

January 9, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 01/09/06 in Council Chambers. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering roll call was Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Absent: James Barger.

Mayor Sharp informed Council that Member James Barger had regrettably submitted his resignation effective immediately. Sharp anticipates filling the position by special election.

Council considered and acted upon Ordinance No. 237 "AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TIMES". The Ordinance changes regular city council meetings from the second Monday of each month, to the second Thursday of each month. Gearhart motioned to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 237, Stattler seconded. Ayes: Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none. The second reading is slated for a special meeting to be held 01/25/06.

Lynch motioned, Callaway seconded, to adopt resolution #100-01.06 "Adopting City Council Procedural Rules". Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart. Nays: none. Procedural rules become effective immediately.

Stattler motioned, Gearhart seconded, to approve minutes from the 12/12/05 meet as published. Ayes: 4. Lynch motioned, Gearhart seconded, to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes - 4. Gearhart motioned, Lynch seconded, to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes - 4. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department, and B-CERT)

A & B Construction, rehab	13184.00	Iowa League, DATA dues	30.00
A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Iowa Library Assoc., dues	125.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemical	781.26	Iowa Wholesale, supplies	17.96
Alliant, utilities	6962.84	Kirby Schmidt, 2006 retainer	1250.00
Allied Insurance, bond	133.00	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mow/snow	1007.00
Birder's World, periodical	24.95	Library Petty Cash	116.99
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/trucking	1810.58	Michael Todd, supplies	605.51
Casey's, gas	132.45	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	82.19
Chemical Dependency, allocation	750.00	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Coates Mfg., repairs	80.40	MES, fire gear	11,711.00
American Legion, refund	32.50	Municipal Supply, supplies	124.05
Conrad Auto, supplies	120.40	Operation Threshold, allocation	250.00
Conrad Cemetery, allocation	1000.00	PCA, TIF rebate	24608.30
Conrad Foods, supplies	8.92	Platinum Plus, misc.	185.00
Des Moines Stamp, stamp	47.00	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	105.00
Family Circle, periodical	7.97	The Record, publications	153.57
Fireguard, parts for jaws	273.69	Marie Sandage, relocation	750.00
First National, library exp	339.59	Schiebel Electric, bulbs	17.58
Friday's, repairs	56.50	Scrapbooking, periodical	22.97
Grundy County, election exp	430.81	SPIN, periodical	9.95
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	State of IA Treas., sales tax	14.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	Taste of Home, periodical	14.98
Hanzelka Truck, repairs	1017.66	Teen Vogue, periodical	15.00
HDC, business forms	19.61	Test America, lab	239.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	307.07	US Postmaster, postage	208.17
Denise Hoy, mileage	84.39	WCCC, Lost allocation	191.30
Hygienic Labs, lab	60.00	Wages, 12-13-05 to 01-09-06	<u>15,891.08</u>
IMFOA, dues	30.00		
Ingram Book Co, books	328.17	Totals	\$90,933.11
Iowa DNR, permit	25.00		

Expenses per fund are General \$34,544.99; Road Use Tax \$7471.37; Employee Benefit \$1585.06; LOST \$191.30; TIF \$24,608.30; 2004 Housing rehab \$13,934.00; Water \$4356.32; Sewer \$4241.77. December 2005 receipts per fund were General \$53,990.89; RUT \$6715.25; Employee Benefits \$570.49; LOST \$5009.43; TIF \$2228.45; Debt Service \$3308.23; Water \$933.20; Sewer \$1444.78. Total revenues \$74,200.72.

Ellen Brown, Conrad Main Street Board President, and Lynn Zern, Conrad Main Street Program Manager, presented council with design ideas and goals for a new logo and slogan for the City of Conrad. They requested council consider officially adopting the logo and slogan as a city wide effort. No action was taken at this time.

Gary Sindelar presented options in regards to sludge drying. Mayor Sharp appointed a committee of Bill Gearhart, Bruce Marble, Nick Kitzman, and himself to study the options and prepare to report back to council with recommendations.

David Schmidt, Heart of Iowa Cooperative, asked council to consider granting them a franchise to bring digital entertainment into Conrad. He also requested they consider modifying the current Cable Regulations Ordinance. Clerk Hoy reported that an opinion from City Attorney Kirby Schmidt indicated that they may have to hold an election before granting the franchise. Mayor Sharp and City Clerk Hoy will study the options and report back at the special meeting on 1/25/06.

Mayor Sharp made the following Council appointments:

- Mayor Pro-Tem – LeAnn Lynch
- Finance – LeAnn Lynch, Bill Gearhart, Mayor Gregg Sharp
- Water & Sanitary Sewer – LeAnn Lynch, Shauna Callaway
- Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, & Storm Sewers – Bill Gearhart, Gary Stattler
- Property & Equipment – Gary Stattler, Bill Gearhart
- Personnel & Safety – Mayor Gregg Sharp, Gary Stattler, Shauna Callaway
- Main Street Inc Liason- Gary Stattler
- Law Enforcement – Mayor Gregg Sharp
- Fire & B-CERT – Mayor Gregg Sharp
- 911 Commission – Bill Gearhart
- Zoning Administrator – Shane Tiernan
- Daycare Representative – TBD
- Landfill Commission – TBD

Gearhart motioned, Stattler seconded, to adopt resolution 101-1.06 “Naming the First State Bank and the Grundy National Bank as City Depositories and Establishing Maximum Deposit Amounts”. Ayes: Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

Stattler motioned, Lynch seconded, to amend the Employee Policy Handbook by adding Policies. The policies have already been adopted individually and are now being incorporated into the Employee Policy Handbook. Ayes: 4. Nays: none.

Gearhart motioned, Lynch seconded, to approve a beer permit for Casey’s General Store. Ayes: 4. Nays: none.

After discussion, Callaway recommended the purchase of a new touch-read handheld cordless auto gun, a communications charging stand, and a touch reader at the cost of \$4840.00. Stattler seconded the motion. Ayes: 4. Nays: none.

Council recessed at 8:40 PM, and reconvened at 8:46 PM.

Mayor Sharp requested that Council review the Strategic Plan and be prepared to discuss it at the regular February meeting. He reminded them that a special meeting would be held on January 25, 2006 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to discuss the Library and other items as necessary.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned by motion at 8:59 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk