

**Calamus City Council Proceedings
September 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, Lacey & Boedeker present. Kalfas was absent. Also present were city employees Duane Levien and Laurie Ganzer.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the August 1st meeting Clerk's financial report and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:

941 Tax – 1,833.87, IPERS – 789.52, Alliant Energy, utilities – 1,566.44, Braet's, truck service – 46.63, Card Center, 1/5 of hotel, meals for Clerk School – 45.29, ChemSearch, free flow complete – 952.79, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 971.40, Clinton County Treasurer, property tax for WWTF property – 220.00, Duane Levien, computer & cell phone – 65.00, ECIA, WWTF administration CDBG – 1,891.01, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 144.73, GIS Benefits, life insurance – 17.28, Harry's Farm Tire, tire repair – 16.50, Hawkins, azone – 383.48
IAMU, quarterly dues – 201.25, IIW Engineers, WWTF – 3,586.25, JJJ Enterprises, haul rock – 72.85, John Deere Financial, trimmer & misc maintenance supplies – 382.12, Observer, publications – 92.82, Pittsburgh Tank, clean water tower – 2,000.00, Republic Services, garbage contract dumpsters – 2,551.02, Staples, numbered receipt books – 45.56, Water Solutions, phosphate – 986.60, Wendling Quarries, rock – 122.59

Gross Wages:

\$ 5,865.79

Revenues:

General Fund – 4,423.21, Road Use – 4,594.08, Water – 5,227.57, Sewer – 13,867.68, Garbage – 2,723.42

Total Revenue – 30,835.96

Expenses:

General Fund – 6,300.99 Road Use – 1,475.13, Water – 3,571.46, Sewer – 9,031.59 Garbage – 5,178.28

Total Expenses – 25,557.45

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.

Glass pile – The pile is being removed as quickly as possible. The owner is only able to move 5 loads per week. The alternate locations will not take more load than 5 per week. The owner estimated he will be behind schedule by approximately 2 weeks. The owner suggested rather than a fine levied against him for going over the suggested date, he would like to make a donation to the Fire Department. The Council agreed that a donation to the Calamus organization of his choice would be acceptable.

Ganzer informed the council that the rate set by the Iowa Finance Authority for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade will be \$63.00 per household if the SRF loan is approved at \$1,990,000.00 for the disadvantaged rate of 1.75% for a 30 year term. If the City would choose to bond for \$500,000.00 of the project under GO bonding the rate will be \$52.00 per house hold with approximately \$171.00 per \$100,000.00 assessed to property taxes beginning with the 2018 fiscal year. The Council agreed that a monthly fee is better than a fee assessed to the property taxes that will have to be paid in a lump sum two times per year. A motion to not pursue the GO Bond was made by Dieckmann with a second by Minor. All ayes.

Total Septic – sewer dumping for septic systems the company has cleaned. Levien stated that this was not an option with the current system. Further discussion will happen at a later date.

A motion to approve the **1st reading of ordinance 17-05** which is for setting the sewer rate at \$52.00 per house hold was made by Lacey with a second by Minor. All ayes.

A motion to approve **Steffen's tap liquor license** was made by Boedeker with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

A motion to approve the **5 year garbage contract with Republic Services** with a 4% increase the first year and a 3% increase each consecutive year with no services for recycling was made by Lacey with a second by Dieckmann. All ayes.

A motion to accept the **library annual report** was made by Minor with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

A motion to approve **the building permit for 102 2nd Street** was made by Lacey with a second by Boedeker. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2017-03** which is for the approval of the City Investment Policy was made by Boedeker with a second by Minor. All ayes.

During discussion of the **audit findings** Ganzer noted that the auditors showed a deficit of \$17,784.00 in the water fund. The agreement with the Iowa Finance Authority in 2006 for the water SRF note stated that the City must maintain a sinking fund for repayment equal to 110% of the annual payment and the cost for operations and maintenance. The water rate will need to be raised \$7.00 per user to maintain this account agreement. A report will be available in January and posted on the Auditor of State's website with all the findings noted.

The **Clinton County Sheriff's Office** spent 65.27 hours in the city of Calamus from July 26, 2016 through August 25, 2016 while on patrol they issued 1 warning, handled 1 incident and answered 10 calls.

Reports – Kalfas sent a note to the Council stating that an alternate date in October will be set for the street dance due to an event at the Calco on the 24th of October.

Mayor Steines and Kalfas have been speaking with the owner of 600 Davenport Street regarding the garage that needs removed from the property due to it's condition. The item will be placed on the October agenda for discussion.

A motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. was made by Boedeker with a second by Lacey. All ayes.

Terry Steines, Mayor

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Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk