

City of Calamus
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729
April 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members present included; Sprague, Buckner, Levien, Miller and Griebel.

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

Public Comment: Dan Schau voiced that he would like to have city council meetings recorded, note taken. Dan Schau, Karl Curtis & Daryl Henning voiced their opinion on the city moving forward with charging Calco a monthly utility bill. Council heard concerns over the rising costs Calco is having with expenses. Council Sprague proposed a possibility of using LOST funds as a yearly grant/donation to Calco and Council agreed this could be a great option, city clerk will look into this more. Daryl Henning also addressed a citizen that was volunteering his time mowing the city park. The council and Mayor are very grateful for what he has been doing, but due to insurance concerns he will be asked to cease the mowing until we have another suggestion. Nicole Dehoet voiced that the agenda from the 2/5/26 meeting was not posted 24 hours in advance. Mayor and clerk both stated that it was posted, but it was hard to prove that it was not posted and was not going to go further on that. She also voiced that she asked for a recording from that meeting and was told the recording no longer existed. Dehoet stated she reached out to IA League of Cities on this issue, as did the clerk. Mayor Jensen also talked with Mickey on this issue and we are not required to record or keep recordings unless it was a closed session. Dehoet also voiced her opinion on having agendas & minutes posted on social media. Janet Donelson thanked the council for having a speed sign set on Grove St, it slowed traffic down.

1. M/S, Levien, Buckner for FY27 budget adoption public hearing for April 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM. All Ayes.
2. M/S, Levien, Miller to approve fence permit submitted by Kyndra Nielson. All Ayes as long as set backs are adhered to. All Ayes.
3. M/S, Miller, Sprague to terminate employment on Corey Dehoet. Nicole Dehoet asked the council why he was being terminated and Mayor Jensen mentioned that Corey was not in town enough to work. All Ayes.
4. Discussion on public works director position & guidance for Mayor during interviews. Levien presented a list of duties for all aspects of this position. Salary based was a suggestion, no insurance stipend, possibility of breaking the position into 2 part time positions. Mayor Jensen will compile all details/suggestions and start interviews soon.
5. Discussion on a clean up day for the city shop. The current state is a mess and found many unused chemicals in the building. Will work a clean up day with the council and Mayor.

Water report: Levien mentioned they have worked with the DNR and are getting things squared with them. Hydrants have been flushed. Samples will be taken this week for testing.

Motion by Buckner, second by Levien to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Ayes; All.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Jake Jensen, Mayor

Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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