

City of Calamus  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729  
May 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, and Sprague. Griebel joined at 7:15  
Motion by Buckner, Miller to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All.

Public Comment: Noted that a street light is out, Clerk will make a ticket on Alliant website. Janet Donelson read a letter to the Council with concerns regarding a council member. Another letter was presented but not read as Mayor Jensen remarked the situation is being handled by public authority. Lance Goetsch mentioned how well the meeting went over with Economic Community Development, the report will be presented in about 4 weeks with their findings. Donna Lacey expressed issues she felt were left unresolved with former Public Works Director Mike Lacey.

1. Matt Pivot from Republic Services was present and will be presenting the council with a bid for city recycling. They will also supply the bins and will be picked up every other week.
2. 3 bids were received for city Water Operator. M/S, Miller, Buckner to receive and approve a bid from Water Services for \$498/month. Miller, Buckner, Sprague - Ayes. Levien abstained from voting. Motion passes.
3. Discussion was held on the potential to use LOST funds for a yearly donation to the CALCO. After hearing back from both attorney & State Auditor, it was found that since Calco is not offering a service to the city, this donation could not take place. Donations from citizens at this time would be the best route to help Calco.
4. Discussion on building permit for Brian & Deb Tulley - 40X40 garage. M/S, Miller, Buckner to approve a variance for the 40x40 garage, All Ayes. M/S, Miller, Sprague to approve the building permit, all Ayes. Permit passes.
5. M/S, Levien, Buckner to approve Resolution 26-10; assigned a new city attorney, Kyle Maurer. All Ayes. Motion passes.
6. Discussion on adding a sewer & water debt fee to utility bills. These fees will only be used to cover the sewer loan payment and water tower maintenance agreement, when put in place. Will table for further discussion in June.

Mayor report: Flags are up around and look great. Thanks to all that helped with that. Looking ahead there may be a future for a dog park in town with funding from a private donor. Mayor Jensen is still looking into the insurance side of this before moving forward.

Clerk report: Ipers compliance audit.

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Ayes; All.

**The next regular City Council meeting will follow a public hearing. on Monday, June 22 , 2026.**

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Jake Jensen, Mayor

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Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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

| <b>ALLIANT ENERGY</b>       | <b>STREET LIGHTS</b>         | <b>2,046.94</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| ANDERSON SAND & GRAVEL      | CLEAN LIME                   | 467.94          |
| ATCO INTERNATIONAL          | NITRILE GLOVES               | 220             |
| B & J ELECTRIC              | INSTALL LIGHTING             | 180             |
| CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE       | FUEL                         | 318.55          |
| CHEMSEARCH                  | ECOSTORM PROGRAM             | 179.95          |
| CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE |                              | 1,186.60        |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER  | GARNISHMENT %                | 12.01           |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER  | GARNISHMENT %                | 54.03           |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER  | GARNISHMENT %                | 84.04           |
| ECIA                        | WRITE NEW ORDINANCE          | 99              |
| EFTPS                       | FED/FICA TAXES               | 1,800.99        |
| F & B COMMUNICATIONS        | CITY CLERK/WEB HOSTING       | 157.1           |
| FENIX USA                   | DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING      | 216.25          |
| FENIX USA                   | DATA & SOFTWARE HOTING       | 200             |
| IPERS                       | IPERS                        | 1,035.51        |
| JJJ ENTERPRISES             | STORM SWR REPAIR 4TH & GROVE | 690             |
| LINCOLNWAY AUTOMOTIVE       | WIPER BLADE/SKID STEER       | 24.7            |
| LISA SYRING                 | APRIL CELL REIMBURSEMENT     | 40              |

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| MEYER PEST CONTROL       | PEST CONTROL                   | 85        |
| MICHAEL EDWARD DUNLAVEY  | SEASTRAND                      | 600       |
| THE OBSERVER             | COUNCIL MINUTES/WAGES/TAX LEVY | 169.78    |
| PK MIDWEST               | NEW PALLET FORKS               | 1,260.00  |
| RACHEL GOETTSCH          | APRIL CLEANING                 | 250       |
| REPUBLIC SERVICES        |                                | 3,579.80  |
| SUE ELIJAH               | FILE 1099 CLAIMS WITH STATE    | 126.24    |
| TERESA ESCHBACH          | PLOT REIMBURSEMENT             | 250       |
| TESTNALYTICAL SERVICES   | NITRITE/COLIFORM               | 106       |
| US CELLULAR              | DATA FOR TABLET                | 29.79     |
| USPS                     | APRIL UTILITY BILLING          | 107.97    |
| VISA                     | POSTAGE UTILITY BILLS          | 110.41    |
| VISA                     | SANITIZING WIPES               | 331.47    |
| VISA                     | CRAFTS/CRAFT KIT/CUPCAKE       | 224.29    |
| WATER SERVICES LLC       | MAY WATER SERVICES             | 498       |
| Accounts Payable Total   |                                | 16,742.36 |
|                          | Refund Checks Total            |           |
| Payroll Checks           |                                | 5,163.92  |
| ***** REPORT TOTAL ***** |                                | 21,906.28 |