

July 22, 1996

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 7/22/96 in the City Hall. Answering roll call was: Dorothy King, Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, Kevyn Zacharias. Ken Sanderson arrived at 9:55 p.m. Also attending were: Joel Danielson, Matt Tapken, Gary Moler, Helen Kopsa, Shane Tiernan. Mayor Gearhart presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Gary Moler and Matt Tapken reported on several items including: * replacing the bearings in pump at w.w.t.p., *purchase of a new submersible pump, *replacing the float ball in south lift station, *calci quest is now installed and working, *they are in there third year for lead and copper test, and will be taking 10 samples, *they are working with the DNR for reduced or eliminating the test required because of Ritchie Industries, *the need for a vent in well house #3 because of the dehumidifiers, *reported that LGI is now doing most of our w.w. testing, *they had filled street and alley's with chipped asphalt, *they had painted the N. 100 block of Main for parking, *the mosquito sprayer was working well, *the water meters were 100% installed, *the construction fence was put up at pool, * they will begin working on spraying of weeds in the next few weeks.

Tapken also asked Council if he could change his insurance company to one of his choice, because of the need for a family plan due to his upcoming marriage. Tapken would like to continue on a flexible benefits plan, but felt that a different insurance company would offer more competitive rates. Council was agreeable to this change but advised City Clerk to look into the matter to further to see if it would be possible.

Council agreed to run an ad in the paper advertising for someone to work at the recycling drop box. They would like to hire 2 persons, 14 years or older. Two person would be hired so that the Saturday's could be rotated. The position would be Saturday's from 9 am to noon.

Joel Danielson reported on the Family Aquatic Center, stating that several minor changes were taking place. There are some changes in the electrical, in which 3 phase is not needed and would be replaced with single phase. The Park Board felt they could trim some of the light fixtures from the bathhouse, and the plumbing costs would be cut by not needing 4' floor drains. The floor drains would also help cut the cost of excavating, by not needing as much fill. A pool heater will need to be purchased, and they could possibly buy a used one for \$4000.00 or less.

The Park Board reported that they had not received a permit from the State at this point, but expect to receive it within a few days. Council elected not to pass a resolution accepting the performance bonds and final contract with Weidner Construction until the permit has been received.

*Council member Steve Mugge was excused from 8:20 p.m. to 8:25 p.m.

Council then discussed add alternates for the Family Aquatic Center which would be additions above the basic contract price. In a motion by King, seconded by Lutes a brick ledge was approved for the bathhouse only. Ayes *3. Motion by Lutes, seconded by King to approve add alternates #1-2, 1-3, 1-5 and 1-6 which will allow for a water slide, sand wash off area, and a foundation and slab for an additional shelter. Ayes 4. Lutes also moved to allow the park board to purchase brick for the bathhouse, seconded by King. Ayes 4.

Motion by Lutes, seconded by King to appoint Carol Hoff and Greg Shine for a 6 year term to the Library Board. Ayes 4. A clarification was made that at the last meeting Cathy Tiernan was appointed to replace Betty Juchems, who resigned, and Becky Hedlund replaces Wanda Button whose term expired.

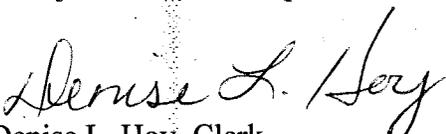
Motion by Lutes, seconded by King to adopt resolution #111-7.96 " A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN WARRANTS/CHECKS" Ayes: Lutes, King, Zacharias, Mugge. Nays: none.

Council recognized the years of service that Kathy Grant had served as City Treasurer to the City of Conrad. Kathy's position was combined with the Clerks as of July 1, 1996. Council expressed sincere thanks and gratitude for the fine job Kathy had done over the past years.

Shane Tiernan presented Council with a financial report for Main Street, Inc. Shane also discussed with Council the possibilities of purchasing the land west of the creek for Industrial Development. The Development Committee may present an option to buy to the sellers, and will discuss this further with Council at the next regular meeting.

With no further business apparent, in a motion Council adjourned at 10 :16 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise L. Hoy, Clerk