

March 23, 1998

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 3/23/98 in council chambers. Answering roll call was Lutes, Mugge, Zacharias, Weber, Sanderson. Also present was Dean Ladehoff and Denise Hoy, City Clerk. Mayor Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Dean reported that the fire department had three new members, Lee Rhodes, Bruce Marble, and Tim Nelson. He also informed council that they were looking at gear lockers which would cost \$175 each and 25 units are needed. They are also considering a cascade air system to fill their air packs, with an estimated cost of \$9600. They approved the purchase of some traffic control equipment.

Council discussed the water and sewer hook up permit fee, clarifying that all new construction should pay the fee's.

Marsha Cory discussed with council the CDBG grant that the city was awarded. The amount awarded was \$250,000, with \$178,167 available now and the rest this summer. There are several steps to proceed with, including a notice in the paper, and soliciting for bids for the administering of the grant. Clerk was instructed to proceed with sending letters and publishing a notice for the administration. Lutes moved and Mugge seconded to authorize the Mayor to enter into contract with the State of Iowa for the CDBG funds. Ayes: 5.

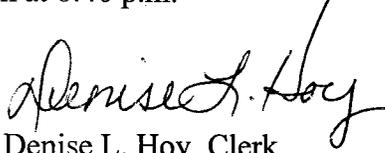
Al Dierks, Casey's General Store, was present asking council permission to improve the driveway approach to Casey's. Dierks proposes to lay asphalt at an angle across the adjacent alley to the west of Casey's. Council granted permission to Dierks, however before construction begins, they should check with Gary Moler, Street Superintendent, to make sure slopes are correct.

Council discussed correspondence from USA Slides in regards to the water slide at the Family Aquatic Center. Lutes moved to set in escrow, \$4800.00, the amount due to USA Slides until the warranty work is completed. Sanderson seconded, Ayes 5.

Council requested that Gary Sindalar work up cost estimates on a housing addition going north on Blythe & Wilhelm Streets, and west of the swimming pool.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned in a motion at 8:40 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise L. Hoy, Clerk