

Regular Meeting
September 11, 1989

The regular meeting of the Conrad City Council was called to order by Mayor Bill Gearhart at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Council members present: Sanderson, Schiebel, Reece, King
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Others present: Pat Whitmire, Cliff Wilson, Dave Fox, Kurt Terrillion, Jim Wesch, Dixie Walters, Jean Mennenga, Lee Hogle, Linda Waugh, Bob Kruse

The minutes of the August 14 and August 29 meetings were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Sanderson, second by Reece. Carried.

The finance committee presented the following bills:

Bill Hartwig Excavating	5% retainage/Walnut St.	871.46
Kibby Inc.	Bal. of 7/89 bill	117.05
Shane Tiernan	Bldg. permit	15.00
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Iowa Electric Light and Power	Bills 8/89	2,238.72
Reva Ladehoff	Cleaning	12.00
Shane Tiernan	Bldg. permit	15.00
First State Bank	Fed WH & SS 8/89	1,890.22
Treasurer, State of Iowa	WH 8/89	265.17
IPERS	IPERS 8/89	685.04
The Associates	Radio's/fire trucks	962.00
Dick's Starter & Generator	Repairs/FD	31.22
City of Marshalltown	W/W tests & test air tank	52.00
Communications Engineering Co.	Install radio/fire truck	227.21
Pronto	Gas 8/89	117.38
Clapsaddle-Garber Associates	Contract adm./water tower	828.00
Gearhart Welding	Repair weed mower	282.02
Warning Lites of Iowa	Bal. due on acct	2.29
Conrad Record	Publication 8/89	129.32
Water Products Co.	Meter & conn.	112.59
Diamond Vogel	Traffic paint	230.00
GTE North	Bills 8/89	275.50
Minnesota Valley Testing Laboratory	Water analysis	48.00
Carl's Electric Service	Serv. call/sewer plant	32.20
Dan Dietch	1/2" reroed	25.00
Conrad Sales Co. Inc.	Tank & mower handle	64.95
Michael Todd & Co.	Barricade	49.37
Heronimus Sand & Gravel	Fill/water project	46.04
Bidall	Sewer compound	536.63
Kliebenstein, Heronimus & Schmidt	July & August '89	382.50
Kibby, Inc.	Supplies 8/89	185.92
Bob's Farm Center	Diesel, oil & mics.	42.48
MAPA Auto Parts	Parts & supplies	67.34
Concrete, Inc.	Concrete/sidewalks	148.50
Cessford Construction	Asphaltic concrete/Center	3,764.15
Grundty County Landfill	Landfill 9/89	838.34

Motion by King, second by Reece that the above bills be paid and warrants drawn on the same. Carried. There was some discussion of CGA's bill of \$828.00 showing their work 100% complete on the water project. Fox stated his time was up at the completion date of the contract and any further charges by CGA could be assessed to Pitt-Des Moines by the city.

Total revenue for August 1989: \$19,655.52	
General - 8,507.03	Road Use Tax - \$,982,42
Sewer - 1,606.76	Debt Service - 52.41
Water - 4,506.90	

The following building permits were issued:

Paul Eckerman	Room addition	\$10,000
Arvin Steckleberg	Garage	8,000
Ann Stephenson	Deck	800

In the absence of Gary Moler, Mayor Gearhart reported that the limbs from the recent wind had been picked up and the streets swept.

Cliff Wilson, Kurt Terrillion and Jim Wesch of Ritchie Industries were present to present a zinc abatement plan to the council. Ritchie's do contribute a portion of the zinc to the treatment plant and are presently taking steps to install a treatment system that will eliminate the majority of the zinc that they now send to the treatment plant. The plan calls for a filter press and is to be in operation by the middle of January.

The council voted to purchase another composite sampler and trace other sources of zinc that are obviously getting into the system, so they can be eliminated.

A petition to reactivate the noon whistle was presented to the council. Pat Whitmire and Dixie Walters who live within a block of the siren asked that it be left off. Jean Mennenga, representing the senior citizens who signed the petition, stated some senior citizens need to be reminded to eat a noon meal and it reminds children to check in at home. After some discussion Schiebel made a motion to leave the siren off. Second by Sanderson. Carried.

A letter from Youngblut Contracting, dated 9/6/89, was reviewed. The company no longer plans to repair the cracked concrete pavement with rebar as their representative stated at last month's council meeting. They now feel that the cracking is due to a water main adjacent to the curb settling. Dave Fox, CGA, stated the water main is four to six feet back from the curb and not the cause of the cracking. Fox will contact Youngblut about a meeting to discuss the matter further.

It was noted that painters are to be here this week to paint the valve that was replaced and also the pipes in the pit area of the new water tower.

Dave Fox stated that the city can bill Pitt-Des Moines for work done at the new water tower such as draining the tower, our time and any other work that we have had to do there.

Lee Hogle was granted permission by the council to cut the curb 36' on the radius of Wilhelm and Lillian for an opening for his driveway.

It was agreed by the council to have Gary Moler approve any curb cuts that don't exceed 24' in length but that special council permission is needed for any that are larger than that.

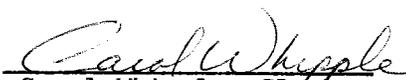
Resolution

Council member Reece introduced the resolution to remove the stop signs on the southeast corner and on the northwest corner of the intersection of North Main Street and the drive to the City Swimming Pool and moved it be adopted. Council member Sanderson seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sanderson, Schiebel, Reece, King

Nays: None

Mayor Gearhart declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 11th day of September, 1989.


Bill Gearhart, Mayor

Attest: 
Carol Whipple, Clerk

Resolution

Council member Schiebel introduced the resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 186 (to change number of Park Board members from three to five) and moved it be adopted. Council member Sanderson seconded the motion to adopt.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Sanderson, Schiebel, Reece, King

Nays: None

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Motion by Schiebel, second by King to move from the first to the third reading. Carried.

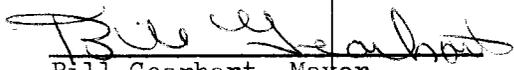
The removal of the hydrants on Oakwood Drive will be delayed until it is definitely determined they are on city property.

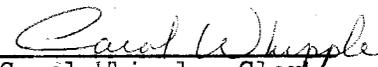
Resolution

Council member Schiebel introduced the resolution to approve the annual Road Use Tax Report and Street Construction Progress Status Report and moved it be adopted. Council member Reece seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sanderson, Schiebel, Reece, King

Nays: None

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Mayor Gearhart announced it will be approximately 6 weeks before Water-tower Demolition Co. of Waterloo will be here to take the old water tower down. He will send the signed contract and bond and insurance within a few days.

The clerk was asked to write a letter to R. D. Stewart Co. in regard to the area in the alley behind Conrad Foods that was removed with a jack hammer to put in a gas line. The council would like the area properly cut out and then filled with concrete.

Permission was granted to Gary Heggen in a motion by Reece, second by Schiebel to fill a ditch on his property as long as tile was put in first to meet the tile at the east and west of his property. The motion carried.

Eliminating the Cable TV ordinance from the City Code was discussed because it is now superseded by federal laws. It was felt that possibly the Senate will nullify some of those regulations because of the unscrupulous acts of cable companies. It was agreed to leave the ordinance in place at the present time.

The discussion on Tax Increment Financing guidelines were tabled until next month's meeting.

A change order to change the size of the lettering on the water tower was approved in a motion by Reece, second by Sanderson. Carried.

Bill Hartwig will remove the fire hydrant on Main across from Boyd St. and cap it off. There is a hydrant a block north and a block south of it's location.

A letter of resignation from Larry Neal for his position on the Planning and Zoning Commission was accepted in a motion by Reece, second by Schiebel. Carried.

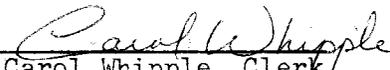
It was noted there had been \$3700 in maintenance costs on the city tractor since it was purchased in October 1982. Schiebel and Reece are to look at it again as it needs to be repaired before winter.

The riding mower is being repaired. Before spring either a new mower will be purchased or the mowing contracted out.

Municipal Street Improvements has been in town and repaired the washboard area on Grundy Ave. Sanderson will ask them for a letter guaranteeing the work.

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


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