

City of Calamus  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729  
April 28, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included; Sprague, Buckner, Griebel, & Goettsch. Reed was absent

Motion by Buckner, second by Jensen to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All.

Public Comment: None.

M/S, Jensen, Sprague, to enter into public hearing for FY25 Budget Amendment

M/S, Jensen, Buckner, to close public hearing for FY25 Budget Amendment

M/S, Griebel, Jensen, to approve Resolution 2025-15; Adoption of FY25 Budget Amendment. All Ayes

M/S, Buckner, Griebel, to enter into public hearing for FY26 Budget adoption

M/S, Griebel, Jensen, to close public hearing for FY26 Budget adoption.

M/S, Jensen, Buckner, to approve Resolution 2025-14; FY26 Budget adoption. All Ayes

Mayor Goettsch nominated Council Jensen for Mayor Pro Tem. M/S, Griebel, Spragues, All Ayes

Discussion on life insurance policy currently offered to 1 employee. Policy is in the name of the city. M/S, Sprague, Griebel to cancel life insurance policy. All Ayes.

Discussion on revenue of sale from 102 Creek Rd. \$45,000 was budgeted to spend in FY26. Mayor Goettsch presented a quote for 6 new signs of around \$17,500. M/S, Sprague, Griebel to have Mayor move forward with signs and will have designs to present at May meeting. All Ayes

Discussion on FY25 LOST funds. Library is in need of an upgrade and bids were presented for a new roof on the library building. Discussion was also held on the need for a new AC/heat mini split for inside the library. M/S, Jensen, Buckner to approve roof bid from West Branch roofing and move forward with mini split unit. All Ayes.

Spring clean up is scheduled for May 16th in conjunction with the school. Mike will make a list of needs from the city. Christi Miller asked for a donation from the city to help with the purchase of flowers. City will donate \$150 towards the purchase of flowers. All are welcome to join!

M/S, Resolution 2025-13; Setting a Public Hearing for the Annexation of property to the City. Meeting set for May 27, 2025. Roll Call, Griebel, Sprague, Jensen & Buckner. Reed absent.

Discussion on utility rate increases. Bid was presented by Republic to move recycling from the city to them. Discussion was held and the recycling services will stay with the city. M/S, Jensen, Buckner, to raise recycling rates to \$5.00/household beginning 10/1/2025 with a 4% rate increase every year after. All Ayes.

Discussion on 2 nuisance abatement properties. Certified letters have been mailed with residents having 20 days to take action on their properties. City will move forward at that time as needed.

Discussion on assigning a 911 address for a new grain bin being built. M/S, Griebel, Jensen, to assign the address as 313 Clinton St. All Ayes.

M/S, Sprague, Griebel, for tax abatement permit. All Ayes.

M/S, Buckner, Sprague, to approve cigarette/tobacco permit for Calamus Country Store. All Ayes.

M/S, Sprague, Griebel for a golf permit for Michele Carle. All Ayes.

M/S, Buckner, Jensen for building permit for Steve Brown. M/S, Buckner, Jensen to approve permit, but needing to complete the permit more with measurements. Ayes, Buckner, Griebel, Buckner & Jensen.

Nay, Sprague

M/S, Buckner, Jensen to approve building permit for Matthew Gronewold. Approval is based on the resident abiding by the 2' setback. All Ayes.

M/S, Griebel/Jensen to approve bid to sealcoat fitness center parking lot. Funds will come from LOST.  
All Ayes.

Discussion held on filling swimming pools within the city. No action was needed or taken.

Willits were present to discuss their charge of a 2nd water meter in their garage. The city bills per meter, not per property or lot. Discussion was held that the residents will have new water lines so they are only reading off of 1 meter and meter in the garage will be removed.

Mayor report: New street signs are beginning to be installed and looking good. Calamus RR depot may be looking at coming back to the City of Calamus. More information on that as the project moves forward.

PW Director presented a bid for the street work project. Will hire another person to help finish hanging new street signs and recycling pick-up.

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Ayes; All.

**The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.  
Public hearing forAnnexation of property will begin at 7:05 PM**

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Lance Goettsch, Mayor

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Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AGVANTAGE FS	LP GAS HEATING/WELL #1	272.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,061.96
ANDERSON SAND & GRAVEL	1' CLEAN LIME	151.83
BEHN STUMP GRINDING	1 STUMP GRINDING	135
BRUBAKER, FLYNN & DARLAND P.C.	ANNEXATION/ABSTRACT/NUSIANCE	1,837.50
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	CEMETERY CLEAN UP	346.63
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM PROGRAM	175
DAN KALFAS	MARCH SIREN PAYMENT	50
DAVISSON TILING LLC	1ST ST EXT/TUBING & LABOR	2,707.64
DEXTER DOZING & SCRAPING	11 MILES-CLEAN	86.76
MARTEN	TREE CLEANUP	400
F & B COMMUNICATIONS		154.66
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOUSING	216.25
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE	726.68
IAMU	QUARTERLY SAFETY TRAINING	321
J & R SUPPLY	FIRE HYRRANT & PARTS	4,528.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES	REPLACE HYD/INSURANCE CLAIM	1,910.00

LISA SYRING	MARCH CELL PHONE	40
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	DOOMSDAY	156.96
MELANIE BUCKNER	TP/SOAP/ROLL TOWELS	129.13
MELISSA CONNER	TEXTS & PHONE CALL	50
MIKE LACEY	CELL PHONE REIMBURSE	40
RACHEL GOETTSCH	MARCH CLEANING & INS	232
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,625.12
RINKER	SCHOOL WATER METER PIT	350
SHERIDAN \$ ASSOCIATES		24,256.03
TEAM LAB	MEGA BUGS PLUS	925
TESTNALYTICAL SERVICES	NITRITE/COLIFOR	185
TRIONFO	LIFE INS POLICY	15
US CELLULAR	WTR TWR TABLET	29.79
VISA	PASSWORD BOOK/MAT/LABELS	381.68
WATER SERVICES LLC	WATER OPERATOR	500
WENDLING QUARRIES	1ST ST EXTENSION	37.05
Accounts Payable Total		47,034.05
Refund Checks Total		
Payroll Checks		4,780.43

\*\*\*\*\* REPORT TOTAL \*\*\*\*\*

51,814.48