

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present included; Buckner, Miller, Levien. Gribel arrived at 6:10 and Sprague arrived at 7:00

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

Public Comment: Lance Goettsch asked Council about working more on the Museum moving forward and we are excited to see this all come together and appreciate all his work on this.

1. Discussion held on increasing city water and sewer rates. Rate increases will help moving forward with the sewer lagoon SRF loan and also future improvements for water and sewer. Also will add a cushion of funds for any unforeseeable break downs. M/S, Miller, Griebel to move forward with a \$1.00 increase on the first 1,000 gallons of water used. And a \$1.00 increase for 5 years. Roll Call: All Ayes. A public hearing date will be set at the next council meeting.
2. M/S, Buckner, Miller to approve Resolution 26-01; Approval of new check signers at bank. Roll call; All Ayes.
3. M/S, Miller, Griebel to approve Resolution 26-02; Approval of setting time of regular city meetings. Roll call; All Ayes.
4. M/S, Miller, Griebel to approve Resolution 26-03, Mayor appointments with the addition of setting a Holiday committee. Roll call, All Ayes.
5. M/S, Buckner, Levien to approve Resolution 26-04; Polices & procedures for 2026. Roll call, All Ayes.
6. Discussion on health care stipend for PW Director. Council requested proof of insurance coverage/payment, and will need to present by February council meeting.
7. Discussion on PW Director FY27 performance raise. Council will table until February council meeting for employee performance review.
8. The city clerk will take her weekly pay to \$435.75 starting 7/1/2026.

Motion by Buckner, second by Levien to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23 , 2026.

Jake Jensen, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

“These minutes are not official minutes until approved by the City Council”

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #
AGVANTAGE FS	LP GAS/WELL #1	202.66	14356
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,024.24	15136978
BRUBAKER, FLYNN & DARLAND P.C.	SEPT - NOVEMBER SERVICES	1,450.00	14357
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	FUEL/SNOW REMOVAL	321.01	14346
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM	179.95	14358
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60	14359
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER		123.07	14341
DEXTER DOZING & SCRAPING	TRUCKING FOR CLEAN ROCK	134.42	14384
ECIA	2026 DUES	138.84	14360
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,568.39	15136980
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	LIBRARY	153.32	15136979
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	216.25	14361
FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX YEARLY FEE	20	15136975
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE & LPC-4	521.46	14362
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY		7,727.00	15136973
IPERS		1241.14	15136981
JANET HICKS	REIMBURSE FOR OVERDRAFT FEE	29	14348

JJJ ENTERPRISES	HWY 30 WTR MAIN BREAK/11.30.25	3,360.00	14363
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SKID STEER PARTS/OIL/HYD	673.59	14385
KARRAGAN WHITMAN	CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DUMPSTERS	340	14364
LANCE GOETTSCHE	NEW BACK DOOR LOCK PAD	155.15	14347
LISA SYRING	DECEMBER CELL PHONE	40	14365
MANATT'S INC	CHIP SEAL	17,622.50	14386
MIKE LACEY	DECEMBER CELL PHONE	40	14366
RACHEL GOETTSCHE	NOVEMBER CLEANING	200	14345
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,385.09	14387
SARA MICKELSON	HALLOWEEN CANDY	14.84	14367
TESTANALYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM	25	14368
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	533.5	15136983
US CELLULAR	TABLET DATA	36.79	14369
USPS	2026 BOX DUES	162	14370
VISA	BOOKS/COSTCO/AMAZON	485	14383
Accounts Payable Total		46,310.81	