

April 12, 1999

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04-12-99 in Council Chambers. Answering roll call was Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, Kenny Sanderson, Kevyn Zacharias, and Lloyd Weber. Also present was Denise Hoy, City Clerk, Joel Danielson and Rick Eckerman, Mike Schmitz from Tenneco, Helen Kopsa, and several Conrad Fire Department Members. Mayor Bill Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the 3-8-99, 3-19-99, and 3-22-99, were approved as published. Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes 5. Motion by Lutes, seconded by Sanderson to approve the following bills and draw warrants upon the same. Ayes 5.

A-Kleen Towel, service	30.00	ISU, clerks academy	125.00
Advance Water, chemicals	596.79	Kibby Hardware, misc.	98.57
Alliant, lights	2798.07	Brian Ladehoff, snow removal	226.00
Apex Office, supply	50.96	LGI, lab	337.48
Arrakis Pub., fire software	789.75	M'town TR, ad	28.80
Bob's Farm Center, rock & diesel	660.16	Martin Marietta, rock	47.09
Casey's, gas	135.72	Matt Parrott, supplies	18.57
Cessford Construction, rock	153.01	Minnowa Construction, bridge	6500.00
Clapsaddle-Garber, engineer	548.95	MIW, recycling	127.45
Computer Management, meeting	25.00	Moler Sanitation, haul recycling	75.00
Conrad Clinic, hepatitis shot	12.00	Gary Moler, mileage	61.05
Conrad Ind. Ins., premium	14967.00	Neehah, grate	101.00
Conrad Main Street, allocated	5000.00	Racom, batteries/repairs	162.50
Conrad Tire & Auto, repair	12.50	Rain Drop Prod., water toys	4690.00
Don McElroy Playground, equip.	666.00	The Record, publications	88.05
Don Kliebenstein, legal	733.50	Ryken Engineering, st. project	4642.00
First State Bank, loan pay	38512.78	Roy Sharp, snow removal	1168.75
Gearhart Company, parts & labor	694.76	State of Iowa Treas., sales tax	1510.84
Grundy Co. Landfill, dues	881.92	Kurt Steckelberg, reimburse	18.88
Grundy County Sheriff, contract	3333.33	U.S. Postmaster, postage	393.00
GTE, phone	263.00	Alvin Vanwaardhuizen, repairs	19.00
Hygienic Lab, lab	45.00	Walmart, supply	61.58
IAMU, dues	291.80	Wendler Eng. & Const., sewer	63887.50
IIMC, dues	60.00	Winmor Const, storm sewer	56060.46
Iowa DNR, certificate fee	32.00	Wages, 3-9-99 to 4-12-99	11576.62
Iowa One Call, locates	19.55		
Iowa Prison Ind., table	82.50	Total Expenses	\$223,571.24
Iowa Rural Water, dues	150.00		

Expenses per fund: General \$31,530.94, Road Use Tax \$12,130.72, TIF \$5000.00, Debt Service \$38,512.78, Employer Exp. \$507.67, Sharp Sewer Extension \$548.95, '98 Storm Sewer \$56,060.46, Pool St. Improve \$4642.00, Water \$6711.67, Sewer \$4038.55, '97 Sewer Plant \$63,887.50.

March receipts per fund: General \$17,042.50, RUT \$7580.38, TIF \$2259.52, Debt Service \$1060.41, Employee Benefits \$129.56, Sharp Sewer Extension \$9450.00, Water \$10,314.28, Sewer \$21,901.66. Total revenues: \$69,738.31.

The Park Board inquired about the walk bridge at Oakland Trail Park where the storm sewer was installed. Council agreed to fund this project, and gave the Board permission to proceed.

The Fire Department addressed the Council about the Cascade Air System that council looked at in March. Lutes asked Fire Chief Hines to see if any other departments would help share the cost of the system. Council gave permission to allow an additional phone line to be installed at the fire station for the E911 system. The 911 Emergency Board is giving a one time \$300 grant if fire departments bring in this second line. Fire Chief Hines informed Council they are considering burning the elevator south of the office at Coop. They also discussed tax rate levies for township fire protection. Mayor Gearhart will be looking into the matter.

Mike Schmitz from Tenneco, asked permission to knock a curb out of Wolf Creek Drive on the east side, across from his loading docks. They would then install an apron to allow better access for loading and unloading trucks. Council required the cement to be 6" thick with granular under it. Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to allow the apron. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Weber, seconded by Sanderson to set a public hearing to approve the Development Agreement with Tenneco Packaging, Inc., including tax increment payments, for April 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson, Zacharias, and Weber.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to approve change order no. 2, for Sharp Acres Sewer Extension project. The change results in a contract decrease of \$1000. Ayes: 5.

Mayor Gearhart explained a change order to install an asphalt matt at the approaches of the South Main Street Bridge. The change will result in a \$38,000 increase, in which the cities share is 10%. There will also be electrical outlet installed on the lights of the bridge. Council also approved a request from Cliff Wilson to close the bridge on May 2, 1999 for a "Bridge Opening Celebration".

Mayor Gearhart open the public hearing at 8:05 p.m. With no oral or written comments, the public hearing on the plans and specifications of the pool street improvement was closed.

Motion by Lutes, seconded by Sanderson to approve the plans and specifications of the pool street improvement. Ayes 5. One bid was received for the project from Cessford Construction in the base amount of \$51,979.68. Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to accept the bid and enter into contract with Cessford Construction for this project. Ayes: 5.

Under the engineers report, Sindalar reported on the water line to the sewer plant, updated council on the storm sewer project and the sewer plant project. Mayor Gearhart informed Sindalar that the chain link fence needs to stay in contact around the existing sewer plant at all times.

Council member Sanderson motioned to contract with Alliant Utilities to install underground electrical to the new sewer plant for approximately \$17,467. Mugge seconded, Ayes: 5.

In a motion by Sanderson, seconded by Lutes, the City Clerk was instructed to pay Joann Klein \$4500 for the purchase of land west of the Blythe addition as per agreement. Ayes 5.

Gearhart informed council that the manhole under the new bridge would not be moved as previously thought. The area can be reworked to protect the manhole from damage. He also was given permission to hire someone from the bridge crew to clean up the creek east of the bridge. The cost for the service is \$100 per hour or \$400 per day.

Gearhart asked for Walnut street to be considered for street improvements for this summers work.

Motion by Lutes, seconded by Sanderson to adopt resolution #109-4.99, transferring funds from general fund to debt service fund to cover the balloon on the Blythe II note. Ayes: Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson, Weber, Zacharias.

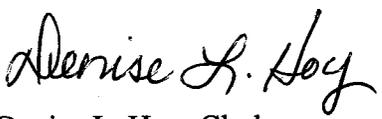
An amended fiscal year 2000 budget was presented to council. The only change is a decrease of 72 cents per thousand in tax asking, due to the ability to make final payment on the Blythe II note in fiscal year 99. The Debt Service for the fiscal year 2000 will not be necessary, as all G.O. debt is paid off.

Motion by Lutes, seconded by Sanderson to set a public hearing for May 10, 1999 at 7:30 p.m to update residents of the City about the status of the new wastewater treatment plant. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Mugge, seconded by Sanderson to adopt resolution #110-4.99 "Placing the Local Option Sales Tax Public Measure on the ballot at the June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999 Special Election and specifying that the revenues will be used for capital improvements". Ayes: Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson, Zacharias, and Weber.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned by a motion at 9:40 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor

  
Denise L. Hoy, Clerk