

January 14, 2016

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 01/14/16 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Peg Brown, Ryan Callaway, Diane Miller, Brad Murty (arrived at 7:05), and Todd Schnathorst. Also in attendance: Denise Hoy - City Administrator/Clerk, Fred Leytham – Alliant Energy, Tom Schultz – Fire Chief, Derek Johnson and Bob Nicholson - ISG, and a member of the press. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented.

Council member Schnathorst moved, second by Callaway, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 12/10/15 council meeting; December 2015 clerk's financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$88,236.59; Liquor License permit renewal for Casey's General Store. Ayes: 4.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits	615.00	IRS, taxes	5,745.78
Airgas, cylinder rent	97.50	IFA, dues	221.00
Alliant, utilities	5,635.54	IPERS, benefit	2,697.19
Arnold Motor, supply	94.99	Ladehoff Landscaping, service	940.00
Bank of America, fuel/supply	362.65	Ledford, tree service	25.00
Bankers Leasing, copier lease	115.00	Library Petty Cash	187.26
Casey's, fuel	53.85	Michael Todd, street signs	229.09
CID, supply	366.00	Mid-America, publishing	125.89
CIWA, water	8,047.23	Mike Walton, window clean	75.00
Conrad Auto, misc.	33.09	Moler Sanitation, services	354.50
Conrad Hardware, supply	9.98	Moore Medical, supply	113.97
Crop Production, fuel/hauling	943.66	Municipal Supply, water meter	1,246.20
Dave Juchems, mileage	17.28	People Weekly, periodicals	112.86
Denise Hoy, reimbursement	100.00	Premier Office, contract	75.05
Dorsey & Whitney, legal	2,298.75	Radio Communications, repairs	229.03
Electric Supply, supply	193.68	School Library Journal, periodical	136.99
First National Bank, library supply	756.17	Self, periodical	9.97
Garden Gate, periodical	29.00	Sensus, annual support	1,617.45
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	5,783.17	State of Iowa, tax	5,133.00
HDC Business, forms	30.46	Test America, lab	830.23
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	317.44	US Postmaster, postage	142.45
Kirby Schmidt, attorney	646.00	Verdin Co, 50% on clock	3,632.50
ISG, design services	15,200.00	Verizon, cell phone	457.23
ISU, training books	261.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,693.11
IIMC, dues	155.00	Payroll, 12/11/15 to 11/14/16	15,046.09
Ingram, books & supply	997.31	Totals Claims	\$88,236.59

December 2015 expenses per fund: General \$22,091, Road Use Tax \$7,136; Employee Benefit \$2,275 LOSST \$7,080; CDBG Façade \$32,026 (transfer-out); Fire Station Fund \$2,700; Water \$16,874; Sewer \$15,725. Total \$105,907.

December 2015 receipts per fund: General \$35,168; RUT \$11,955; Employee Benefits \$2,197; Local Option \$6,698; TIF \$6,311, Debt Service \$1,475; Smith Development \$32,026 (transfer-in); Water \$3,125; Sewer \$2,672; Sewer Sinking \$8,167; Storm Water Utility \$280. Total \$110,074.

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Derek Johnson & Bob Nicholson presented council with the first drawings and estimates for the fire station. After reviewing, the committee agreed to meet after adjournment of this meeting, to further discuss revisions to the plans to reduce the cost.

There was no further information regarding the SL Baumeier contract. Council agreed to consult with the newly appointed attorney to advise as how they should proceed.

Fred Leytham presented estimates regarding the changes to street lights in the Smith Development. Leytham informed council that the price would not change because the first estimate had been incorrect.

Council member Schnathorst moved, second by Murty, to approve the burn site contract for 2016 with JoAnn Klein. Ayes: 5.

Council reviewed 3 proposals received for attorney services. After discussion and consideration, council member Callaway moved, second by Miller, to appoint Todd Geer from the office of Heronimus, Schmidt, Allen Schroeder & Geer, for 2016. An annual retainer was set at \$1,500. Ayes: 5.

Personnel Committee member Todd Schnathorst recommended a 4% across the board increase for city employees effective 7/1/16, and tabled discussion regarding extended vacation and longevity pay until the February meeting. Peg Brown seconded. Ayes: 5.

With no further business evident, meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator/