

December 13, 1999

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 12-13-99 in Council Chambers. Answering roll call was Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, and Kenny Sanderson. Absent: Lloyd Weber and Kevyn Zacharias. Also present was Denise Hoy, City Clerk, Tina Hamilton, Grundy County Development Alliance, Lisa Purvis, and several BCLUW Students. Mayor Bill Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from the 11-08-99, and 11-22-99 were approved as published. Motion by Mugge, seconded by Sanderson to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes 3. Motion by Lutes, seconded by Sanderson to allow the following bills and draw warrants upon the same. Ayes 3.

A-Kleen Towel, service	34.25	IDALS, pesticide permit	15.00
Alliant, lights	2413.08	Iowa League of Cities, registrations	105.00
Animal Rescue League	100.00	Iowa One Call, locates	25.20
Bob's Farm Center, rock & diesel	720.26	Kibby Hardware, misc.	53.22
Casey's, gas	160.74	Lee Mowing, mowing parks	551.00
Cellcom, cell phones	85.74	LGI, lab	422.49
Central Iowa Dist., equipment	58.20	Marshalltown Water Works, lab	9.00
City of Marshalltown, lab	129.00	Tanner McCoy, sidewalk reimb.	425.00
Clapsaddle-Garber, trail design	669.02	Menards, misc.	25.74
Conrad Auto Supply, misc.	112.36	MIW, Inc., recycling	87.55
Conrad Clinic, hepatitis shot	27.00	Moler Sanitation, recycle & leaves	460.00
Conrad Foods, misc.	46.55	The Record, publications	145.51
Conrad Ind. Ins., bond	133.00	Bill Moore, deposit refund	3.92
Conrad Pharmacy, vac.	69.45	Nessa, Inc., gauge	9.03
Conrad Public Library, funds	16281.00	Norwest Banks, int on SRF loan	11755.17
First State Bank, princ/Int.	79219.18	Safety Kleen, recycle cleaner	108.00
Flatland Farms, truck storage	150.00	Schiebel Electric, labor	418.23
Grundy Co. Auditor, election	757.14	Dales Smith, build bridge	676.00
GTE, phone	311.23	Stewart Building, mat. for bridge	861.80
HACH, chemicals	426.30	Steve Sunkle, dep. refund	25.38
Happy Hour Trailer Sales, trailer	600.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	40.00
Hines & Kadner, haul sludge	2400.00	Wal-Mart, misc.	39.87
Denise Hoy, mileage	42.84	Wendler Engineering, req. #9	161036.42
Hygienic Labs, lab	175.00	Wages, 11-09-99 to 12-13-99	8190.59
		Total Expenses	\$290,610.46

Expenses per fund: General \$23,324.32, Road Use Tax \$2,617.67, TIF \$79,219.18, Employer Exp. \$334.38, 98 Storm Sewer \$1537.80, Water \$3,346.92, Sewer \$18,532.10, '97 Sewer Plant \$161,698.09.

November receipts per fund: General \$36,103.54, RUT \$5,308.80, TIF \$22,845.20, FICA/IPERS Exp. \$653.21, Water \$14,327.52, Sewer \$23,652.82. Total revenues: \$102,891.09.

The Fire Department reported that the compressor and cascade system is up and running. Lutes requested that the department does not fill other tanks from this compressor due to liability reasons. He suggested that other departments could "buy into the compressor", so that they may assume ownership, which would relieve liability issues. Council asked Don Kliebenstein to review the Mutual Aid agreement to see if this issue was addressed in it. Council also approved purchasing some gear for new firemen in a motion by Mugge, seconded by Lutes. Ayes 3.

There were two building permits; Oakview nursing home for an assisted living addition-\$1,500,000 ; and Kevin Walters for a new deck - \$1500.

Tina Hamilton, Grundy County Development Alliance, visited with Council about a County wide Leadership Academy. The Academy would consist of five classes starting in February 2000, preparing students for leadership. She asked council to support two participants from Conrad. Mugge motioned to pay half of the \$119.00 tuition fee for two individuals, one being Lisa Purvis, to attend the academy. Sanderson seconded; Ayes 3.

Council agreed to look into what it would take to make changes to the Library Ordinance. The Library Board has requested that the Board consist of 7 (seven) members instead of 9 (nine). They also would like to shorten the terms served from 6 (six) years to 4 (four) years.

Lutes discussed snow removal from business sidewalks. He asked Brian Ladehoff, who is in the snow removal business, to quote what he would charge to remove snow from business sidewalks on an individual basis. Having the snow removed in the early morning hours, while the City employees are removing snow, would eliminate the problems of where business are to put their snow after the plows have already been through. Mugge will be asking Lynn Zern to survey each business to get their opinion.

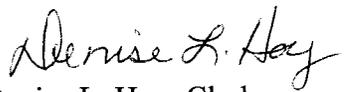
Lutes made a motion to rescind a motion that was made on October 25, 1995, allowing a T.I.F. rebate to the Wolf Creek Child Care. The Child Care took other routes of financing to pay for the new day care building. Sanderson seconded the motion. Ayes 3.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to adopt resolution #133-12.99, authorizing the City Clerk to transfer funds as described. Ayes: Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson.

Mayor Gearhart asked council how they felt about the Grundy County Board of Supervisors putting \$100,000 into an industrial park north of Grundy Center. They wondered if the money will be given as a loan, a grant, or as an investment. Who would own the land? Would there be a building involved? They also wondered if the County would have funds available if a business were to local near Conrad. Many Council were to call the Supervisors with such questions. The Clerk was also instructed to put the concerns in a letter to the Board.

With no other business, meeting was adjourned in a motion at 8:45 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise L. Hoy, Clerk