

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
March 30, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present included; Buckner, Miller, Levien(phone), Sprague and Griebel.

Motion by Miller, Buckner to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All.

Public Comment: Citizen asked for a copy of the 2/5/26 agenda and asked about financials not posted on the website, clerk will do best to be sure this is included with the minutes. Wesley Church asked about a garbage/recycle fee since they don't set it out. The city will provide them with a garbage & recycling bin since they did not have one. A complaint was brought up about speeding on Grove St. The City Clerk called the Sheriff's department and had a speeding sign set up on Grove St.

1. April 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM was time set for a public hearing to adopt the FY27 budget. Written & oral comments will be taken at this time.
2. Discussion on raising utility rates and setting a sewer debt fee to offset the State Revolving Sewer loan currently in place. Clerk will look into the loan amount and put some figures for a sewer debt fee.
3. Discussion on a building permit for Henry Ketelaar. M/S, Sprague, Miller to approve the shed portion of the permit and will need building materials & a blueprint that is engineered for the deck. All Ayes.
4. Discussion on Calco receiving a utility bill from the city. M/S, Miller, Levien. Roll call: Miller, Levien & Sprague, Ayes. Buckner & Griebel, Nay. Motion passes to begin utilities April 1st.
5. M/S, Sprague, Griebel on 5 year agreement with DOT roads. All Ayes.
6. M/S, Sprague, Buckner to approve Calco liquor license. All Ayes. M/S, Sprague, Miller to approve liquor license for Buck's Corner, All Ayes, Griebel abstained from the vote.
7. M/S, Buckner, Miller to approve Resolution 26-07; Transfer of funds. All Ayes.
8. M/S, Miller, Sprague to approve Resolution 26-08; certify unpaid mowing to county. All Ayes.
9. Discussion on projects around town; clean up bushes in Veteran's park, handicap ramp at fitness center, new doors at the park, flag pole lights for Main St and basketball hoops at the park.
10. Discussion on space above the city hall building. For now, will go through fitness equipment with Lance and look to sell. Will organize and use it for storage going forward.
11. Discussion on past due utility accounts and needing to shut off services. M/S, Miller, Levin to shut these properties off and going forward adhering to our City Ordinance and shutting off. All Ayes.
12. M/S, Miller, Sprague to donate a 1 year fitness membership to the Heather Chance memorial/benefit. All Ayes.

Mayor report:

Clerk report:

Motion by Buckner, second by Miller to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Ayes; All.

FY27 Budget Adoption Public Hearing begins at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 27, 2026
The next regular City Council meeting will follow a public hearing. on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Jake Jensen, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,852.12
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE		219.85
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM PROGRAM	179.95
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60
DEXTER DOZING & SCRAPING	TRUCKING	244.14
ECIA	CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCE	198
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,522.50
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	WTR PLANT CONTROL PANEL	243.53
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	216.25
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE & LPC4	542.53
IOWA ONE CALL	OCT & NOV CALLS	4.5
IPERS	IPERS	994.76
JJJ ENTERPRISES	1/31 WATER MAIN BREAK	3,260.00
LISA SYRING	FEBRUARY CELL PHONE	40

LITTLE BIT	XMAS LIGHTS/DECAL/TREAT BAGS	38
MENARDS	2 LED LIGHTS & SEAL KIT	195.95
MIKE LACEY	FEBRUARY CELL PHONE	40
PAYMENTUS	CHARGE BACK ON CC FEE	9.95
RACHEL GOETTSCH	FEBRUARY CLEANING	200
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,579.80
TESTNLYTICAL SERVICES	NITRATE/COLIFORM	133
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JANUARY 26 WATER EXCIE TAX	479.34
US CELLULAR	DATA FOR WATER TABLET	29.79
VISA	1YR RENEWAL/ARLO/CAMERAS	1,238.22
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROCK FROM JAN INVOICE	120.1
Accounts Payable Total		17,768.88
	Refund Checks Total	
Payroll Checks		5,837.04
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		23,605.92