

June 23, 1997

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 6-23-97 in Council Chambers. Members present: Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, and Ken Sanderson. Absent: Dorothy King, and Kevyn Zacharias. Mayor Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present was City Clerk Denise Hoy, and Marsha Cory from Iowa Codifications.

Marsha Cory spoke to council about writing the application for the CDBG grant for the wastewater treatment plant. Cory said that she thought that a different approach in the application from what INRCOG took last year would be to Conrad's advantage. She said she would use magnitude of need, and project impact for the strong points. It would cost Conrad a flat fee of \$700 to have Cory write the application. Cory pointed out that several factors play in the grant awarding and that with Conrad's tax rate of \$14.99 per 1000, and the fact that the sewer plant is a mandate from the State should weigh in our favor. If Conrad is awarded we would be eligible for up to \$250,000. Cory suggested that Council wait and see how much money would be allocated for CDBG grants this year and then make their decision whether to have her write the grant. The more money allocated the greater Conrad's chances to be awarded are.

Motion by Lutes, seconded by Mugge to pay the following bills:

Country Cobbler, flowers	\$34.57
Municipal Street Improvements, street work	\$22,677.55

Ayes 3.

Council discuss that they had contacted local contractors to design and build a well house over well #3. The dead line for bids was prior to this meeting and no response was made by either contractor. Under the circumstances Sanderson moved and Mugge seconded to appoint the water committee to line someone up to build the well house on well #3. Ayes 3.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to approve the liquor license for RJ's Lounge. Ayes 3.

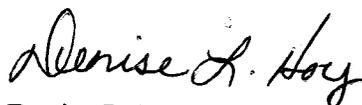
The City of Conrad is due for an Audit this year. According to the Code of Iowa cities over 700 and under 2000 population must have an audit every four years. Council suggested getting bids from the State Auditors office and also obtaining bids from private CPA's.

Council discussed the Raskel property on Main Street. There is an individual who is willing to concur the expenses of obtaining the property, and tearing down the building. The city would then be responsible for filling in the hole and landscaping the area. The total project would be under the cities hospice.

Council agreed to have Dolash tree service remove a tree at the park by the Methodist Church for \$750.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned in a motion at 8:15 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise L. Hoy, Clerk