City of Calamus Minutes of the City Council Meeting 301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729 January 3rd, 2023

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council members present included; Buckner, Griebel, Reed. Sprague & Liebold (by phone).

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to accept and approve the Consent Agenda including the agenda, minutes, financial report, and the following detailed claims resolution, Ayes All.

CLAIMS REPORT	12/06/22-01/03/22		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #
AGVANTAGE FS	DIESEL FUEL SUPPLY	\$ 1,588.38	12878
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 2,333.02	15136489
A. PENA	UB REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 130.76	12879
BRAET'S SERVICE	NAPA WIPER BLADES	\$ 55.24	12880
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	2 ANTIFREEZE & DECEMBER FUEL	\$ 478.44	12881
CALCO	LICENSE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 357.50	12882
CCASWA	RECYCLING CHARGES	\$ 174.04	12883
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM PROGRAM	\$ 172.00	12884
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SHERIFF 28E AGREEMENT	\$ 1,092.20	12885
D. KALFAS	SIREN LOCATION	\$ 50.00	12886
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 2,682.94	15136498

F & B COMMUNICATIONS	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$ 184.08	15136500
FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENTAL	\$ 20.00	15136493
FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	RCYL TRAILER LOAN	\$ 132.11	
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 1,146.41	15136499
J & R SUPPLY	WATER DEPT SUPPLIES	\$ 981.50	12887
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	UTILITY LIGHT, FLUID, SUPPLIES	\$ 114.49	15136497
MANATT'S INC	WATER MAIN ST PATCH	\$ 2,117.50	12888
MELISSA CONNER	WEBSITE ADMIN & CELL STIPEND	\$ 61.00	12889
MIKE LACEY	CELL PHONE STIPEND	\$ 25.00	12890
THE OBSERVER	PUBLICATIONS	\$ 105.30	12891
OMNISITE	WIRELESS METER SERV	\$ 442.00	12892
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	WATER LAGOON TEST	\$ 222.50	12893
REPUBLIC SERVICES	GARBAGE CONTRACT	\$ 3,183.24	12894
USPS	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	\$ 165.00	12895
VISA	ARLO AND INT REIMB	\$ 70.03	12868
WATER SERVICES LLC	AFFIDAVIT OPERATOR	\$ 500.00	12896

WAGES DECEMBER \$ 9,515.31

Fund	Dec Revenues	Dec Expenses
General	\$16,813.13	\$14,699.52
Road Use	\$3,130.64	\$3,263.00
Employee Benefits	\$538.13	\$1,318.07
Emergency	\$192.43	\$0.00
Capital Projects	\$0.00	\$208.79
Debt Service	\$0.00	\$0.00
Water	\$8,393.48	\$16,205.95
Sewer	\$7,505.52	\$2,853.01
Garbage	\$3,480.56	\$3,271.64
Recycle	\$0.00	\$798.08
Total	\$33,872.96	\$20,266.95

Public Comment: Comments were received regarding past expenditures for city equipment and whether the equipment was necessary, the total cost of the affidavit operator in correlation to the timeline of when the public works employee was required to obtain their licenses, when water meter installs would be completed, and concerns regarding a dangerous intersection at Grove & 5th due to equipment parked along the street that blocks the view of traffic and the intersection along with a fire hydrant. Council members and the Mayor responded in summary that the cost of repair vs replacement for city equipment and the needs of the city in addition to the rate of inflation and grants obtained were factors considered when the equipment was purchased. The city detailed the licensing/affidavit operator costs and water meter installs and the time needed to complete each and the role covid played in the past with some delays. The City is pushing to have the water meters installed in a timely manner to avoid revenue loss and noted there have been issues in plumbing needs that take time to address at some properties, as well as after hour appointments that may be needed. The city is pushing for meters to be installed as quickly as possible with the resources and time available. In regards to the dangerous intersection, the city will be sending the owner of the equipment a notice and will contact the Sheriff's department. An update was given regarding the Calamus Fun Days purchase of a public computer, printer, and ink that was donated to the Calamus Library.

Motion by Buckner, second by Griebel to open the Public Hearing, Ayes; All. Mayor Goettsch called the Public Hearing on FY24 Budget Max Levy Rate to order. No public comments were received. Motion by Reed, second by Buckner to close the Public Hearing Ayes; All.

Water Meter Updates- 77 meters are complete.

Motion by Buckner second by Griebel to set the 2023 IRS Mileage rate to \$0.655 per mile and the MIE Reimbursement rate to the IRS Government rate for 2023. Ayes: All.

Resolution No. 23-15 Setting Wages was introduced by Reed, with a second by Buckner. Roll Call: Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Aye, Sprague- Aye, Liebold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Resolution No. 23-16 Namping Depositories was introduced by Sprague, with a second by Gribel. Roll Call: Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Aye, Sprague- Aye, Liebold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Resolution No. 23-17 FY24 Budget Max Levy Rate was introduced by Reed, with a second by Griebel. Roll Call: Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Aye, Sprague- Aye, Liebold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

Resolution No. 23-18 Setting the Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget was introduced by Reed, with a second by Buckner. Roll Call: Reed- Aye, Buckner- Aye, Griebel- Aye, Sprague- Aye, Liebold- Aye. Mayor Goettsch signed the resolution.

105 1st Street Storage Expenses- The owner stated they were not requesting any storage fees.

Reports: Snow removal was praised for doing a great job. Water meters are a high priority to be completed. Applications are still being accepted for the seasonal part-time public works employee position. Applications are available on the city's website www.calamusia.org or by contacting city hall. Grants are being worked on for fitness equipment, the trail, and RCTP for streets.

Motion by Buckner, second by Reed to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Ayes; All. The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 6th, 2023 at 301 2nd St, Calamus, IA 52729.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor	

Melissa Conner, City Clerk

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