

January 11, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 01/11/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, Gary Stattler, and Bill Gearhart. Absent: Shauna Callaway. LeAnn Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gregg Sharp joined the meeting at 7:28 PM.

The agenda was approved as posted. Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 12/14/06 council meeting; December 2006 clerk's financial report; payment of claims totaling \$79,092.07; beer permit for Casey's General Store. Ayes: 4.

The following claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department, and B-CERT.

A & B Construction, Schultz rehab	7650.00	Laci Kruse, deposit refund	60.52
A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Ladehoff Lawn Care, labor	475.00
ABC Seamless, Moeller rehab	22,795.00	Dean Ladehoff, washer & dryer	100.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	158.10	Landmark, audio books	240.93
Alliant, utilities	5768.79	Library Petty Cash, misc.	147.88
Allied Insurance, bond	133.00	Medtronics, BCERT supply	94.10
Bjelland plumbing, labor	8463.50	Memory Makers, magazine	19.96
Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13	Mid-Iowa Coop, batteries	205.90
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	372.53	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Casey's, gas	116.30	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Chemical Dependency, allocation	750.00	Music Time, periodical	13.85
Chief Supply, hose washer	646.14	Operation Threshold, allocation	250.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	54.63	Paper Made Easy, periodical	19.97
Conrad Cemetery, allocation	1000.00	Petty Cash, misc.	25.27
Chamber of Commerce, dues	35.00	Platinum Plus, supply/clock	86.64
Conrad Tire & Auto, tires	915.00	Premier, maintenance	115.00
Demco, supplies	215.44	The Record, publications	95.76
Electric Pump, well project	32.83	Sensus Metering, software support	1200.00
First National, library exp	529.56	Sports Illustrated, periodical	39.75
Thomas Gale, reference books	199.05	State of Iowa Treasurer, sales tax	7.52
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Tapco, base plates for signs	46.86
Grundy Co. Recorder, lien record	52.00	Test America, lab	243.39
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Tri-Anim, BCERT expense	892.39
Hanzelka Service, weld signs	129.00	Tri-State Lock, Fire Station lock	315.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	278.17	U.S. Postmaster, mail utility bills	109.44
Hygienic Labs, lab	60.00	Waterloo Fire Extinguisher, service	161.25
IMFOA, dues	30.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	2673.49
Ingram Books, books	758.99	Wages, 12-15-06 to 01-11-07	14818.91
Iowa Builders Supply, supplies	57.90		
Iowa One Call, locates	11.70	Totals Claims	\$79,092.07

Expenses per fund: General \$21,938.57; Road Use Tax \$4675.27; Employee Benefit \$1357.38; LOST \$2673.49; Housing Rehab \$30,497.00; Water \$12,586.99; Sewer \$5363.37. December 2006 receipts per fund: General \$10,023.17; RUT \$7084.86; Employee Benefits \$548.19; LOST \$12,162.54; TIF \$2400.53; Debt Service \$3872.62; Housing Rehab \$29,667.00; Library Building Project \$70,000.00; Water \$817.50; Sewer \$1100.00; Total \$137,676.41.

Council members Gearhart moved and Schleisman seconded to adopt Resolution #100-07.01 "A resolution setting a public hearing for February 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to consider an amendment to the Conrad Urban Renewal Plan". Roll as follows: Ayes – Stattler, Gearhart, Schleisman, Lynch. Nays- none.

Council members Stattler moved and Gearhart seconded to adopt Resolution #101-07.01 "A Resolution setting a public hearing for February 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers to approve a Development Agreement with Conrad Main Street Inc, including annual appropriation tax increment payments". Roll as follows: Ayes – Stattler, Gearhart, Schleisman, Lynch. Nays- none.

City Department reports:

- Mayor Sharp re-appointed Gary Stattler to the Finance Committee and Bill Gearhart to the Property and Equipment Committee.
- Council member Gearhart moved, Schleisman seconded, to appoint Kirby Schmidt as the City Attorney for 2007 and to set his retainer at \$1350 which will include a maximum of 15 hours of legal work. Any work beyond that amount will be billed at an hourly rate of \$125 per hour. Ayes 4.
- Council discussed the No Crossing the Center Line signs on Main Street and determined that the signs should be turned and doubled to face traffic from both directions. Bruce Marble was instructed to order brackets and signs to accommodate this.

Engineer Gary Sindelar presented council with options concerning three different storm sewer projects. After discussion Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the option presented for the new Library Building storm sewer at an estimated cost of \$21,000. The expenses are to be accounted for within the new Library Building project budget. Ayes: 4. Council agreed not to do optional storm sewer work in front of Hometown Foods, however, they will consider work on Center Street near the Pharmacy building if the budget allows.

City Clerk Hoy was instructed to research options for surveying Conrad's storm warning system. Also, as spring approaches, Council agreed that they would do some public relations that would provoke citizens to be thinking about where they would go in case of severe weather.

Much discussion took place concerning Conrad's Zoning Ordinances, particularly to front entrances. Council agreed that some sort of action needs to take place to allow a front entrance, however, they did not come to any conclusion on how to address it. Bill Gearhart volunteered to randomly survey homes to see how certain allowances would affect homes in different areas of town.

Council discussed implementing a vehicle replacement fund reserve. Clerk Hoy was asked to have a plan ready to present at the next regular council meeting. Also concerning city vehicles, as a result of personnel reviews, Mayor Sharp questioned council about the need for a second city vehicle. After discussion, it was decided to not purchase a second vehicle at this time.

Council member Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to adopt resolution #102-07.01 "A resolution setting wages and salary for employees for the City of Conrad". Roll as follows: Ayes – Lynch, Stattler, Gearhart, Schleisman. Nays – none.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk