

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

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

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

Public Comment: Thank you to Mayor Goettsch for his time serving as Calamus Mayor.

1. Oath of taken for new & re-elected officials.
2. M/S, Buckner, Griebel to open a public hearing at 7:13. All Ayes. Discussion on Ordinance 2025-12 and Ordinance 2025-12.1
3. M/S, Jensen, Griebel to close the public hearing at 7:29. All Ayes.
4. M/S, Jensen, Griebel to approve Ordinance 2025-12. Jensen, Aye, Griebel, Aye. Buckner, Aye. Sprague, Aye. Motion passes.
5. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2025-12. Jensen, Aye. Sprague, Aye. Griebel, Aye. Buckner, Nay. Motion passes
6. M/S, Griebel, Sprague to approve Ordinance 2025-12.1. Griebel, Aye. Sprague, Aye. Jensen, Aye. Buckner, Nay. Motion passes.
7. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 2025-12.1. Jensen, Aye. Sprague, Aye. Griebel, Aye. Buckner, Nay. Motion passes
8. Discussion on nuisance complaint at 114 4th St. M/S, Jensen, Griebel to send certified letter for clean up. All Ayes.
9. Discussion on FY26 wages for city clerk. M/S, Jensen, Buckner to increase wage to \$465.75 per week. All Ayes. Discussion on FY26 cost of living raise 2.8%. M/S, Jensen, Buckner. All Ayes.
10. Discussion on the purchase of skid steer or repairing current skid steer. 2 quotes were presented from P&K. 2019 used skid steer of \$53,500 with a trade in value of \$29,000 from our current one. With out of pocket price being \$24,500. Repairs of the current unit are \$5,500. M/S, Sprague, Griebel to move forward with the purchase of a used 2019 unit from P&K. All Ayes.
11. Discussion on changing the time of city council meetings. M/S, Jensen, Sprague to move meeting time 7:00pm to 6:00pm. New time will begin with the February 2026 council meeting.
12. State audit will be January 15th and 16th

Mayor report: Mayor Goettsch presented a slide show of projects that have been completed the past 7 years within the city.

Motion by Buckner, second by Jensne to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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AGVANTAGE FS	LP GAS/WELL #1	\$202.66
BRUBAKER, FLYNN & DARLAND P.C.	SEPT - NOVEMBER SERVICES	\$1,450.00
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	FUEL/SNOW REMOVAL	\$321.01
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM	\$179.95
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		\$1,186.60
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	GARNISHMENT %	\$123.07
DEXTER DOZING & SCRAPING	TRUCKING FOR CLEAN ROCK	\$134.42
ECIA	2026 DUES	\$138.84
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	CLERK CALL FORWARD	\$153.32
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	\$216.25
FIRST TRUST & SAVINGS BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX YEARLY FEE	\$20.00
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE & LPC-4	\$521.46
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	WATER LOAN INTEREST	\$7,727.00
JANET HICKS	REIMBURSE FOR OVERDRAFT FEE	\$29.00
JJJ ENTERPRISES	HWY 30 WTR MAIN BREAK/11.30.25	\$3,360.00

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SKID STEER PARTS/OIL/HYD	\$673.59
KARRAGAN WHITMAN	CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DUMPSTERS	\$340.00
LANCE GOETTSCH	NEW BACK DOOR LOCK PAD	\$155.15
LISA SYRING	DECEMBER CELL PHONE	\$40.00
MANATT'S INC	CHIP SEAL	\$17,622.50
MIKE LACEY	DECEMBER CELL PHONE	\$40.00
RACHEL GOETTSCH	NOVEMBER CLEANING	\$200.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES		\$3,385.09
SARA MICKELSON	HALLOWEEN CANDY	\$14.84
TESTNALYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM	\$25.00
US CELLULAR	TABLET DATA	\$36.79
USPS	2026 BOX DUES	\$162.00
VISA	TATTOOS/CRAFTS/DUCKS/BB GAMES	\$485.00
Accounts Payable Total		\$38,943.54
600	WATER	\$90.66
610	SEWER	-\$40.16
670	LANDFILL/GARBAGE	-\$14.08
675	RECYCLE REVENUE	-\$4.82
	Refund Checks Total	\$31.60
Payroll Checks		\$7,666.62
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		\$46,641.76