City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
September 22, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Public Comment: Was asked how the museum planning is coming along. Mayor Goettsch will have more time this winter and will be forming a committee to help organize and open the museum.

1. Discussion on updating employee handbook; sick leave. Worked with attorney Josh Cobie on making changes and updated the handbook. M/S, Reed, Griebel to approve Resolution 25-26. All Ayes,
2. Discussion on the final approval of the preliminary plat for the Eastside addition. Question was brought up about stubbing in the water & also how it will affect a future addition and homes. Would the city lagoon be big enough to hold all these new homes. Also discussed that the home owner will be responsible for any and all road repair from stubbing into the road for the first 5 years after stubbing into the road, M/S Reed, Jensen to approve final plat for Eastside addition. Ayes, Reed, Jensen, Griebel. Nay, Buckner
3. Discussion on broken window on the skid steer Bid from P&K for $1247. PW will look into 1-2 more quotes. Will table for October
4. The city will look into implementing a new Ordinance on the placement of signs & other traffic control. M/S, Sprague, Griebel to start process to implement new Ordinance. All Ayes.
5. Discussion on complaint of 306 Spring St. The clerk will follow the nuisance complaint form for this property.
6. Discussion on fence permit for 183 3rd St. M/S, Reed, Jensen to approve permit. All Ayes.
7. Discussion on grain permit for 313 Clinton St. M/S, Reed, Sprague. All Ayes.
8. The city will offer a fall clean up with 2 dumpsters available to Calamus citizens. M/S, Sprague, Jensen. All Ayes.
9. The clerk will adjust interest rates from Ipait to dump a certain % into certain buckets for departments. M/S, Jensen, Buckner. All Ayes.
10. Discussion on replacing broken brackets on flag poles. M/S, Sprague, Buckner. All Ayes.
11. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to approve golf cart permit.

Public Works report; Tabled the discussion on renting a jetting system. Tabled discussion on purchase of city dump truck. Discussion on installing a storm warning only siren in town. Still needs more discussion if the city wants to move forward with this. Chip seal will begin within 2 weeks here in Calamus. Working on installing endpoints that have not been working. All new street signs have been installed.

Mayor report: All new signs have been installed. Roads being done, Irwin Circle & Grove St looks nice. Would like to have the shop & pole barn cleaned up by the October meeting.

Motion by Buckner, second by Jensen to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025.

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Lance Goettsch, Mayor

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Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #
AGVANTAGE FS	TANK RENTAL	75	14200
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,291.37	15136946
BRUBAKER, FLYNN & DARLAND P.C.	APRIL-SEPT SERVICES	3,062.50	14219
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	TRUCK FUEL	439.54	14201
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM	179.95	14202
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60	14220
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	90.04	14196
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	30.02	14218
DAVISSON TILING LLC	SCHOOL METER PIT PUMPING	640	14221
DEXTER DOZING & SCRAPING	CREEK RD GROUNDING	900	14203
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,542.19	15136954
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	CITY HALL	149.12	15136950
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOUSING	216.25	14204

IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	NEW STREET SIGNS	851.44	14205
IOWA PUMP WORKS	REPAIR OF BALDOR MOTOR	3,242.50	14206
IPERS	IPERS	972.66	15136956
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PAINT/ROCK/MUMS	134.82	14222
LISA SYRING	SEPT CELL PHONE	40	14223
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	FREIGHT	910.59	14224
MENARDS	MOTION SWITCH	102.49	14207
MIKE LACEY	SEPT CELL PHONE	40	14225
THE OBSERVER	JULY MINUTES & FINANCIALS	79.92	14208
RACHEL GOETTSCH	AUGUST CLEANING	200	14209
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,575.09	14210
TEAM LAB	ELIMINATOR	160	14211
TESTNALYTICAL SERVICES	NITRATE & COLIFORM	79	14212
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	417.26	15136955
US CELLULAR	TABLET DATA	29.79	14213
VISA	AMAZON BOOKS	324.75	14226
W J LEEPER CONSTRUCTION	FITNESS CENTER CURB	2,000.00	14227
Accounts Payable Total		23,962.89	
	Refund Checks Total		
Payroll Checks		5,548.89	
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