

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

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included; Buckner, Sprague, Griebel and Mayor Goettsch. Members Reed and Leibold were absent.

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Check #</u>
Alliant Energy	193 2nd St Utilities	\$27.71	13188
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Brubaker, Flynn, & Darland	Legal Services	\$480.00	13189
Calamus Country Store	Fuel	\$652.98	13190
Certasite	Inspection	\$271.17	13191
Chemsearch	Chemicals	\$175.00	13192
Choice Plumbing Heating	Furnace & AC Hall	\$6,710.57	13193
Clinton Co. Sheriff	28E Police	\$1,143.00	13194
D. Kalfas	Siren Rental	\$50.00	13195
Davisson Tiling	Brass plug	\$6.72	13196
Duke Rentals	193 2nd St	\$5,046.75	13197
EFTPS	Federal W/H	\$1,711.20	15136635
F&B Communications	Utilities	\$165.51	15136638
FTSB	Recycling Trailer	\$132.11	15136639
FTSB	NSF UB Customer	\$10.70	15136640
FTSB	Printer Paper/Supplies	\$141.11	15136642
Gworks	Simplicity Software	\$2,805.00	13198
Harry's Farm & Tire	Repairs	\$139.25	13199
IA UnEmp Report	Ins Filing Fee	\$35.00	15136648
IAMU	Dues	\$291.00	13210
IPERS	Pension W/H	\$875.65	15136636
J&R Supply	Riser/Cover	\$570.25	13200
John Deere Financial	Supplies	\$178.73	15136644
Little Bit	Signs	\$86.79	13201
M. Conner	Cell Stipend & Web	\$61.00	13202
Menards	City Hall Supplies	\$21.91	13203
M. Lacey	Cell Stipend	\$25.00	13204
Morrissey Trim	193 2nd St Labor	\$7,875.00	13184
Observer	Publications	\$209.10	13205
QC Analytical	Testing	\$25.00	13206
Republic Services	Dumpster	\$57.78	15136646
Republic Services	Garbage Pickup	\$1,854.46	15136647
Spahn & Rose Lumber	193 2nd St Supplies	\$6,999.29	13211
Treasurer State of IA	Q3-Q4 Wet Tax	\$1,067.37	15136650

Treasurer State of IA	Q3 State WH Tax	\$856.19	Epayments
Trionfo	Life Ins	\$23.60	15136637
US Cellular	Tablet	\$19.49	13207
UECO	Water Meter Supplies	\$597.00	13208
Visa	Arlo Cameras	\$19.25	15136651
Water Services LLC	Affidavit Operator	\$500.00	13209
Wellmark BCBS	Health Insurance	\$699.76	15136645
W. Burgos	Oct Wages	\$1,165.00	
M. Conner	Oct Wages	\$1,800.00	
M. Lacey	Oct Wages	\$3,766.75	

**October 2023**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>
General	\$42,706.98	\$24,691.96
Road Use	\$2,997.63	\$1,967.25
Employee Benefits	\$4,448.69	\$622.91
Water	\$8,851.63	\$4,762.54
Sewer	\$7,383.30	\$1,791.40
Garbage	\$3,212.82	\$382.20
<u>Recycling</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$408.81</u>
Totals	\$69,601.05	\$38,057.07

Public Comment: Mr. Fielding attended to discuss his interest in possibly pursuing building RV Storage units on an acre of City owned property and interest in the city's 10 year no property tax program. Mr. Fielding's proposal will be added to the December agenda.

All water meters are installed.

Creekview Lot #4 foundation quote- tabled.

Creekview Lot #4 House moving quote- tabled.

Creekview Lot #4 Wire Moving quote from REC was reviewed.

The junk items complaint was determined to be valid by the nuisance committee. A certified letter will be issued providing 10 days to abate or respond.

Resolution No. 23-27 Complaint Policy was updated to remove the Public Works Superintendent as a member of the nuisance committee and add a 2nd council person appointed by the Mayor in addition to removing the requirement for the public works department to take additional photos. Resolution No. 23-27 was introduced by Buckner, with a second by Sprague. Roll Call: Buckner- Aye, Sprague- Aye, Griebel- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Part-Time employee Performance Review was not introduced in closed session.

Motion by Sprague, second by Griebel to authorize an end of year bonus to W. Burgos in the amount of \$275.00. Ayes; All.

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to authorize an end of year bonus to M. Lacey in the amount of \$1,500.00. Ayes; All.

Motion by Sprague, second by Buckner to authorize an end of year bonus to M. Conner in the amount of \$750.00. Ayes; All.

Resolution No. 23-28 Setting Wages provides a \$1.50 raise to W. Burgos sets the wage at \$11.50 per hour effective Nov 6th 2023 through June 30th 2024.

Resolution No. 23-28 was introduced by Griebel with a second by Buckner. Roll Call: Sprague-Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

The part time/seasonal employee hours will be up to 20 hrs weekly however if the need arises the hours may go up to 30 hrs per week with a maximum of 389 hours per quarter.

The Annexation will be put on hold to allow time for all interested parties to review the options.

Motion by Sprague, second by Griebel to request the City Attorney file a petition for the title to abandoned property at 104 Railroad Street Parcel ID # 4200920000 citing no action steps taken by the property owner to abate the property as detailed in the letter sent and increasing hazards at the property. Ayes; All.

Motion by Griebel second by Sprague to approve Resolution No. 23-29 FY23 AFR. Roll Call: Sprague- Aye, Griebel- Aye, Buckner- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Reports: Mayor Goettsch reported progress on 193 2nd street and thanked the Public Works Department for getting the water meters completed, and handling the water main break in a timely manner. The City was awarded a grant from Theisens in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the fitness center. Public Works Superintendent Lacey reported the dumpster filled up quickly and will be getting a second dumpster to continue to allow citizens to utilize them for clean up. The library door is installed. Lacey plans to be on vacation Nov 13th through Nov 17th. Thank you to the part time employee for helping with the water meters and fitness center.

Motion by Buckner, second by Sprague to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday December 4th, 2023. The meeting will be held at 301 2nd St, Calamus, IA 52729.

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Lance Goettsch, Mayor

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Melissa Conner, City Clerk

“These minutes are not official minutes until approved by the City Council”