

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
March 24, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All. City Clerk also went over items on the city cash report.

Public Comment: None.

M/S, Griebel, Buckner to approve Resolution 25-12; Appointment of Jake Jensen to City Council to fill vacancy. Vacancy will expire 12/31/2027. Ayes, All.
Oath of Office taken by Jensen.

Library Director Mickelson presented to the Council the want to apply for a Libby Application. Libby is a mobile app that supports users in accessing library ebooks. This app does connect to the user's library account to ensure our library is issued the credit for the ebook checked out. The application fee is \$400 and the first year set up fee is \$385. M/S, Griebel, Jensen. Ayes, All for the city to pay the \$785 for application fee and 1st year fee. Director Mickelson also announced that the library received a \$4,000 grant through the Lincolnway Foundation.

Robin Reiling presented a building permit. M/S, Reed, Griebel. Ayes, All

Voluntary Annexation of farm land into city limits. Town trustee, Linda Gasper, mentioned that she felt this annexation was a great idea & great for the city to grow. Nichole Will also was present and agreed this was great for the town.

Discussion on property at 114 4th St. M/S, Buckner, Reed to serve the residence with a letter from the Sheriff with requirements of a 60 day court date appearance, \$800 nuisance fee, plus court costs. All, Ayes.

Discussion on property 600 Davenport St. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to serve residence with a letter from the Sheriff with requirements of a 60 day court date appearance, \$800 nuisance fee, plus court costs. All, Ayes.

Discussion on invoice from previous City Clerk for training fees. M/S, Reed, Jensen to pay \$50 of the \$180 to previous City Clerk. Ayes, Reed, Jensen, Buckner & Greibel. Nay, Sprague. Motion passed.

Discussion on the need to raise recycling rates, as the recycling cash line is in the negative. In contact with Republic Services to change recycling services over with them. Will discuss further at the April meeting.

The Public Works Director has passed all 3 certifications. Letter will be sent to Water Services that we will end the contract with them April 30, 2025.

M/S, Buckner, Sprague to approve liquor license for CALCO & Buck's Corner. Ayes, Buckner, Reed, Sprague, Jensen. Greibel abstained from voting.

FY26 budget public hearing is set for April 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Discussion on sale of 102 Creek Rd. Closing will be March 27th. Will discuss at the April meeting revenue from the sale of the house.

MS, Reed, Jensen to approve Resolution 25-13; Approval of City Clerk to pay invoices as needed throughout the month. All, Ayes.

M/S, Reed, Jensen to approve Resolution 25-24; Approval to apply for RCTP grant. Ayes, All

M/S, Buckner, Greiber to approve Resolution 25-25; RCTP Priority Project for roads. Ayes, All.

M/S, Buckner, Greibel for Winter St street closure for Lincolnway Auto open house on May 17, 2025. Ayes, All.

Mayor report: Mayor Goettsch congratulated PW Director, Lacey, for passing his 3rd and final certification. Was very much appreciated

PW Director presented a program from Clinton County Engineer for road line painting. Estimate would be \$82.05 for the amount that we would need painted. With warmer weather coming, new street signs will be getting installed.

Motion by Buckner, second by Sprague to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Ayes; All.

**The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:05 p.m. on Monday April 28, 2025.
Public hearing for FY26 budget will begin at 7:00 PM**

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #
ALLIANT ENERGY	DOSLAND HOUSE	\$166.49	15136886
AUDITOR OF STATE	EXAM FEES	\$1,200.00	13923
B & J ELECTRIC	NEW ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION	\$2,613.34	13902
BRAET'S SERVICE LLC	TRANS SRVC/NEW FILTER/COILPACS	\$1,824.64	13903
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	FUEL	\$540.13	13924
CHEMSEARCH		\$700.00	13904
CLINTON CO AREA SW AGENCY	2025 LICENSE FEE	\$35.00	13905
DAVISSON TILING LLC	DOSLAND/PIPE & BUSHING	\$48.61	13906
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$349.54	15136879
F & B COMMUNICATIONS		\$909.59	13925
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$190.30	13907
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	DEC2024 4THQTR PAYROLL TAXES	\$66.24	15136888
IA UNEMPLOYMENT	PENALTY FEE/IA WORKFORCE DEV	\$35.00	15136885
IAMU	WATER MEMBER DUES	\$694.00	13908
IPERS	IPERS	\$243.02	15136880
J & R SUPPLY	MAIN REPAIR ON HWY 30	\$2,978.00	13909
LANCE GOETTSCHE	BRONZE PLAQUE	\$1,499.49	13910
LANCE GOETTSCHE	STRAIGHT BAR/RESTISTANCE BANDS	\$272.99	13915
LINCOLNWAY AUTOMOTIVE	WIPER BLADE	\$23.30	13911
LISA SYRING	PRINTER/PAPER/FOLDERS	\$129.74	13927
MICHAEL EDWARD DUNLAVEY	BOEDEKER	\$325.00	13912
NATIONWIDE	RENEWAL/THEFT COVERAGE	\$284.00	13941
REPUBLIC SERVICES	MARCH SERVICES	\$3,443.02	13942
TESTNLYTICAL SER	TESTING	\$75.00	13913

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	FEB WATER EXCISE TAX	\$506.58	15136878
TRIONFO		\$47.20	15136877
US CELLULAR	TABLET DATA & FEES	\$36.79	13944
VISA		\$1,538.63	13928
Accounts Payable Total		\$20,775.64	
Payroll Checks		\$3,685.06	
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$24,460.70	