry/supp	\$192.99	15136617
Little Bit	Tax Abatement Signs	\$342.00	13122
Manatt's Inc	Equip/Supply 193	\$439.60	13139
Mid-Amer Res Chemical	Chemicals	\$1,281.34	13140
M. Conner	Cell/Web Stipend	\$61.00	13141
Menards	Concrte seal,supply	\$408.88	13142
M. Lacey	Cell Stipend	\$25.00	13143
Morrisey Trim	193 2nd St	\$4,123.89	13127
QC Analytical	Testing	\$177.00	13144
Republic Services	Garbage	\$3,467.32	13145
Rinker	Storm Sewer FB	\$2,052.00	13129
Spahn & Rose Lumber Co.	193 2nd St Supplies	\$7,458.54	13146
Treasurer State of IA	Water Excise Tax	\$490.24	15136610
VISA	Arlo Cameras	\$19.25	15136619
Water Services LLC	Aug Affidavit	\$500.00	13120
Water Services LLC	Sept Affidavit	\$500.00	13147
Wellmark BCBS	Health Ins	\$699.76	15136618
W.Burgos	Wages	\$1,070.00	

M. Conner	Wages	\$1,800.00
J. Jones	Wages	\$347.50
M. Lacey	Wages	\$3,562.50

<u>Account</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
General	\$4,408.76	\$18,792.17
Road Use	\$5,131.46	\$1,846.74
Employee Benefits	\$0.00	\$699.62
Water	\$8,804.52	\$9,185.18
Sewer	\$7,509.28	\$1,394.39
Garbage	\$3,244.26	\$4,020.92
Recycling	\$0.00	\$160.15
Total	\$29,098.28	\$36,099.17

Public Comment: One citizen attended to obtain clarification about the tax rate.

The tax rate was discussed to clarify that the City Council does not set property valuations. The City Council does set the property tax levy rate, which was set at a lower rate than the prior year in addition to the total tax dollars levied were less than the max property tax dollars that were available to be levied. The City of Calamus has one of the lower property tax levy rates in comparison to several communities within the county.

There are 20 water meters left to install.

Motion by Leibold, second by Sprague to authorize a certified notice to abate nuisances to be sent to 104 Railroad Street. Ayes; All.

The City applied for and was awarded a grant in the amount of \$24,999.00 from the ECIA Housing Trust Fund program to use towards the C-W Hometown pride home donation project.

Motion by Buckner, second by Reed to authorize Creekview addition lot #4 to be utilized to have the home donated by C-W Hometown pride to be moved onto a foundation at the lot, and to be listed to be sold in the future by Curtis Dosland Realtor to a prospective buyer who will be required to meet the LMI 80% guideline at the time per the ECIA housing Trust Fund program requirements. Ayes; All. Estimates for the house moving and foundation will be added to the October 2nd, 2023 agenda.

Resolution No. 23-32 Accepting House Donation was introduced by Leibold with a second by Sprague. Roll Call: Sprague- Aye, Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Leibold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Resolution No. 23-33 Accepting ECIA Grant in the amount of \$24,999.00 was introduced by Reed with a second by Leibold. Roll Call: Sprague- Aye, Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Leibold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Reports: The Mayor will be attending a “Homes for Iowa” tour in September. Future welcome signs were discussed and if grants may be available for a sign project. Mayor Goettsch discussed the potential for a future annexation of the Minor property depending on future road maintenance requirements. The City Clerk will review the 28E agreement with the County for road maintenance agreements. 193 2nd Street is making good progress and grant receipts will be submitted to begin requesting reimbursement. Additional fitness equipment was donated to the fitness center. C-W Fun days had a good turn out and Mayor Goettsch thanked the Public Works employees for their assistance. M. Lacey reported two benches were donated to the City and thanked Mayor Goettsch for all of his volunteer hours assisting in the community and with grants. The City Clerk reported the City election papers are available online at <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections>. Election forms can be turned into the City Clerk on Wednesday September 13th from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. or by submitting the forms to Mike Lacey. The deadline to file nomination papers is September 21st by 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Buckner, second by Reed to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday October 2nd, 2023. The meeting will be held at 301 2nd St, Calamus, IA 52729.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Melissa Conner, City Clerk

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