

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
July 27, 2026
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Comment:

Hanging flower baskets look nice that were hung along 2nd St. Connie Bowers commented on residents not cleaning up after they have set off fireworks. She has had to clean up fireworks from the road & her yard from others that set them off. The city will be more diligent on getting news out about this next year.

1. Lance Goettsch gave a report from the results of the Economic Authority group. Housing is a key priority for the city to be involved. Grants are available to assist with these needs. There is a need to focus on the downtown & signage. Old Lincolnway bridge has been county funded to be restored. County supervisors have agreed to fund the remaining \$22,000 needed to move the old depot back to Calamus,
2. Sealed bids were opened for city mower & 2006 GMC truck. Levien bid was accepted for JD mower & Curtis bid was accepted for truck.
3. M/S, Miller, Buckner to move forward opening a dog park in Calamus. This project will be funded by a private investor. Insurance will run around \$270 a year for this. All Ayes.
4. Discussion on bids for needed storm sewer projects. M/S, Buckner, Miller to accept bids for 2 projects. \$1250 for 2nd & Main and \$3440.89 for 2nd & RR. All Ayes.
5. M/S, Miller, Levien for street closures during Calamus fun days. All Ayes.
6. M/S, Miller, Griebel, Resolution 26-11; Transfer of funds. All Ayes.
7. M/S, Levien, Buckner, Resolution 26-12; Annual designation of official posting notices. All Ayes.
8. M/S, Miller, Buckner for Central Tank Coatings to clean, inspect and replace water pump valves. All Ayes,
9. M/S, Levien, Griebel on golf cart permit for Christi Miller. All Ayes.
10. M/S, Miller, Griebel on fence permit for Sally Starling. All Ayes.
11. M/S, Buckner, Griebel on garage permit for Janet Donelson. All Ayes.

Mayor report:

Department report: Ipers compliance audit completed. IA Offset was finally approved.

Motion by Buckner, second by Levien to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Ayes; All.

Jake Jensen, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	3,822.38
ALYSSA VENDERHEIDEN	MURAL PAINTED IN MUSEUM	805
B & J ELECTRIC	NEW LIGHTING/MOTION SENSORS	576.46
BRUBAKER, FLYNN & DARLAND P.C.	SERVICES RENDERED 11/25-5/26	1,925.00
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE		239.24
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60
CLINTON COUNTY TREASURER	2026 DRAINAGE FEES	53.58
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	317.58
DELUX BUSINESS FORMS	BOX OF CHECKS	584.54
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	707.62
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	LIBRARY	150.34
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	200
FRESH PAINT	HOMETOWN PRIDE/250TH PAINTING	300
GROUT MUSEUM DISTRICT	SUPER COLD PROGRAM	399.8
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE	384.1
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	INTEREST	57,757.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY27 DUES	464
IPERS	IPERS	724.17
JJJ ENTERPRISES	SINK HOLE/210 WINTER ST	790
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	WEED SPRAYER	19.99

KASSIDY JENSEN	DOOR LOCK/PLEXIGLASS	149.33
LANCE GOETTSCH	FLAG STAND & PRINTED PHOTOS	419.04
LISA SYRING	JUNE CELL PHONE	40
MENARDS	BRACKETS/PLANTS/SOIL/WTR SPRAY	416.38
THE OBSERVER	COUNCIL MINUTES/FINANCIALS	114.94
P&K MIDWEST	84' HYD ANGLE BROOM	6,750.00
RACHEL GOETTSCH	JUNE CLEANING	200
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,579.80
SCHMIDT AG SERVICES	2.5 GAL WEED KILLER	54.63
TESTNLYTICAL SERVICES	CHLORIDE/AMMONIA/ECOLI/QCAS	2,153.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	MAY WATER EXCISE TAX	661.93
US CELLULAR	DATA FOR TABLET	29.79
USA BLUEBOOK	10ML SAMPLE/TUBE/TEST STRIPS	431.26
VISA	FLOWERS/FABRIC/BLUE SEED	908.86
WATER SERVICES LLC	JUNE TESTING	498
Accounts Payable Total		87,814.36
Refund Checks Total		
Payroll Checks		3,486.48
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		91,300.84