

**Calamus City Council Proceedings
August 1, 2016**

Mayor Steines called the regular meeting of the Calamus City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. with council members Dieckmann, Minor, Boedeker, Lacey and Kalfas present. Also present were city employees Duane Levien and Laurie Ganzer.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the July 5th meeting, Clerk's financial report and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:

941 Tax – 2,151.74, IPERS – 935.55, Alliant Energy, utilities – 1,951.20, Calamus Country Store, fuel for July – 303.39 Calamus Country Store, fuel for June – 395.80, Card Center, postage for utility bills – 340.00, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 971.40, Dorsey & Whitney, bonding fees – 650.00, Duane Levien, computer & cell phone – 65.00, Duane Levien, sample shipping – 23.31, ECIA, WWTF administration CDBG – 1,544.96, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 145.25, Hawkins, chemicals – 316.27, Hygienic Labs, sample testing – 25.00 IDNR, water supply permit – 50.99, IDNR, NPDES permit fee – 210.00, Iowa One Call, locates – 15.40, IIW Engineers, WWTF bid & award – 3,850.00, JJJ Enterprises, water main repair – 1,005.00, J & R Supply, water main repair parts – 227.05, John Deere Financial, tractor maintenance – 533.59, Laurie Ganzer, mileage Clerk School – 36.87, LL Pelling, sealcoating – 17,729.90, Metlife, insurance policy – 12.96, Observer, publications – 129.95, QC Analytical, sample testing – 21.00, Quality Chemical, chemicals – 244.48, Republic Services, garbage contract dumpsters – 2,551.02 US Postal Service, 2 boxes pre-stamped envelopes – 581.75, USA Blue Book, water supplies – 139.61, Wendling Quarries, rock – 336.27

Gross Wages:

\$ 6,709.70

Revenues:

General Fund – 6,100.20, Road Use – 3,126.36, Water – 5,550.17, Sewer – 6,289.18, Garbage – 2,654.75 **Total Revenue – 23,720.66**

Expenses:

General Fund – 25,406.36 Road Use – 19,977.18, Water – 3,201.68, Sewer – 7,474.55 Garbage – 2,786.50 **Total Expenses – 58,846.27**

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

Public forum – no oral or written comments were made.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – Marc Ruden of IIW Engineers, Mark Schneider of ECIA and Senator Rita Hart were present to discuss the project and the issues surrounding all small towns that are required to take on projects such as this one. Ruden, Schneider and Ganzer worked on the requirements of a 30 year loan and the possibility of a disadvantaged status. Ganzer noted that the user rate per customer will have to be \$55.00 per month. Citizens can expect to begin paying the \$55.00 per month on the November 1st bill. If the disadvantaged status is not approved the rates per user will need to be \$65.00 per month. The other issue will be if cost to build the plant are more than expected or maintenance is higher than Ganzer has anticipated. Ruden noted that the project has a life span of approximately 39 years.

A motion to deny the **2nd reading of ordinance 17-04** which is for the sewer rate increase to \$74.50 was made by Dieckmann with a second by Minor. All ayes.

A motion to deny the **3rd reading of ordinance 17-04** which is for the sewer rate increase to \$74.50 was made by Kalfas with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

Ordinance 17-04 did not pass.

A motion to approve the street closing on September 17th or 24th from the bank to the corner of 2nd & Main for **Steffen's Appreciation Day** from 12:00 pm to 2:00 am with music being done by 12:00 am was made by Lacey with a second by Boedeker. Ayes – Boedeker, Minor, Lacey, Dieckmann. Abstain – Kalfas.

A motion to approve the **building permits for 301 and 303 Winter Street** were made by Dieckmann with a second by Minor. Ayes – Dieckmann, Boedeker, Kalfas and Minor. Abstain – Lacey.

A motion to not sell City owned property was made by Boedeker with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2017-02** which is for the approval of the 2016 Streets Financial Report was made by Kalfas with a second by Minor. All ayes.

The **September Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th** since Labor Day lands on the 1st Monday in September.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 67.38 hours in the city of Calamus between June 26, 2016 and July 25, 2016 while on patrol they answered 3 calls.

Reports/Old Business – Dieckmann suggested sending second request letter to several property owners that have been asked to address certain issues on their property and have not done so.

Tree trimming in the alley ways was also discussed.

Levien noted breathing issues he experienced while mowing near the glass pile on a windy day. He expressed concern for 2 part time employees that mow in the area.

IDNR has been contacted regarding why the pile has not been tarped or wetted as instructed. They were unaware that it was not being done. They will be sending someone out with monitoring devices this week.

Others asked that the owner try to have the pile moved prior to the start of school on August 25th and would like to know the dates, route and plans for removal. Mayor Steines will contact the owner and ask him to present a plan.

A motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm was made by Boedeker with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

Terry Steines, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk