

City of Calamus  
 Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
 301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729  
 December 2nd 2024

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

Motion by Buckner, second by Sprague to approve the consent agenda including the following detail resolution: Ayes; All.

<b>VENDORS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CHECK #</b>
AGVANTAGE FS	FUEL	\$ 849.85	13719
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 1,851.71	15136842
ALLIANT ENERGY	193 2ND ST FINAL BILL	\$ 18.79	15136843
ALLIANT ENERGY	102 CREEK RD UTILITIES	\$ 26.09	15136844
ALLIANT ENERGY	ACCT#0942337353	\$ 498.57	15136849
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 17.99	15136850
ANDRESEN LANDSCAPING	FINAL BILL TREES DNR GRANT	\$ 1,562.90	13720
B & J ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL WORK SIREN	\$ 36.00	13721
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	FUEL	\$ 390.51	13722
CCASWA	RECYCLING	\$ 11.88	13723
CITY OF GRAND MOUND	W2 SUPPLIES	\$ 60.17	13724
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	28E SHERIFF	\$ 1,186.80	13725
CLINTON COUNTY TREASURER	B JOHNSON FILING FEE	\$ 95.00	13726
DAN KALFAS	FINAL SIREN PAYMENT	\$ 50.00	13727
EASTERN IOWA OVERHEAD DOOR	102 CREEK RD	\$ 950.00	13728
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 2,269.56	15136837

FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	NSF FEE	\$ 10.00	15136852
FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	SCHULTZ PIERCE CHECK	\$ 300.00	15136853
GWORKS	SOFTWARE SIMPLICITY GWORKS	\$ 5,400.00	13729
HAWKINS, INC	CHEMICALS	\$ 1,222.38	13730
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	CF0794R-WRR BOND PMNT	\$ 7,903.20	15136845
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SW BOND	\$ 358.75	15136846
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 18.90	13731
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 994.18	15136838
IRWA	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 305.00	13732
J&K CONSTRUCTION	102 creek rd	\$ 9,715.00	13733
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	\$ 455.33	15136839
LANCE GOETTSCH	FLAG HOLDERS REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 21.38	13734
MAHER CONCRETE	RAMP AND SIDEWALK 193 2ND ST	\$ 5,250.00	13735
MELISSA CONNER	CELL AND WEB STIPEND	\$ 76.00	13736
MENARDS	102 CREEK RD	\$ 233.28	13737
MICHAEL EDWARD DUNLAVEY	A ANDERSON GRAVE SERVICE	\$ 375.00	13738
MIKE LACEY	CELL STIPEND	\$ 40.00	13739
THE OBSERVER	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 391.81	13740
PER MAR SECURITY SERVICES	FITNESS CENTER AUREON SETUP	\$ 665.46	13697
PK MIDWEST	PARTS	\$ 23.94	13741
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	TESTING	\$ 25.00	13742

RACHEL STRUVE	CLEANING AND INS	\$ 232.00	13743
REPUBLIC SERVICES	REPUBLIC GA CONTRACT	\$ 4,320.62	13744
SIMMERING-CORY	CODIFICATION ORD 24-01 AND 02	\$ 305.00	13745
TEAM LAB	CHEMICALS	\$ 1,000.00	13746
TRACY GASPER	PARK LANDSCAPING	\$ 112.50	13747
TRIONFO	LIFE INS	\$ 23.60	15136851
USPS	POSTAGE UBS	\$ 100.80	13718
US CELLULAR	TABLET SERVICE	\$ 34.49	13748
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO	20 ENDPOINTS 5 SHUT OFFS	\$ 7,635.73	13749
VISA	TREE SUPPLIES/WATERING	\$ 1,249.94	15136847
VISA	FITNESS CENTER WIPES	\$ 219.21	15136848
WATER SERVICES LLC	WA AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	\$ 500.00	13750
WELLMARK BC/BS OF IOWA	PW HEALTH INS	\$ 742.00	15136841

**WAGES**

M.Conner	Nov Wages & EOY Compensation	\$2,613.00
C. Dehoet	Nov Wages	\$243.75
M. Lacey	Nov Wages & EOY Compensation	\$5,957.16
S. Mickelson	Nov Wages	\$840.00
R. Minor	Nov Wages	\$206.25
T. Oldsen	Nov Wages	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,910.16</b>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
General	\$19,497.45	\$26,416.81
Road Use	\$4,670.51	\$3,189.15
Employee Benefits	\$1,190.29	\$2,553.61
Water	\$4,234.85	\$10,165.59
Sewer	\$1,985.53	\$7,688.37
Garbage	\$153.86	\$3,238.64
Recycling	\$1,012.28	\$399.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,744.77</b>	<b>\$53,651.31</b>

Public Comment: None.

No disconnect appeals received.

Motion by Sprague, second by Buckner to approve the Calamus Country Store Iowa Abd License #LE0004172. Ayes; All.

Motion by Sprague, second by Griebel to approve the Calco Iowa Abd License #LC0046101 and donate the licensing fee back to the Calco. Ayes; All.

Motion by Sprague, second by Griebel to offer the full time employee a health insurance stipend in the amount of \$734.82 per month. The employee is required to submit monthly proof of health insurance coverage with another carrier to be eligible for the reimbursement. The stipend is not an Ipers covered wage. The stipend is taxable income. The City Clerk will check into a pre-tax benefit option. A review at the January 6th, 2025 meeting will be to determine if Lacey has Dental coverage and if the stipend amount will be adjusted. The city will request the current health insurance coverage to be cancelled effective January 1st, 2025. The stipend will be issued on the last payroll of each month, starting with January 2025, after proof of coverage is provided by the employee. Ayes; All.

The city will be updating the Chapter 404 Urban Revitalization Plan Docs to meet any updates provided in HF718.

The voluntary annexation of farmland into city limits for parcel # 4004850000 is tabled.

A letter will be issued to 204 Grove Street requesting a building permit be completed.

There are 18 invalid meter reads. New endpoints have been ordered and received. The public works department will be working to update or exchange any meters with invalid reads.

The public works superintendent is working on obtaining his water and wastewater certifications. A class was cancelled today but is rescheduled to next week.

102 Creek Road is planned to be ready to be listed in January 2025, if not sooner.

Paymentus is live and ready to take city payments from citizens for items such as utility bills, fitness center memberships, permits, etc. The link to pay is available at [www.calamusia.org](http://www.calamusia.org).

The warning siren agreement will be ending. The city will send a letter reminding the owner of the upcoming agreement ending and the siren's removal.

Resolution 24-46: Declaration prioritizing downtown improvements for safety and for encouraging full utilization of buildings was introduced by Sprague with a second by Buckner. Council member Griebel abstained due to a conflict of interest due to owning a property eligible for the catalyst grant application. Roll Call: Sprague- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Abstain.

Resolution 24-47: Approve funds for community catalyst building remediation grant was introduced by Sprague with a second by Buckner. Council member Griebel abstained due to a conflict of interest due to owning a property eligible for the catalyst grant application. Roll call: Sprague-Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Abstain. The resolution commits \$1,000.00 towards the program in FY26.

Reports: The holiday lights look nice and projects are being finished up-Lacey was thanked for his work. The sheriff's office was contacted regarding a livestock trailer issue near 4th and Grove. A section 105B plan will be checked into for health insurance benefits. Vendors will be contacted to ask that they update the City Clerk to Melissa Conner and remove the prior clerks.

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Ayes; All. The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday January 6th, 2025. The meeting will be held at 301 2nd St, Calamus, IA 52729.

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Lance Goetsch, Mayor

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Melissa Conner, City Clerk

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