

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 2-14-00 in Council Chambers. Answering roll call was Shauna Callaway, Steve Mugge, Lisa Purvis, and Lloyd Weber. Absent: Robert Lutes. Also present was Denise Hoy, City Clerk, Joel Danielson, Rick Eckerman, Matt Garber, Gary Sindalar, and Helen Kopsa. Don Kliebenstein arrived at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and began with a pledge to the Flag.

Minutes from the 1-10-00, and 1-24-00 were approved as published. Motion by Mugge, seconded by Weber to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes 4. Motion by Purvis, seconded by Mugge to allow the following bills and draw warrants upon the same. Ayes 4.

A-Kleen Towel, service	34.25	Kibby Hardware, misc.	87.31
A.W.W.A., dues	45.00	Robert Klien, burn lease	150.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	118.20	Brian Ladehoff, snow removal	620.00
Alliant, lights & 3 new poles	7412.63	LGI, lab	227.30
Ames Environmental, asbestos insp.	500.00	Matt Parrott, forms	20.57
Apex, office supplies	242.00	Menards, parts	48.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel & truck	610.90	Mid Iowa Coop, misc.	20.60
Casey's, gas	117.18	MIW, Inc., recycling	54.70
Cellcom, cell phones	81.60	Moler Sanitation, recycle	75.00
Conrad Auto Supply, misc.	15.37	Paragon, popcorn kettle	181.00
Conrad Clinic, shots	27.00	Pizza Ranch, pizza's for fire dept.	33.57
Conrad Ind., insurance	252.00	Radio Communications, page repair	40.43
Conrad Pharmacy, vac.	138.90	The Record, publications	118.86
Country Cobbler, sew flag	8.50	Schiebel Electric, keys	8.00
Fireguard, fire gear	1036.07	Schimberg, water supplies	1621.40
Gearhart Company, repairs	30.78	Amber Sholes, deposit refund	25.72
Grundy Co. Landfill, fee & dump	890.67	Simmering-Cory, admin.	1350.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3333.33	Staples, supplies	157.13
Grundy Co. Recorder, easements	64.00	Superior Cleaning, cleaner	11.50
GTE, phone	364.33	Tractor Supply, seat for tractor	259.98
HACH, chemicals	85.35	U.S. Postmaster, box rent	14.00
Historic Preservation, 2 <sup>nd</sup> ½ alloc.	600.00	Utility Supply, book	75.13
Denise Hoy, mileage	40.34	Van McKibben, trash container	260.00
Iowa One Call, locates	33.60	Zee Medical, latex gloves	8.20
Iowa State Univ., training	78.00	Wages, 1-10-00 to 2-14-00	10604.52
		Total Expenses	\$32,232.92

Expenses per fund: General \$10,820.21, Road Use Tax \$5,416.11, Employer Exp. \$426.01, Raskel Bld. \$500.00, Water \$6,508.51, Sewer \$7,212.08, '97 Sewer Plant \$1,350.00.

January receipts per fund: General \$6,594.43, RUT \$6,507.09, TIF \$303.03, FICA/IPERS Exp. \$29.93, Water \$11,850.04, Sewer \$24,813.56, 97 Sewer Plant \$113,074.47 Total revenues: \$163,172.55.

Gary Sindalar gave a progress report on the new sewer plant. He summarized change orders which will result in a savings of approx. \$7000.00. He also submitted a punch list for finalization of the project. Weber brought up several issues of concern at the plant, such as valves freezing, and a door freezing shut on a hut building. Sindalar said he was aware of the problems and was working with the contractor to remedy them. Council also addressed Sindalar about the higher than estimated O & M expenditures for the plant. Sindalar agreed that actual expenses for the plant were significantly higher than originally estimated, however suggested a year of operation to firm operation expenses.

Mayor Sanderson opened a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the plans, specifications, cost estimates, and form of contract for the bike trail extension. With no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m. Weber then motioned and Mugge seconded, to accept the plans, specifications, cost estimates, and form of contract for the bike trail extension. Ayes 4.

Fred Leytham, Alliant Utilities, presented two different options for street lights on Main Street between Grundy and the bridge. The scope of the project would include 9, double lit fixtures, on aluminum poles with banner arms, which would match the bridge fixtures. It would also include two poles for the stop signs on Main & Center. The City could rent the units for approximately \$650 - \$700 per month on a contract, with the option to purchase at anytime, or they could buy them and own them for approximately \$50,000. Council also discussed replacing some sidewalks on Main at the same time, Leytham estimated this cost at \$30,000. Council made no commitments at this time.

Weber informed council that he had received three quotes on a new pickup. The decision to purchase was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Sanderson informed Council that a goal setting session has been set for March 7, 2000 in the bank basement, beginning at 4 p.m. Tim Shields will conduct the session, and the city will split the \$800 cost with the Conrad Development Committee. The session will be a joint effort with the Development Committee, the City Council, Park Board and Main Street, Inc.

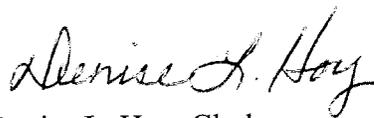
Council discuss the annexation of the land where the sewer plant is located. The City Development Board informed council that because the land falls within 2 miles of the Beaman, a formal hearing and extra procedures would need to take place. Attorney Kliebenstein informed council that there is no particular advantage one way or another to having the property in the city limits. Council decided not to pursue the annexation at this time.

Callaway reported that the Wolf Creek Child Care had hired Denise Rabbitt as the new director and that she would take over on February 21, 2000.

Purvis informed council that she had been awarded a partial scholarship to attend a National Town Meeting in Boston, sponsored by Main Street, Inc. The scholarship includes partial registration and airfare. Conrad Main Street will grant \$300 toward the trip, however she is still short \$200. Weber motioned that the city grant \$150 toward expenses, Mugge seconded. Ayes 4.

Meeting was adjourned by Weber, seconded by Mugge at 9:01 p.m. Ayes 4.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

  
Denise L. Hoy, Clerk