

City of Calamus  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
301 2nd St. Calamus, IA 52729  
February 23, 2026  
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present included; Buckner, Miller, Levien. Gribel & Sprague absent

Motion by Miller, Levien to approve the consent agenda Ayes; All.

Public Comment: Citizen brought up concern about city owned laptops received via state grant. Also brought up agendas not being posted on the city website. It is not a legality that the city must post agendas on the city website. Agendas only need to be posted in the 3 locations stated in the city ordinance.

1. More discussion was held on the water & sewer rates being raised. Mayor Jensen will look more into this and will have further discussion at the March council meeting.
2. Tax levy public hearing will be set for March 23, 2026 at 5:45. All ayes.
3. M/S, Buckner, Miller to approve that there will be no curb and gutter and no sidewalk required for the Eastside project. All Ayes.
4. M/S, Miller, Levien on the approval of the gifting of land to allow Grove St. to continue past 5th St. And the roadway will be maintained & sealcoated by the city. All Ayes.
5. Discussion on insurance stipend offered to PW Director. PW Director presented the council with a copy of the pay stub and will need to be submitted for proof every month going forward.
6. M/S, Buckner, Miller to approve Resolution 26-05; setting FY27 wages. All Ayes.
7. Discussion on the city clerk being the only one to accept cash payments. All cash will be run through the city clerk with receipts going forward. M/S, Levien, Buckner. All Ayes.
8. Presented a representative letter to the council and mayor for approval. Mayor signed & letter will be sent back to auditor.
9. M/S, Miller, Buckner to approve chicken permit for Darrell & Melissa Koch. All Ayes.
10. M/S, Levien, Miller to approve golf cart permit for Darrell Koch. All Ayes.
11. M/S, Miller, Levien to allow Minor Farms to fill their water tanks for spraying out of old water tower well. All Ayes.
12. M/S, Levien, Buckner to approve FY27 sheriff contract. There were no raises in their rates. All Ayes.
13. M/S, Miller, Levien to allow Lance Goettsch to write and submit a grant with Clinton County Development Association on behalf of the City of Calamus. Grant funds will be used for the moving back of the old depot. No funds will come from the city, a private source will fund those. All Ayes.

Mayor report: Attended EMA/911 meeting. Working on getting lights repaired in the fitness center and will have the new handle welded back on at the fitness center. Working on budget meetings with the clerk. Will also be changing out the door code at the back door in city hall.

Clerk report: City FB page has been deactivated. Council would like to have a new page started, and the clerk will work on getting that new page set up. The clerk also discussed unhappiness going on within city departments and council needs to take a stand for the community. Too much outside noise is going on in this community and it is time to make Calamus a place people want to work in and be a part of.

Motion by Buckner, second by Miller to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Ayes; All.

**FY27 Tax Levy Public Hearing begins at 5:45 pm on Monday, March 23, 2026**  
**The next regular City Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026.**

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Jake Jensen, Mayor

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Lisa Syring, City Clerk

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<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>REFERENCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
3E DAVENPORT GENERATORS	LAGOON GENERATOR	610
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,662.71
CALAMUS COUNTRY STORE	SNOW FUEL	554.98
CHEMSEARCH	ECOSTORM PROGRAM	179.95
CLINTON CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE		1,186.60
CLINTON COUNTY AUDITOR		1,362.97
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	1,528.38
F & B COMMUNICATIONS	CONTROL PANEL	151.33
FENIX USA	DATA & SOFTWARE HOSTING	216.25
IAMU	2026 YEARLY DUES	337

IPERS	IPERS	913.31
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	WINDOWPANE/ISOLATOR/FILTER	1,297.03
LISA SYRING	JANUARY CELL PHONE	40
MIKE LACEY	JANUARY CELL PHONE	40
THE OBSERVER	PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE	13.47
RACHEL GOETTSCH	DECEMBER CLEANING	400
REPUBLIC SERVICES		3,679.51
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	SKIDSTEER SERVICE CALL	1,124.41
TESTNLYTICAL SERVICES	COLIFORM/NITRATE TESTING	79
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	2025 CITY/STATE TAXES	1,747.30
US CELLULAR		36.79
VISA	STROBE LIGHT FOR TRUCK	228.96
WENDLING QUARRIES	CLEAN ROCK	310.2
Accounts Payable Total		18,700.15
	Refund Checks Total	
Payroll Checks		5,918.46
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		24,618.61