

**Calamus City Council Proceedings
October 7, 2019**

Mayor Leibold called the regular meeting of the Calamus City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with council members Dieckmann, Goettsch, Buckner and Schau present. Reed was absent.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the September 3rd, Clerk's financial report and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:

941 Tax – 1,381.49, IPERS – 724.18, State w/h tax – 738.00, State sales & excise tax – 1,759.00, Alliant Energy, utilities – 1,986.81, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, policy Lacey – 577.11, Calamus Country Club, gift certificate – 75.00 Calamus Country Store, fuel – 414.89, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 1,037.20, ChemSearch, chemicals – 134.91, Davisson Tiling, storm drain 1st & Davenport – 2,958.50, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 166.43, First Trust & Savings Bank, recycle trailer – 132.11, GIS Benefits, life insurance – 4.32, Hawkins, chemicals – 257.75, IAMU, dues – 225.75, IDNR, annual water fee – 95.00, John Deere Financial, water supplies – 139.50 J & R Supply, valve – 465.00, Laurie Ganzer, cell phone – 25.00, Mike Dunlavey, grave opening – 375.00, Mike Lacey, postage & cell phone. – 33.78, Madison Life, policy – 6.91, Observer, publications – 59.01, Pittsburg Tank & Tower, cleaning & painting water tower – 39,250.00, Premier Parts, meter tester – 49.99, Republic Services, garbage contract dumpsters – 2,693.63, Sheridan & Associates, insurance – 99.00, Spahn & Rose, library door – 515.00, Water tower parts – 215.82, State Lab, testing – 104.00, Tracy Gasper, summer maintenance at cemetery – 165.00, Water Services LLC, affidavit operator – 500.00, Wendling Quarries, rock – 151.42

Gross Wages:

\$ 5,058.83

Revenues:

General Fund – 4,846.88 Employee Benefit Fund – 8.73, Road Use – 4,854.29, Water – 6,508.37, Sewer – 11,923.95, Garbage – 10,237.91 **Total Revenue – 38,380.13**

Expenses:

General Fund – 6,006.69, Employee Benefit Fund – 465.62 Road Use – 29,647.49 Water – 3,328.41 Sewer – 8,303.63 Garbage – 3,018.64 **Total Expenses – 50,770.48**

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

Marc Ruden of IIV was present with a letter assuring the Council that the warranty work will be completed at no charge to the City. Lacey noted that the north lift station but the work is for the south lift station.

Mayor Leibold left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Public Forum – Corey Dehoet asked that loose sand & rock be swept up on the streets for the safety of bicyclist and motorcyclist. Grass being blown into the street was discussed. Citizens are breaking laws when blowing clipping on to roadways. If the situation persists letters will be sent and possible fines will be discussed for the next mowing season.

Notice has been served on heirs to **193 2nd St.** if no one comes forward by October 15, 2019 the city will pursue taking possession of the building.

Sewer quotes for upgrading control modules was tabled.

A motion to approve the building permit for **201 1st Street** was made by Goettsch with a second by Buckner. All ayes.

Building permit **304 Grove Street** – no action – permit has expired – the permit will need to be reapplied for if future plans are made.

Water meter replacement plan – Lacey was instructed to prepare options for the council to review prior to the November meeting. The options will be discussed at the November meeting.

Iowa Pumps PM & repair quotes were tabled. Items will be added to the 2021 budget discussion in January.

A motion to make a one – time donation of the City share of the **Calco liquor license** in the amount of \$390.00 was made by Schau with a second by Buckner. All ayes.

A motion to set **trick or treat for October 31st 6 to 8 p.m.** was made by Goettsch with a second by Schau. All ayes.

Reed joined the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Reports – Ganzer reported on delinquent water accounts. Unless special payment arrangements are approved shut offs will be done every time an account is 60 days delinquent. If arrangements are made and property owners do not honor the agreement the service will be disconnected without further notice.

Lacey discussed wild animals that are inhabiting 600 Davenport St. On a further note regarding this address a bill for mowing will be sent to the owner as the owner was previously informed if the City had to maintain the corner for safety reasons they would be charged for the service.

A letter will be sent to the owner of 601 Davenport Street reminding them that per the agreement for the utility bill being forgiven when the property was vacant they would in turn have the water shut off repaired at their expense. If the work is not completed in 30 days the city will do the work and bill the property owner.

Winter maintenance of the permeable pavers & new sidewalk were discussed. Sand & salt will not be used. Lacey will purchase 5 gals of deicer and a sprayer to test for effectiveness prior to purchasing a larger quantity.

The \$4,300.00 in Park Board funds will be held until the general fund bank account for the time being. The Council reiterated that the funds will be made available to the Park Board as needed.

The RCTP grant for street funding will be applied for next year. Dieckmann asked that the Council be proactive in contacting streets repair companies for bids so that all paperwork will be in line when the time for grant submission is available.

Schau discussed the fund raiser for a possible splash pad. Schau noted that funding raised should be clearly defined as playground/splash pad. A determination on the viability of a splash pad will be determined after data is collected from other communities that currently have splash pads.

At 8:51 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Buckner with a second by Schau. All ayes.

Tyler Leibold, Mayor

Attest:

Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk