

**Calamus City Council Proceedings  
February 1, 2021**

Mayor Protem Goettsch called the regular meeting of the Calamus City Council to order at 7:05 p.m. with council members Reed, Goettsch, Buckner, Griebel and Sprague present. Mayor Leibold was absent.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Clerk's financial report and the following revenues and expenses:

**Accounts Payable:**

941 Tax – 1,446.44, IPERS – 768.17, Agvantage, propane & diesel – 406.63, Alliant Energy, utilities – 2,072.35 B & J Electric, Christmas light repair – 133.88, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, policy Lacey – 627.18, Calamus Store, fuel – 422.74, Card Center, 2 rolls of stamps – 110.00, Charles Green, Utility deposit refund – 50.30, Chemsearch, chemicals – 134.91, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 1,057.81, Drive Line of Dubuque, snow plow repairs – 411.96, Electrical Engineers, generator PM's & maintenance – 1,850.12, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 162.10, First Trust & Savings Bank, recycle trailer – 132.11, GIS Benefits, life insurance – 4.32, Harry's Farm Tire, repair – 42.50, Hawkins, chemicals – 365.80, Heritage Construction, packer shed repair – 2,565.00, Iowa One Call, locates – 15.40, CCASWA Landfill, brown goods – 15.00, JJJ Enterprises, water main break – 1,582.15, John Deere Financial, shop supplies – 105.43, John Hower, weld skid loader bucket – 92.99, Madison Life, policy – 7.12, Observer, publications – 115.75, Republic Services, garbage contract & dumpsters – 2,404.53, Spahn & rose, lumber – 49.94, Staples, toner, batteries – 336.98, Technology Solutions, tech service maintenance building – 42.50, Water Services LLC, affidavit operator – 500.00, Wendling Quarries, water main break materials – 257.30

**Gross Wages:**

\$5,183.62

**Revenues:**

General Fund – 14,189.66 Employee Benefit Fund – 927.34 Road Use – 4,119.82 Water – 6,746.92 Sewer – 8,395.58 Garbage – 3,208.92 **Total Revenue – 37,588.24**

**Expenses:**

General Fund – 13,297.81 Employee Benefit Fund – 588.81 Road Use – 1,384.85 Water – 3,255.33 Sewer – 3,227.53 Garbage – 3,123.51 **Total Expenses – 24,877.84**

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

**Public Forum** – Nicole DeHoet was present to discuss the city utility bill at 98 ½ Clinton St. The access to water has been shut off to the facility, no garbage or recycling is collected at the location. The Council confirmed with Lacey that there is no water available. The account for this location will be closed.

Greg Gannon with the **Lincolnway Foundation** discussed setting up an endowment to the organization. A motion to allocate the funds traditionally given to the YWCA for the next 3 years to the Lincoln Way Foundation was made by Reed with a second by Griebel. All ayes.

At 7:33 p.m. a motion to open the public hearing for the 2022 Maximum Levy was made by Goettsch with a second by Buckner. All ayes.

No oral or written comments were made.

At 7:34 p.m. a motion to close the public hearing for the 2022 Maximum Levy was made by Buckner with a second by Griebel. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2021 – 07** which is for the approval of the Maximum Levy for the 2022 budget was made by Reed with a second by Sprague. All ayes.

A motion to restructure the **Utility Rate Ordinance:** As follows was made by Goettsch with a second by Griebel. Ayes – Goettsch, Griebel, Sprague. Nays – Reed and Buckner. Motion carried.

**6-5-8 WATER RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES.** Each customer shall pay for water service provided by the City based upon use of water as determined by meters. Each location, building, premises, or connection shall be considered a separate and distinct customer whether owned or controlled by the same person or not. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

**RATES FOR SERVICE.** Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City: (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. First 2,000 gallons used per month @ \$35 (minimum bill).
2. Next 1,000 gallons used per month @ \$9 per 1,000 gallons.

**6-5-11 SEWER RATES**

**SERVICE CHARGES.** Each customer shall pay for sewer service provided by the City based upon use of water as determined by meters. Each location, building, premises, or connection shall be considered a separate and distinct customer whether owned or controlled by the same person or not. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

**RATES FOR SERVICE.** Sewer service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City: (Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

1. First 2,000 gallons used per month @ \$35 (minimum bill).
2. Next 1,000 gallons used per month @ \$3 per 1,000 gallons.

The 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

A motion to rescind **resolution 2021 – 08** which is for financing a new water meter and reading system with Governmental Capital Corporation in the amount of \$68,395.00 for a term of 5 yrs. at a rate of 3.219% interest was made by Buckner with a second by Griebel. Ayes – Goettsch, Griebel, Buckner, Sprague. Nays – Reed. Motion carried.

A motion to approve **resolution 2021 – 09** which is for the transfer of \$2,000.00 in Road Use Funds to the Equipment Savings Fund was made by Reed with a second by Sprague. All ayes.

A motion to approve **resolution 2021 – 10** which is for the transfer of \$30,000.00 from the General Savings Fund and \$40,000.00 from the Sewer Fund as needed for the purpose of purchasing water meters was made by Reed with a second by Buckner. All Ayes.

A motion to approve the **Raco Alarm Service Contract** was made by Buckner with a second by Griebel. All ayes.

A motion to have the city attorney plat parcel # 42-0216-1001 into 5 lots for possible sale to persons interested in residential building opportunities was made by Goettsch with a second by Reed. All ayes.

At 9:10 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Buckner with a second by Griebel. All ayes.

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Lance Goettsch, Mayor Protem

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Laurie Ganzer, City Clerk