

Regular Meeting
February 14, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bill Gearhart at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council members present: Krause, Case, Sanderson, King
" " absent: Lutes

Others present: Doug Kruse, Gary Moler, Denny Hines,
Helen Kopsa, Rick Eckerman, Shane Tiernan

The minutes of January 10 and January 11 were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Case, second by King. Carried.

The finance committee presented the following bills:

Fareway	Distilled water	39.55
Conrad Public Library	Copies	204.40
Reva Ladehoff	Cleaning	12.50
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales tax	716.32
IPERS	Underpayment	5.30
Iowa Electric Light and Power	Bills 12/94	3,233.99
Treasurer, State of Iowa	IA WH 1/94	227.93
First State Bank	Payroll taxes	1,529.08
IPERS	IPERS 1/94	474.45
Grundy County Engineer	Sand/Salt	748.80
Alan Schiebel	2 special mtgs	35.00
Grundy County Engineer	Sand/Salt	122.64
Iowa State University	Winter Fire School	121.00
GTE	Bills 1/94	249.51
The Record	Publication 1/94	145.92
Danko	Work on tanker	314.50
Conrad Pharmacy	Envelopes	1.77
At&T	Bills 1/94	6.42
Marshall Office Supply	Supplies	102.49
GTE	'93 emerg. line	252.51
Ryken Engineering	Eng. services	5,227.00
Bob's Farm Center	Fuel & trucking	702.69
Center Street Mini Mart	Gas 1/94	47.60
Dyna Systems	Adhesive&debonder	180.04
Richard Anderson	Snow removal	162.00
Conrad Auto Supply	Supplies	150.46
Hackney Quarries, Inc.	Roadstone	132.44
Roy Sharp	Snow removal	467.50
City of Marshalltown	Lab tests	64.00
Conrad Tire and Auto	Tires/truck	125.00
Conrad Sales Co., Inc.	Supplies	19.84
Kibby Hardware	Supplies	2.74
Hygienic Laboratory	Fluoride tests	60.00
Coates Manufacturing	Supplies	18.61
McNair Wrecker Service	Tow cars/snow removal	125.00
Feed-Rite Controls, Inc.	Chlorine	260.23
Gearhart Welding	Repairs	59.15
Asplundh	10/93-12/93	13.98
Roger Moler	Recycling serv. 2/94	300.00
Grundy County Landfill	Landfill 2/94	878.42
Grundy County Sheriff	Law enforcement 2/94	3,166.66

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

Total revenue for January 1994	- \$34,438.27
General - 11,616.99	Road Use Tax - 4,265.28
Sewer - 6,707.64	Tax Inc. Fund - 383.45
Water - 11,094.05	Debt Service - 370.86

Gary Moler reported the following:

- Two water main breaks - one at the corner of Alice and Walnut has been repaired and one at the corner of Alice and Maple will be repaired tomorrow.
- Testing showed the following nitrate levels: Well #3 - 4.94, Well #4 - 5.45, City Hall - 7.22. This is on a scale of 1 - 10, 10 being in violation.

Moler told the council that both of the lift stations can handle the growth in the Wolf Creek Estates or the Clemens Addition but that the sewer system will not be able to. He suggested interceptor lines to the sewer plant.

Fire Chief, Denny Hines, reported the following officers elected for the next year:

Chief - Denny Hines	2nd Captain - Larry Ladehoff
Ass't. Chief - Kent Higgins	Sec.-Treas. - Dean Ladehoff
1st Captain - Dan Erbes	

The white fire truck has been winterized and Hines is looking for a place to store it. Also the new pumper has been worked on and inspected.

The city council okayed the purchase of a nozzle to fit a 1½ to 2½ inch hose for approximately \$450 for the fire department.

The department has recruited one new fireman and possibly two.

Eight air tanks need to be static checked at \$20 each and then should be good for five to eight years.

Doug Kruse, Conrad Independent Insurance, presented another proposal for insurance for the library for books, videos, property, copier & computer equipment. Premium for the property is \$630 a year with \$1,000 deductible and \$302 with \$250 deductible for the computer equipment. There was a motion by King to accept the proposal except raise the deductible on the computer equipment to \$1,000 making the total premium \$878. Second by Sanderson and carried. This would be an increase of \$526 from the present premium.

The proposal from the Planning and Zoning Commission to add an R2-A district to the zoning ordinance was accepted by the council and the date for a public hearing set for February 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Information from John Cleary, Ryken Engineering, regarding residential development in the Wolf Creek Estates Addition and the Clemens Addition were reviewed. The cost for sanitary sewer, water mains, storm sewer, grading, curb and gutter and engineering services would be \$337,679 in the Wolf Creek Estates and \$212,628 in Clemens Addition. Neither of these costs include telephone, electric, gas, legal fees or land costs. The cost of the land in the Wolf Creek Estates would be \$4,200 an acre and in the Clemens Addition \$4,000 an acre.

A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall to discuss this matter further.

Tom Simmering of Simmering-Cory, Clear Lake, will be contacted in regard to enlarging the TIF District to include the area north of the present Wolf Creek Estates.

There was a motion by Krause to enter into a lease agreement with the Conrad Senior Citizens Apartments for a small piece of land east of the apartments in the 200 block between Washington and Wilhelm Streets to build a storage shed. Second by Sanderson. Carried.

It was Don Kliebenstein's opinion that this lease would enable the manager of the apartments to obtain a building permit.

The matter of insurance for Black Dirt Days was tabled as no one from the committee was present to make the request.

King presented the budget with an explanation of resources and expenditures. The preliminary budget was accepted in a motion by King, second by Sanderson and carried. Budget hearings were set for February 28th at 7:00 p.m. and March 14th at 7:30 p.m.

The wage proposal for FY 94 - 95 was presented by King. It was accepted in a motion by Sanderson, second by Case and carried. A copy of the proposal is enclosed here with the minutes.

Motion by King, second by Sanderson that Betty Wood be appointed to fill one of the terms on the Park Board created by ordinance. Carried.

Schiebel Electric will be contacted in regard to a 110 volt outlet on the front of the City Hall.

Mayor Gearhart discussed the need to install a force main to the sewer plant to alleviate the high usage of the Walnut Street main. The clerk will check to see if any engineering has been done on this previously. The Sanitation Committee, Lutes and Sanderson, will look into this.

A letter from the Grundy^{County} Board of Supervisors was discussed. Grundy County will share in hiring a person to coordinate information and requirements on OSHA regulations. The cost for Grundy County is \$15,000. The county will pay \$7,500 and the cities will split the remainder. Conrad's share is \$987.71. Motion by Sanderson to participate in this agreement. Second by Case and carried.

The audit report received in January was reviewed by the council. Several of their recommendations were discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Sanderson, second by Case. Carried.


Bill Gearhart, Mayor

Attest: 
Carol Whipple, Clerk