

November 24, 1997

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 11-24-97 in Council Chambers. Members present were Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, Ken Sanderson and Kevyn Zacharias. Absent: Dorothy King. Also present was Gary Moler, Denise Hoy, several BCLUW Students, Lloyd Weber, and Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer. Mayor Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

It was reported that the Raskel Building is now demolished and the City will be filling it in the near future. Mayor Gearhart reported that the City should be receiving a letter from the DNR in regards to some asbestos material which may not have been properly removed from the building by the contractors.

Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer, informed Council that the South Main Street bridge is now eligible for federal funding. The grant will cover 80% of the costs and the other 20% will be split between the County and the City. The estimated costs to build the bridge is \$300,000. Construction should begin in the spring of 1999 and be completed that summer.

Gary Mauer also discussed the Comet Trail expansion with the Council. Council asked City Clerk Hoy to check into this matter further with the Park Board and Main Street.

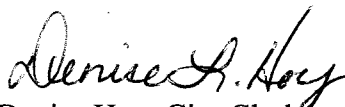
Council agreed to clean up the trees in the alley of Washington Street. Clerk Hoy reported that IES had agreed to allow Lee Ann Neuroth a tree for tree offer.

The personnel committee reported they had interviewed 5 of the 12 applicants for the maintenance position. The Council discussed wage proposals and benefit packages. The committee will offer the job to one of the top three applicants this week.

Council set a public hearing for December 8th, 1997 to hear comments about the CDBG grant application for the sewer plant.

With no further business, Council adjourned in a motion at 8:55 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise Hoy, City Clerk