

**Calamus City Council Proceedings
Minutes of the FY23 Budget Max Levy Rate Public Hearing
& City Council Meeting
February 7, 2022**

Mayor Goettsch called the public hearing on the FY23 Max Levy Rate Budget to order at 6:30 pm with Council members Buckner, Griebel and Sprague present. Council member Reed joined the meeting at 6:37 Christy Miller and Duane Levien were present to inquire about Max Levy Rate and what those funds are used for. Motion to close the hearing at 6:41 was made by Buckner 2nd by Griebel. All Ayes.

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Goettsch with Council members Reed, Buckner, Griebel and Sprague present.

Mayor Goettsch advised the Council that 3 letters of interest were received to fill the seat that was vacated by himself when he was appointed mayor on Jan. 3. Letters received were from Tammy Forret, Christy Miller and Tyler Leibold with both Christy and Tyler being present. Council members Sprague and Reed asked questions to both candidates. Reed made a motion to appoint Tyler Leibold with a 2nd by Buckner. All Ayes.

A Special Election was requested by Christy Miller.

Tyler Leibold was appointed and sworn in as council member and joined the meeting at 6:52 at which time Mayor Goettsch appointed Council Member Leibold as Mayor Pro Tem.

The **consent agenda** included the minutes of the January 3rd meeting, Clerk's financial report, Claims Register and the following revenues and expenses:

Accounts Payable:

941 Tax – 1554.68, IPERS – 818.69, Agvantage – 326.68, Alliant Energy, utilities – 2285.63, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, policy 2541.81, Braet's 22.00, Calamus Country Store, fuel – 606.39, Certasite- 157.00, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 1,057.81, Davison Tiling – 2852.14, Dept. of Treasury- 672.74, Essence Chemical – 421.50, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 164.71, First Trust & Savings Bank, recycle trailer – 132.11, Hawkins, Inc. 493.54, John Deere Financial – 202.61, MARC- 164.38, Mike Dunlavey – 325.00, Observer, publications – 77.04, Operation Prom- 150.00, QC Analytical- 20.00, Republic Services, garbage contract & dumpsters – 2914.84, Topline Solution – 120.00, Utility Equipment, meters – 65,102.00, Visa- 209.30, Water Services LLC- 500.00,

Gross Wages:

\$5712.77

Revenues:

General Fund – 1842.64, Employee Benefit Fund- 8.46, Water – 6531.77, Sewer – 7513.08, Garbage – 2477.77, Recycling – 399.90 **Total Revenue – 18,773.62**

Expenses:

General Fund – 9620.34, Employee Benefit Fund – 724.22, Road Use – 2062.68, Water – 67761.26, Sewer – 5433.91, Garbage – 2914.84, Recycling – 537.31 **Total Expenses – 89,054.56**

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Reed with a second by Griebel. All ayes.

Public Forum: Duane Levien stressed his concern regarding the property around well #2 due to herbicides and pesticides being put in the ground, if the ground is farmed out. He also stated his frustration with the City giving \$1200 in rental credit to Logan Goettsch for the rental of that land for the cost of the tree/brush removal at the fence line between Mr. Goettsch's farm ground and the city property in question. He also asked why the monthly agenda has not been posted to the city website prior to the meeting. As the City Clerk I told him I would look into doing that. We are required to post in 3 public places which are City Hall, Post Office and the Bank. He also asked about the property at 600 Davenport St. to see if we have received revenue for the time the city has maintained it. Mayor Goettsch asked me to reach out to the county assessor regarding this matter.

Christy Miller asked the hole behind her mom's home at 303 Spring St. and also the storm drain nearby when it is going to be filled. It is a hazard and needs to be address. Mayor Goettsch advised that we will put it on the March Agenda. Public Forum closed.

Council received an offer from Robin and Autumn Reiling to purchase the 1st lot in Creekview addition for \$15,000 with the intent to build a 2 unit condo. After discussion Leibold made a motion to approve the purchase, Griebel 2nd. All Ayes

Council discussed the option of purchasing parcel 4200690000 at 301 2nd St to give the city room for a clerk's office and council meeting room along with additional storage space. With this purchase they will like to sell parcel 4201390000 and 4200160100. Tabled until next meeting.

Buckner made a motion to approve the estimate for \$550 to remove and trim trees in Memorial Park, 2nd by Leibold. All Ayes.

Follow up on 104 Railroad St.- No notification has been received from property owners at this time. Clerk to track certified letter to see if it was received. Will report at the next meeting.

Water Meter report- Mike is continually working on getting them installed. 5 more have been installed.

Garbage cans- Mike has taken the initiative to deliver the cans, there has been request from several citizens for a possible larger can. Mike will work on that.

Steet Lighting that is out. Mike is contact with Alliant to get the ones that are out fixed.

Mural Lighting is being installed currently.

Buckner made a motion to donate the extra computer that the city received through a government grant to the library. Griebel 2nd the motion. All Ayes.

Motion to approve a \$.50 wage increase for Chase Olson was made by Reed, 2nd by Buckner. All Ayes.

Motion to approve the Country Store Liquor License was made by Buckner, 2nd by Griebel. All Ayes

Motion to approve Clerk's Consulting Agreement with Melissa Connor for \$40.00 per hour on a as needed basis was made by Reed, 2nd by Buckner. All Ayes

Heater/AC water plant well #2. Tabled until March meeting

Mike to get estimate from JJJ and J&R for work and supplies to segregate the north side of Hwy 30 off in the event of another watermain break.

Council discussed trading in the current John Deere 738 mower and the X304 on a newer mower. Sprague requested Mike to get additional estimates other than John Deere to compare prices.

Motion to have street signs made for Creekview Rd and also signage for the lagoons with a max limit of \$500 was made by Reed, 2nd by Sprague. All Ayes.

Motion to approve **Resolution 2022-09** FY 23 Budget Max Levy Rate was introduced by Reed with a 2nd by Leibold. All Ayes

Motion by Griebel and 2nd by Leibold to Rescind **Resolutions 2022-4 & 5**. All Ayes

The 1st of 3 readings was read by Mayor Goettsch on **Resolutions 2022-10 and 2022-11**, changes to water and sewer rates. A motion to approve was made by Reed and 2nd by Leibold. Ayes – Sprague and Griebel, Nays- Buckner, Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-12 Authorization for Check Signees, motion to approve was made by Reed and 2nd by Buckner. All Ayes

Resolution 2022-13 Setting Public Hearing for FY23 Budget motion set by Sprague, 2nd by Griebel. All Ayes

Resolution 202203-510 Declaring Necessity and Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Urban Revitalization Plan, motion to approve was set by Reed with a 2nd by Leibold. All Ayes

Reports:

Remainder of the meeting was used for FY23 Budget Workshop.

At 10:13 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Buckner with a second by Leibold. All eyes.

Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Attest:

Stacy Iams, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2022 - 09

APPROVAL OF THE MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2023 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Calamus, Iowa have considered the proposed FY 2023 city maximum property tax dollars for the affected levy total, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on city web site and/or social media accounts if applicable,

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed city maximum property tax dollars was held on February 7, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calamus that the maximum property tax dollars for the affected tax levies for FY 2023 shall not exceed the following total:

Total maximum levy for affected property tax levies \$ 90,647 Calculated Maximum Rate \$9.12497

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in the total maximum levy for affected property tax levies for FY 2023 does not represent an increase of greater than 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7st day of February, 2022 by the Calamus City Council.



Lance Goettsch, Mayor

Attest:



Stacy Iams, City Clerk