

**Calamus City Council Proceedings**  
**Minutes for the following:**  
**Public Hearing on City Codification Ordinance,**  
**Public Hearing for the Urban Revitalization Area**  
**Public Hearing for Creek View Addition Lot 1**  
**& The Regular City Council Meeting**  
**April 4, 2022**

Mayor Goettsch called the meeting to order at 7pm and opened the public hearing on the City Codifications with Council members Reed, Buckner, Griebel, Sprague, Leibold present. Resident Dan Kalfas was present to ask what is all in the City Codifications, Mayor gave a brief description. No further comments were received. Buckner made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel, All Ayes

Council member Leibold made a motion to open the public hearing on the Urban Revitalization Area at 7:04 second by Reed. Mayor Goettsch gave a brief explanation on how this plan would allow for property tax exemptions for new construction for up to 10 years in hopes of generating residential development. This plan would also be available to current residents who choose to build an addition to their home or property where the assessed value would increase by more than 10% of their current value. Mr. Kalfas asked if the tax incentive is transferrable if that property were to sell in that 10 yr timeframe. Mayor Goettsch explained that it would transfer to the next property owner for the remainder of that 10 yr period. No further comments were made. Buckner made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:10 Griebel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes

Leibold made a motion to open the public hearing on Creek View Addition Lot 1 at 7:10 Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. No comments made. Reed made a motion to close at 7:11 Leibold 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes

Mayor Goettsch called the council meeting to order at 7:12:pm with council members Reed, Buckner, Griebel, Sprague, Leibold present.

Leibold made a motion to accept and approve the **consent agenda**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed, which included the minutes from the March 7th meeting, Clerk's financial report, Claims Register and the following revenues and expenses. All Ayes

**Accounts Payable:**

941 Tax – 1715.86, IPERS – 946.06, State W/H- 711.00, State Sales/Water Excise Tax- 1220.00, Alliant Energy, utilities – 2223.01, Anderson Gravel- 119.20, Auditor of State- 800.00, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, policy 1295.83, B&J Electric- 3731.36, Calamus Country Store, fuel – 374.89, Chemsearch- 321.50, Clinton County Sheriff's Office, monthly contract – 1,057.81, Melissa Connor-consult fee 320.00, F & B Communications, phone & internet – 162.48, First Trust & Savings Bank, recycle trailer – 132.11, GIS Benefits- 43.20, IRS- 24.87, Observer, publications – 270.44, QC Analytical- 21.00, Republic Services, garbage contract & dumpsters – 2914.84, Shimborg Co.- 442.26, TopLine Solutions- 74.50, Utility Equipment, meters – 138.99, Visa- 412.43, Water Services LLC- 500.00,

**Gross Wages:**

\$6293.36

**Revenues:**

General Fund – 4769.05, Employee Benefit Fund- 115.41, Road Use – 1701.32, Water – 7705.96, Sewer – 8236.51, Garbage – 2866.59, Recycling – 449.65 **Total Revenue – 25,840.74**

**Expenses:**

General Fund – 11008.31, Employee Benefit Fund – 1167.91, Road Use – 2662.35, Water – 4887.54, Sewer – 2489.21, Garbage – 2978.15, Recycling – 592.98 **Total Expenses – 25,786.45**

**Public Forum:**

Mayor opened public forum for comments or concerns. Bernie Lindsey was there to hear about the Urban Revitalization Area and Roma Thayer asked what the monthly garage fee was. No further comments were made. Griebel made a motion to close public forum, Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Ayes

Motion was made by Reed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel to approve building permit for 101 Spring St. All Ayes

Motion was made by Leibold 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel to approve building permit for 108 Creek Rd. All Ayes

Motion was made by Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leibold to approve building permit for 210 Main St. All Ayes  
Discussion on the quote from B&J Electric on moving the emergency siren off of Dan Kalfas' property, 300 Main St, to the city's new location at 301 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Due to several factors involved Leibold suggested we table this until more information is available to make an informed decision.

Curtis Reed inquired about the street light that is on his property at 304 Spring St if it could be removed or moved to another pole as the light shines directly into their home. Council discussed the contract we have with Alliant Energy and the recent maintenance they did fixing several lights in town and they still have 3 more to repair. Council doesn't believe it is in the best interest of the city to remove any lightening. It provides safety and security to the town and neighboring residents in that area. Reed asked about having the light then moved to a pole down the street and paying for the cost himself. Mayor suggested he contact Alliant and then approach the council at the next meeting. Mike approached the council about purchasing Ice Blaster for next winter season. The product is a close out so by purchasing now it would save approximately \$3500 for a tote of 275 gal. Cost would be approximately \$3910. Per the budget the funds are available for him to purchase.

Council discussed the cost of the replacement parts that Mike is having to purchase and replace when he's installing the new meters and who is responsible for those cost. Stacy to reach out to Iowa League of Cities for further clarification. Tabled until next meeting.

Cleanup at the Cemetery will start on April 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Residents must have plants/flowers etc. removed by this date to allow for cleanup and then they can start replacing those items on or after April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Hydrants will be flushed between April 18-30.

Motion by Reed 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel to make April 7<sup>th</sup> Junior Achievement Day for the City of Calamus. All Ayes  
Water/Sewer line hook-up for 108 Creek Rd. is tabled until further determination is made.

2nd of 3 reading was held on **Resolution 2022-10**- Water Rate changes for a \$35.00 flat fee plus \$4.00 per 1000 gallons used with meters being read monthly. Motion to approve was made by Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leibold. All Ayes

2nd of 3 reading was held on **Resolution 2022-11**- Sewer Rate changes for a \$40.00 flat fee plus \$1.00 per 1000 gallons used with meters being read monthly. Motion to approve was made by Griebel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reed. All Ayes

Revised **Resolution 2022-20**- Setting of Public Hearing for the sale of Parcel 4201390000. Motion was made by Leibold, second by Griebel to hold a Special Meeting on April 18th. All Ayes

Revised **Resolution 2022-21**- Setting of Public Hearing for the sale of Parcel 4200160100. Motion was made by Buckner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel to hold a Special Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>. All Ayes

Motion to approve **Resolution 22-25** for the sale of Real Estate-108 Creek Rd. Lot 1 was made by Leibold and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckner. All Ayes.

Motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 readings on Ordinance 22-01 Amendment to Installation of Water Service Line was made by Reed, second by Leibold. All Ayes

Motion to approve the 2nd of 3 readings on Ordinance 22-02 Amendment to Fee for Sewer Permit was made by Leibold and second by Buckner. All Ayes

Motion to approve the 2nd of 3 readings on Ordinance 22-03 Amendment to Ordinance code 6-2-1 Storm Sewer connection was made by Reed, second by Leibold. All Ayes

Motion to approve the Adoption of the City Code of Ordinances was made by Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Griebel. All Ayes

#### **Mayor Reports:**

The grant has been approved for painting the historical markers for the Lincoln Highway. The FFA will be doing that work. The final process for submitting our application for the \$100,000 grant for the restoration of 193 2<sup>nd</sup> St. is due April 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor is working on other grants with Preservation Society.

The school will be doing their annual clean up day on May 13.

Mayor and council wanted to thank Mike for all he does and recognize his efforts in installing the water meters.

**All Other Department Reports:**

Mike and Stacy will start the initial training on how the program works for the new meter system with additional training over the next few months. Mike still working on different options for the mowers. Mike suggested we add additional language to our building permit applications regarding set backs etc. We will discuss further at next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Buckner with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leibold at 8:56 P.M.

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Lance Goetsch, Mayor

Attest:

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Stacy Iams, City Clerk