

**Calamus City Council Proceedings
July 6, 2016**

Mayor Steines called the regular meeting of the Calamus City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with council members Dieckmann, Minor and Lacey present. Kalfas and Boedeker were absent.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the June 6th meeting, Clerk's financial report, Calco liquor license and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:

941 Tax – 1,796.75
IPERS – 777.56
State W/H tax – 1,510.00
Barco, safety clothing – 44.19
Calamus Country Store, fuel – 296.67
Calamus Fire Dept., annual assessment – 7,000.00
Calamus Park Board, annual assessment – 2,000.00
Calamus Public Library, annual assessment – 4,500.00
Calamus Public Library, reimburse county funds – 1,806.55
Chemsearch, chemicals – 477.29
Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 971.40
Dan Bickel, weed control at park – 1,031.97
Duane Levien, computer & cell phone – 65.00
Duane Levien, grave digging – 350.00
Laurie Ganzer, postage stamps – 53.50
ECIA, WWTF administration CDBG – 1,069.43, annual dues – 272.18
F & B Communications, phone & internet – 144.21
Hygienic Labs, sample testing – 12.50
IIW Engineers, WWTF bid letting & awarding – 2,500.75
Iowa League of Cities, annual dues – 414.00
John Deere Financial, maintenance misc items – 109.46
Metlife, insurance policy – 12.96
Mike Dunlavey, grave digging – 700.00
Observer, publications – 159.12
QC Analytical, sewer testing – 87.00
Quality Chemical, chemicals – 431.79
Rapid Reproductions, bidding packets – 1,263.66
Republic Services, garbage contract dumpsters – 2,441.02
Staples, paper & toner maintenance – 69.97
Staples, copier toner – 173.02
Storey Kenworthy, utility bills – 291.51
Treasurer State of Iowa, 2nd qtr sales tax – 1,066.00
Well Mark, Duane Levien insurance policy – 6,319.35
Wheatland EMS, annual assessment – 2,207.00
YWCA, annual donation – 500.00

Gross Wages:

\$ 5,720.64

Revenues:

General Fund – 7,995.72, Road Use – 6,437.79, Water – 5,036.33, Sewer – 7,071.88, Garbage – 2822.08 **Total Revenue – 29,363.80**

Expenses:

General Fund – 8,921.08 Road Use – 3,130.93, Water – 32,034.86, Sewer – 6,855.10 Garbage – 2,704.12 **Total Expenses – 53,942.91**

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Dieckmann with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

Public forum – no oral or written comments were made.

Roma Thayer was present to read a statement on behalf of herself and Christy Miller. Roma asked if anything has changed since last meeting regarding the tarping and wetting of the glass. Roma reiterated that her life has changed drastically since the glass has been brought to town. Roma further thought the phone calls to Christy until 3 am last Tuesday were uncalled for. Christy felt comments on Facebook after last month's meeting were uncalled for and asked that everyone get along peacefully.

Mayor Steines apologized on behalf of the Council and himself if anything stated at a council meeting had offended anyone. Facebook is not a part of the City administration. Mayor Steines is not a Facebook user so he did not have any information on the postings made.

Dieckmann noted that the tarping and wetting of the glass was not part of the motion made at last month's meeting. He reminded everyone that the motion was to have the glass removed from town by September 1st. Instructions were given to the glass owner by the IDNR. The City will not monitor restrictions set out by the IDNR.

Citizens present asked if a procedure and route has been discussed when the glass is removed. Mayor Steines stated that nothing has been discussed at this time but the City will be in touch with the glass owner prior to the pile being moved.

At 6:07 pm a motion to open the **public hearing for entering into a sewer revenue loan** and disbursement agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 was made by Lacey with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

Citizens present discussed the hardship the upcoming sewer rate increase will be for many households in town. They requested the council to look into a loan for a longer period of time or any further grants that may be available.

Mayor Steines has been in contact with Senator Rita Hart and made her aware of the towns' situation and asked for her help in seeking out possible funding relief. Mayor Steines asked those present to contact Senator Hart and other government leaders on their own to discuss the situation with them and to make them aware of the citizens' concerns.

At 6:36 pm a motion to close the **public hearing for entering into a sewer revenue loan** and disbursement agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 was made by Lacey with a second by Minor. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2017-01** which is for entering into a sewer revenue loan and disbursement agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 was made by Dieckmann with a second by Minor. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **estimated cost for the mandatory audit** for fiscal year of \$5,000.00 was made by Lacey with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

A motion to approve the 1st reading of **ordinance 17-04** which is for a sewer rate increase from \$37.37 to \$74.50 per month per user was made by Dieckmann with a second by Minor. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **building permit for 103 Railroad Street** was made by Lacey with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **building permit for 101 Spring Street** was made by Lacey with a second by Minor. All ayes.

Discussion on the sale of city property was tabled.

Veteran's flags at Rose Hill Cemetery – the Council suggested that rather than move flags to the hillside, they be placed in the E, W & N sides of the steps.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 72.23 hours in the city of Calamus from May 26, 2016 through June 25, 2016 while on patrol they issued 1 warning, 2 citations and answered 13 calls.

A motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm was made by Lacey with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

Terry Steines, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk