

Regular Meeting
October 14, 1985

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

Members present: Zern, King, Reece, Schiebel, Lutes
" absent: None

Others present: Rilla Fox, Gary Moler, Glen Hurlbutt, Dave Fox, Jeanne Zehr, Jennie Bolgren & Julie Blythe

The minutes of the September 9th and September 16th meetings were approved.

The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Reece and second by Schiebel.

The finance committee presented the following bills:

Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 9/6-9/12/85	243.89
S. L. Baumeier Co.	Dwight St. Stm. Sewer Proj.	24,608.15
Post Office	2 keys P. O. box	2.00
Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 9/13-9/19/85	184.67
Time Insurance Co.	Premium 10/85	424.00
Iowa Electric Light and Power	Bills 8/15-9/16-85	1,852.13
Robert Kruse	Week end duty	172.73
Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 9/20-9/26/85	287.23
Post Office	Stamps & post cards	43.00
Reva Ladehoff	Cleaning 9/85	12.00
IPERS-FOAB	S. S. 9/85	730.50
First State Bank	Fed WH 9/85	626.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	State WH 9/85	186.64
IPERS	IPERS 9/85	569.99
Brian Mohr	Treas. salary 3rd qtr. 85	150.00
Conrad Library	Copies	44.00
Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 9/27-10/3/85	180.87
Stewart Lumber	Lumber	214.95
Post Office	Stamps/lab	22.00
E. E. Jebousek	Bldg. permit	25.00
Region # 2	Seminar	30.00
Bill Gearhart	3rd qtr. 85	300.00
Robert Zern	"	50.00
Dorothy King	"	92.50
Verne A. Reece	"	116.60
Alan Schiebel	"	92.50
Robert Lutes	"	92.50
Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 10/4-10/10/85	248.48
Marty Whitmore	Clerk pro-tem 9/16/85	15.00
ABC	Manuals	28.00
Ia. Dept. of WAWM	Grade II WW/Skartvedt	32.00
Kliebenstein, Heronimus & Schmidt	3rd qtr. 85	1,477.50
Clapsaddle-Garber Associates	Prof. services	1,000.00
Kibby, Inc.	Hdware & supplies	66.62
RGC Printing Co.	500 envelopes	23.90
Conrad Sales Co., Inc.	Parts	51.66
Charlie's Market	Distilled water/lab	10.01
Armco, Inc.	Snow fence	410.87
Gearhart Welding	Filter/saw	57.78
Lowell Ford, Ltd.	Flat repair	5.00
Conrad Pharmacy	Supplies	9.94
Conrad Record	Publication 9/85	61.56
Share Corporation	Sewer compound	151.00
Conrad Fire Dept.	1st qtr. FY 86	700.00
HACH Company	Fluoride & equip.	89.65
SERCO	Analysis/water samples	25.00
Best Rental	Saw	12.20
Bob's Farm Center	Poly coup.	12.50
Egleston Electric Co.	Parts	4.20
Cessford Construction	Cold mix	458.96
General Telephone	Bills 9/85	330.61
Conrad Independent Ins.	Gen'l liab. & auto audit	186.00
McNair Body Shop	Repair tanker	426.48
Bill Hartwig Excavation	Trucking dirt	120.00
Conrad NAPA Auto Supply	Parts & supplies	216.00

Yellow Springs Instrument Co.	Repair part	228.45
Racom Service Corp	Battery	65.00
Conrad Cooperative	Brushes & broom	55.18
Ia. Dept. of WAWM	Water operation permit	200.00
Smeal Fire Equipment	Hose	186.95
Jeff Skartvedt	Salary 10/11-10/17/85	180.87
Casey's General Store	Gas 9/85	152.86
Pronto	Gas 9/85	21.30
Schleisman DX Station	Gas 9/85	57.98
Grundy County Auditor	Landfill 10/85	662.25
Marshall Office Supply	Supplies	18.16

Motion by King, second by Reece that the above bills be accepted and warrants drawn on the same. Carried.

Two building permits were issued in September:

Ritchie Industries	Addition to former Wolf Creek Antiques	13,000.
Conrad United Meth. Church	Double Garage	3,500.

Moler presented a breakdown of hours for himself and Skartvedt for the month of September. The council stated they would like this prepared on a monthly basis. Also, Moler will keep track of water pumped, wastewater and rainfall on a graph for each month.

Julie Blyth, on behalf of the BCL Elementary Parents suggested making the intersection of Lillian and Main a 4 way stop. She stated there was already a crosswalk painted and a pedestrian crossing sign but that traffic doesn't stop for children crossing the street. She said that traffic moves too fast there, probably 45 miles an hour.

Then Jeannie Bolgren expressed her concern for the safety of children walking to school from the area south of Wolf Creek because of the traffic and congestion at the co-op and the lack of sidewalks. She stated she was asking about a sidewalk from the co-op to the Clemens addition because her request for children in this area to ride the school bus had failed. She said the state law doesn't allow children living less than 2 miles from school to ride the bus.

Mayor Gearhart stated that both of these matters would be taken under consideration.

Dave Fox was present in regard to the sewage plant plan of action. He stated the council had considered the plan at several meetings and made some modifications in the original proposal. The major change made in the plan would be to postpone the building of the flow equalization basin. The reason for the change is the possible inaccuracy of the data collected from the old flow meter. Data from the new meter will be charted monthly.

Fox said he didn't know what the states response would be to the plan with the need for a manual bypass of the trickling filter during heavy flow.

It was noted it would be no problem to add the basin to the equipment at a later date if necessary because the manhole and plugged pipe would be in place.

The cost of Phase I will be \$110,000. Phase II would provide for a flow equalization basin with no time limit at a cost of \$81,000 or \$82,000. In two phases the total cost would be approximately \$192,000, \$8,000 more than if it was all done at once, but a saving of more than \$80,000 if the basin isn't needed.

Glen Hurlbutt who owns the land where the basin would be build was present and stated he would prefer no basin be built, but if it was necessary he would rather the city build south of the plant, not east.

There was a motion by Schiebel, second by Lutes to accept the plan of action with the changes as presented by Dave Fox. Carried.

Fox said he would submit the plan to the state now and the city should hear in a couple of months if it is approved and sooner if negotiations are necessary.

If approved the plans and specs would be done next summer, bids let in the winter and construction would start in 1987.

Fox felt that if the basin wasn't needed the cost could then be covered by money on hand and a short term loan without having to raise property taxes or sewer rates.

Reece made a motion to renew the Class C liquor license and Sunday Sales permit for the Conrad Grove Recreation Club. Second by Zern. Carried.

Mayor Gearhart reported that a representative from the Governors Council for the Handicapped was in Conrad several weeks ago and reported a complaint from a local citizen. She pointed out three sidewalks that should have been replaced with handicap access, that were repaired in the last five years. On the southwest and northeast corners of Center and Main and on the southeast corner of Main and Grundy. She stated that any new construction should be handicap accessible.

No action was taken by the council until a letter is received stating what steps should be taken to remedy the situation.

It was noted the City Code will be updated to include this change.

Mayor Gearhart asked if the council would give their approval for the American Legion and General Telephone to lay one sewer line to serve both the Legion and the new telephone building. The city would coordinate laying the sewer and repairing the street and the plan would insure payment for the street repair. The only cost to the city would be to the city attorney to draw up a legal agreement between General Telephone and the American Legion.

There was a motion by Schiebel, second by Zern that this plan be approved. Carried.

The cost of a timer for the Christmas decorations was discussed and estimated to cost approximately \$500. It was decided that they be turned on and off manually.

The council again discussed the request for a stop sign at Main and Lillian and decided first to have Bob Kruse enforce the speed limit there. A flashing yellow light with a speed limit sign was also mentioned as a possibility.

As to the request for a sidewalk south of the creek the council felt the expense was too great.

Mayor Gearhart reported a local band wanted to buy an old unused red light from a fire truck. It was agreed to sell it for \$5 or \$10.

Reece will look into the price of a new council table. The table will be large enough so the council can all sit facing the visitors at a council meeting.

Kruse reported trouble with the high band radio in the squad car. He didn't feel the age warranted repairing the radio as it is 10 years old. Mayor Gearhart asked him to get some firm bids on a new one for the next council meeting.

A new process being used by the Conrad Co-op for coating grain with mineral oil before it is dried was discussed. This will cut down greatly on the amount of chaff and bees wings emitted during the drying process.

Motion to adjourn by Zern. Second by Reece. Carried.

Bill Gearhart
Bill Gearhart, Mayor

Attest: Carol Whipple
Carol Whipple, Clerk