

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
August 25, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Comment: None

1. Discussion on city dump truck; Estimated replacement cost will be around \$40,000. Clerk will look into funds to see how this money can be budgeted.
2. Discussion on employee handbook; Council would like to see the sick time pay removed and all moved over to personal time. Will discuss further at the September meeting.
3. Discussion on Winter St. storm sewer and the flooding. A camera was run through the line and PW will look into renting a jetter to jet the line. M/S, Sprague, Reed to approve the rental fee of up to \$500. All Ayes.
4. Discussion on Creek Rd. drainage. A tile line will need to be installed to help with the drainage. Citizen would pitch in \$500 of the cost. M/S, Buckner, Greibel for the city to cover expenses after the \$500 up to the \$1300. Motion failed. M/S, Sprague, Reed for the city to cover \$1000 and citizen covers \$300. All Ayes and motion passed.
5. 2 cement bids presented for a patch to the south of city hall, parking lot. Funds will come from local option sales tax. Leeper Construction bid was accepted. M/S, Jensen, Greibel to accept bid up to \$2500. All Ayes, Sprague abstained from voting.
6. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to approve street closure on 9/6 and 9/20 for events. All Ayes, Greibel abstained
7. Discussion on the preliminary plat for the Eastside subdivision. Lawyer, Josh Cobie, submitted questions to the Council & developer. All questions were answered and will be ready for final approval at the September council meeting.
8. M/S, Jensen, Reed, that the council will not mandate sidewalks or curb & gutters for new Eastside subdivision. All ayes.
9. M/S, Reed, Jensen, that Grove St. will not be required to have any infrastructure at this point. All Ayes.
10. M/S, Jensen, Buckner to approve FY25 Street Finance Report. All Ayes.
11. Table discussion on installed new town siren

Mayor report: Fun days had another great turn out. 5k race had about 60 runners sign up. Church in the park was well attended that Sunday. Thanks to Mike for his work getting the town ready.

Motion by Buckner, second by Reed to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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ANDERSON SAND & GRAVEL	ROCK/CREEK RD CROWNING PREP	857.2
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE		482.03
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTROM	179.95
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	JULY CONTRACT	2,373.20
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	131.01
DELUX BUSINESS FORMS	BOX OF CHECKS	556.86
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,635.25
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	NEW COMPUTER & MOUSE	1,063.24
FENIX USA	10 WATER ENDPOINT METERS	3,116.15
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE	521.46
IA DEPT OF REVENUE	NPDES PERMIT FEE FY26	248.7
IOWA PUMP WORKS	REPAIR OF SULZER/LAGOON #2	3,359.50
IPERS	IPERS	971.92

J & R SUPPLY	FIRE HYDRANT & REPAIR	4,877.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SKID STEER FILER ELEMENT/OIL	310.57
LISA SYRING	APRIL CELL PHONE REIMBURSE	120
MENARDS	BENCH	155.12
MIKE LACEY	FEBRUARY & JULY CELL PHONE	120
OVERDRIVE	EBOOK CONTENT FEE	785.44
RACHEL GOETTSCH	JULY CLEANING & INSURANCE	282
REPUBLIC SERVICES	AUGUST COLLECTION	3,577.17
TESTNLYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM	25
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	JULY WATER SALES TAX	520.85
US CELLULAR	TABLET DATA	29.79
VERNON LIBRARY SUPPLIES	AREA RUG	329.05
VISA	BOOKS & STICKER DECAL	553.71
ZENNER	WTR METER FOR SCHOOL	1,293.05
Accounts Payable Total		28,475.22
Refund Checks Total		
Payroll Checks		6,146.22
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		34,621.44

