

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
June 22, 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 Miller, Griebel to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All.

Public Comment:

Shawn Manley asked about the condition of the silos south of the RR tracks and the upkeep they needed. Mayor Jensen noted that those do not belong to the city so he could not speak on the issue of the silos.

1. Matt Pivot from Republic Services was present and went over details of a new recycling contract. Each home would receive a 95 gallon bin and recycling would be picked up every 2 weeks. Residents will receive a welcome guide stating what they will & will not accept. The contract does have a 5% increase every year for 5 years, the city will look into updating the Ordinance to follow that. M/S, Buckner, Levien to accept the contract from Republic Services. All Ayes. Motion passes. Republic will be ordering new bins and will let us know when they will begin the services.
2. M/S, Miller, Griebel to accept building permit for Pat Cavanagh for 172 5th St. All Ayes. The home owner will need to follow and abide by City building Ordinances.
3. Discussion held on water & sewer debt fee. Will table for July meeting.
4. Lauren VonMuenster expressed concern for the excessive pooling of water in her yard. City mentioned that there was a huge uptick of rain this last month and with the city not having a storm water system our hands were tied. Discussion was held on ways that Lauren could rectify this problem and we will help her work through them.
5. Connie Bowers expressed concern for sand & gravel that has been running down her street and pooling in front of her driveway. Clinton Co Engineer is aware of this and will be rectifying this concern.
6. Discussion on the possibility of a dog park in city limits. Waiting to hear back on a quote for insurance liability. Also concerns of parking & traffic were brought up. Will table for July

Mayor report:

Department report:

Motion by Buckner, second by Miller to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will follow a public hearing. on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Jake Jensen, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	CITY TRUCK	294.26
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER		315.47
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	572.74
F & B COMMUNICATIONS		198
HAWKINS, INC	DD LIQUID 163LB	331.68
IPERS	IPERS	452.99
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	2 WEED TRIMMERS/LINE SPOOL	624.43
LINCOLNWAY AUTOMOTIVE	TIRE SENSOR/TIRE PATCH/BALANCE	270.19
LISA SYRING	MAY CELL PHONE	40
NEXT METERS GLOBAL, LLC	2 ENDPOINTS/CELLULAR/SOFTWARE	714.28
THE OBSERVER	ADS/BUDGET/MINUTES/BILLS	435.01
RACHEL GOETTSCH	MAY CLEANING	200
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,579.80
SHERIDAN \$ ASSOCIATES	NATIONWIDE BOND PAYMENT	284
SHERIDAN \$ ASSOCIATES	WORK COMP/GL/CRIME/PROPERTY	28,944.79
STOREY KENOWORTHY	UTILITY BILLS	464.56
TESTANALYTICAL SERVICES	ECOLI/CHLORIDE/AMMONIA	182
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	502.89
US CELLULAR	DATA FOR TABLET	29.79
VISA		1909.78
Accounts Payable Total		41,533.26

	Refund Checks Total	
Payroll Checks		2,958.65
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		44,491.91