

Regular Meeting  
September 10, 1990

In the absence of Mayor Bill Gearhart, the meeting was called to order and the roll call taken by the clerk. There was a motion by Sanderson, second by Reece to nominate Dorothy King temporary chairman. Motion carried.

Council members present: Sanderson, Reece, King  
Others present: Gary Moler, Linda Waugh, Robert Kruse, Don Kliebenstein, Shane Tiernan, Jim and Diana Hillygus, Roger and Jan Beeghly, Edith Whannel and Dean Seaton.

The minutes of the August 13 meeting were approved.

The July and August treasurer's reports were approved in a motion by Reece, second by Sanderson. Carried.

The finance committee presented the following bills:

Conrad Postmaster	Stamps	65.00
Richard Anderson	Mowing	54.00
Iowa Electric Light and Power	Bills 7/90	2,488.77
Jane Gallentine	Picture	14.50
Reva Ladehoff	Cleaning	12.00
Shane Tiernan	Bldg. permit	25.00
Richard Anderson	Mowing	56.00
Robert Kruse	IPERS refund	19.07
First State Bank	Fed WH & SS 8/90	1,864.34
Treasurer, State of Iowa	IA WH 8/90	290.79
IPERS	IPERS 8/90	716.18
David Colin	Mileage	11.77
Cessford Construction	Roadstone	225.03
NAPA Auto Parts	Supplies	55.27
Municipal Pipe & Tool	Clean sewer lines	1,477.50
City of Marshalltown	W/W lab tests	21.00
RGC Printing	W/S monthly report	32.75
Water Products Company	Risers & coupling	126.39
Surplus Property Division	Boots, desk & chair	70.00
M chael Todd & Co.	2 barricades	95.56
Carl's Electric Service	Breaker/S.lift station	17.33
Grundy County Engineer	1990 dust control	109.75
Edward Lucas	Sharpen chain saw	3.00
Kibby Hardware	Supplies	19.47
RACOM Corporation	Battery set	11.63
GTE	Bills 8/90	261.91
Conrad Record	Publications 8/90	80.54
Auditor of State	FY 88-89 Audit	4,304.75
Dale Clapsaddle Insurance	Police liability/premium	1,787.26
Conrad Pharmacy	Supplies	12.46
Heiman Fire Equipment	Hoses & repair kit	444.95
Conrad Foods	Supplies	14.82
Conrad Record	Poster Bd./Fire Dept.	1.40
Pronto	Gas -August	123.45
Casey's General Store	Gas- July & August	278.04
Bob's Farm Center	Fuel	16.42
Grundy County Landfill	Sept. & Black Dirt Days	786.75

Motion by Sanderson, second by Reece that the above bills be accepted and warrants drawn on the same. Carried.

Total revenue for August 1990: \$15,978.18	
General - 3,073.82	Debt Service - 727.34
Sewer - 2,240.40	'82 St. Assmt. - 290.43
Water - 4,919.71	Tax Increment Financing - 62.31
Road Use Tax - 4,664.17	

One building permit was issued to:  
Oakview Inc.                      Addition                      \$280,000

Gary Moler reported the following:  
- His city radio has either been stolen or lost. He will check his Home Owners insurance to see if it is covered and King will check the city's insurance to see if it is covered there.  
-Has checked seven manholes on the south side of the creek, from the lift station and west following the creek.  
-Reviewed TV tapes from Municipal Pipe & Tool showing the line from the

Conrad Co-op to the sewer plant and also the block of Church under Ritchie Industries. The line is crushed twenty four feet from the Co-op, then is in good shape until within eighty feet of the plant where it is engulfed with roots. There is sand and gravel in the line on Church St. Will have Municipal Pipe & Tool clean the line from the manhole at Whannel's to the sewer plant.

Bob Kruse reported he had ordered a light bar from Fesler's for \$950 installed because he couldn't get it from the firm he'd originally ordered it from.

He reported 38 calls in July and 29 in August. Also that he is having to crack down on skateboarders again. Reece suggested waiting another month to see what happens - he felt Kruse was handling it well.

The citizen group who had sewer and water in their basements during the heavy rains in June were present again. Employer's Mutual Insurance, the city's carrier, has denied their claim for damages and they asked what action the city would take now.

Don Kliebenstein explained the city was not legally responsible. The legislature has not made a city responsible for water backing up and insurance carriers will only insure a city for what it is liable for. He also stated that the city could not possibly start paying private claims.

Dean Seaton, spokesman for the group, stated that if the city won't accept any liability, the group will obtain legal counsel.

They were told by both Kliebenstein and King that this was their only alternative.

There was a motion by Reece to purchase the Moler Sanitation property for \$35,785 and to authorize the mayor and clerk to sign the contract. Second by Sanderson. Carried.

A copy of the appraisal report will be filed with these minutes. A possession date of December 10, 1990 was agreed upon by the council and Moler.

There was a motion by Reece, second by Sanderson to add a revision to the building permits stating that water and sewer lines shall be inspected before any fill or concrete is put in place, and that sump pumps and tiles will be inspected also. Motion carried.

A draft of a letter to be sent to property owners was approved by the council. The letter states that Gary Moler will be inspecting each home in Conrad for sump pumps, downspouts and tiles that drain into the sanitary sewer. The city will be working with the property owners for a way to correct any problems.

Don Kliebenstein discussed new legislation passed to allow a city to file a lien against real estate for non payment of delinquent water and sewer charges. The city will implement this option in the future.

Shane Tiernan presented a proposal to work toward having Conrad become a Certified Local Government (CLG). The first step would be to adopt an ordinance establishing a historic preservation commission. He gave the council information to review and this will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Resolution

Council Member Sanderson introduced the resolution to accept the Road Use Tax report for FY '89 - '90 and moved it be adopted. Motion to adopt was made by Council Member Reece.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Sanderson, Reece, King

Nays: None

King, temporary chairman, declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of September, 1990.

Dorothy King  
Dorothy King, temporary chairman

Attest: Carol Whipple  
Carol Whipple, Clerk

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CONRAD, IOWA 50621

APPRAISAL REPORT

August 31, 1990

TO: City of Conrad Conrad, IA 50621

OWNER: Gary Moler (Moler Sanitation)

Legal Description: Beg 220.9' SE of SW Cor Blk 5 Oakview Add, Thence SE 48',  
SW 75', NW 48', NE 75'

Location: South East of Trailer Park in Conrad, IA.

Lot Size: 48' x 75'

Assessed Valuation: \$26,430

Building Size: 36' x 50' = 1,800 square feet

Concrete Entrance: 24' x 24' = 576'

This building was built by "Lester" Buildings in 1988. It does have a full cement floor with large drain, bathroom, and hot water available. The overhead door is a 12' x 20' with motor opener. The building is fully insulated, and does have metal finish throughout.

I feel that this property in a 90 day cash sale would sell for \$36,000.00.

Sincerely;  
CONRAD REAL ESTATE

*Robert J. Klein*  
Robert J. Klein  
Broker

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Resolution

Council Member Reece introduced the resolution to accept the Annual Financial Report for FY '89 - '90 and moved it be adopted. Council Member Sanderson made the motion to adopt.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Sanderson, Reece, King  
Nays: None

King, temporary chairman, declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 10th day of September, 1990.

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Sanderson reported that Fort Dodge Asphalt was doing a good job on the street repair. They had laid an asphalt mat on South Washington that was larger than originally intended. Also, that Grant St. between Bunn's and Olson's will be extended for approximately \$1,400. He reported that the crack filling on Lillian will not be done this year to make up the difference in the cost of the extra work. He reported Jason Road would be done on Tuesday and all the work finished this week.

The east - west alley between Center and Walnut behind Bolton's property was discussed. The council agreed that nothing would be done to that alley.

The census figures were discussed. Both King and the clerk have checked the count and come very close to the figure of 963 received by the census bureau, so the count will not be challenged by the city.

Motion to adjourn by Sanderson, second by Reece. Motion carried.

Dorothy King  
Dorothy King, temporary chairman

Attest: Carol Whipple  
Carol Whipple, Clerk