

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
October 27, 2025
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included; Buckner, Jensen, Reed and Griebel(arrived 7:20).

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

Public Comment: Citizen discussed with the Council the possibility of designing a new website & mobile friendly site for the city. Would need to look into how city software would integrate into a website.

1. 306 Spring St has shown work being done to clean up residence.
2. The city clerk & budget committee will look into ways to budget for a city dump truck for FY27. The budget would need to be around \$40k-\$50k.
3. 2 bids have been received for new door/glass for city skid steer. P&K bid of \$1066 was accepted. M/S, Buckner, Jensen. All Ayes.
4. Discussion was held with a citizen on sitting a shipping/storage container on their property. The mayor would like to further discuss with the attorney before moving forward.
5. Discussion was held on amending the final plat for Eastbank Subdivision per REC. M/S, Jensen, Reed. All Ayes.
6. Discussion on Eastside subdivision of numbering new homes. Start with #101 and lot numbers will descend from there.
7. Discussion on year end employee reviews being held. The city clerk will share a review template. Mayor Goettsch & Council Jensen will perform reviews.
8. Discussion on cost of living raises & year end bonuses. Will have further discussion at the November meeting.
9. Discussion on water & sewer rate increases. The city clerk has found there is not much savings for water & sewer for future projects. Will discuss more at the November meeting.
10. M/S, Jensen, Buckner to approve liquor license for Calamus Country Store. All Ayes.
11. The city clerk presented the FY25 Annual Financial Report. M/S, Reed, Griebel to approve FY25 AFR. All Ayes.
12. 3E back up generator maintenance agreement was presented & discussed. M/S, Buckner, Jensen to approve agreement. All Ayes.

Public Works Director: DNR was in town for a waste water audit and was passed. Great job, Mike! Jetting of lines has been completed at LincolnWay to help with water problems that were occurring there. PW Director will be on vacation November 17-28

Mayor report: Held a meeting with our endpoint/meter company, Fenix for discussion on reports & status of installing endpoints.

City Clerk: A family surgery is scheduled for November 10th, please check office hours for 11/13 before stopping in.

Motion by Buckner, second by Reed to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMT
AGVANTAGE FS	DIESEL	900.9
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	3,753.46
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	MOWER FUEL	321.67
CALCO	LICENSE DONATION	357.5
CERTASITE	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	393.35
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM	179.95
CITY OF DEWITT	SEWER JETTER HOURS & LABOR	150
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	63.03
DEMCO	THE ALONE ZONE	840.07
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,795.35
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	CITY HALL	151.77

FENIX USA	DATE & SOFTWARE HOSTING	216.25
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE/DELDROM	375.74
IAMU	QTR 4 DUES	321
IPERS	IPERS	1,186.54
J & R SUPPLY	GLOVES/BALACLAVA	108
JJJ ENTERPRISES	WATER METER PIT	3,063.88
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SHEARS/HERBICIDE	43.98
KAM LINE HIGHWAY PAINTING	YELLOW PAINT	44.39
LINCOLNWAY AUTOMOTIVE	DISC BRAKE PADS/BRAKE ROTOR	3,116.72
LISA SYRING	OCTOBER CELL PHONE	40
MEYER PEST CONTROL	APRIL SERVICE	85
MIKE LACEY	OCTOBER CELL PHONE	40
THE OBSERVER	LEGALS FROM AUGUST MEETING	78.13
PRINTING PLUS, INC	2ND PAYMENT/NEW SIGNS	6,987.32
RACHEL GOETTSCH	SEPT CLEANING	200
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,575.09
SCHIMBURG CO.	SCHOOL METER PIT	545.52
TEAM LAB	MAGA BUGS PLUS	955.5
TESTNALYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM/NITRATE/AMMONIA	159
TOPLINE OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS	SCHOOL WTR METER PIT	100

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	SEPT WATER TAX	688.78
US CELLULAR	DATE FOR TABLET	29.79
VISA	THRIFT BOOK GLOBAL	419.58
Accounts Payable Total		32,473.86
Refund Checks Total		
Payroll Checks		6,580.28
***** REPORT TOTAL		39,054.14
