

February 9, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 02/09/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Gregg Sharp, Council members Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Gearhart motioned, Stattler seconded to approve the following consent items: approve minutes from the 1/9/06, 1/23/06, 1/25/06 and 2/2/06; approve clerks financial report from January 2006; approve payment of claims totaling \$123,300.06; approve Resolution 106-2.06 "Corporate authorization resolution with First State Bank to exercise powers as stated within"; approve Resolution 107-2.06 "Authorizing the City Clerk to transfer money from the General Fund Lot Sales to the Debt Service Fund, and to payoff the Wolf Creek Estates II Addition note at First State Bank"; accept the resignation of Lowell Schleisman effective 4/1/06; renewal of the burn site lease with Robert and JoAnn Klein. Unanimous.

The below list of claims include expenses for the City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department, and B-CERT

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| A & B Construction, rehab         | 9446.00   | Kibby Service, labor               | 100.50       |
| A-Kleen Towel, service            | 38.75     | Robert & JoAnn Klein, lease        | 225.00       |
| Advanced Development, grant       | 650.00    | Library Petty Cash                 | 128.37       |
| Advanced Water Tech, chemical     | 273.12    | Lowell Schleisman, supplies        | 6.99         |
| Alliant, utilities                | 7222.72   | Marshall Glass, door repair        | 166.00       |
| Dennis Bachman, training          | 120.00    | Mid Iowa Coop, battery             | 106.69       |
| Susan Blythe, mileage             | 12.00     | Midwest Wireless, cell phones      | 82.19        |
| Bob's Farm Center, diesel         | 106.93    | MITINET, catalog program           | 399.00       |
| Book Look, books                  | 116.91    | Moler Sanitation, services         | 90.00        |
| Casey's, gas                      | 123.00    | Moor Medical, supply               | 374.24       |
| CID, supplies                     | 171.13    | Municipal Supply, equipment        | 355.30       |
| Click, magazine                   | 48.97     | Nickelodean, magazine              | 19.97        |
| Conrad Auto Supply, parts         | 100.79    | Platinum Plus, misc.               | 365.77       |
| Conrad Pharmacy, misc.            | 4.70      | Premier Office Equip., maintenance | 438.00       |
| Country, magazine                 | 12.98     | Racom, service labor               | 88.00        |
| Demco, CD cases                   | 82.75     | Raintree, books                    | 295.94       |
| Electric Supply, bulbs            | 36.40     | The Record, publications           | 100.37       |
| Fireguard, supplies               | 328.51    | Rosen Publishing, books            | 259.05       |
| First National, library exp       | 393.01    | Schiebel Electric, bulbs           | 79.48        |
| FSB, payoff loan                  | 75,802.08 | Simmering-Cory, rehab admin        | 1560.00      |
| Grundy County Landfill, fees      | 962.67    | Jana Smith, mileage                | 36.00        |
| Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract      | 3929.33   | Sports Illustrated, magazine       | 39.97        |
| Heart of Iowa, phone/internet     | 346.82    | Stanley Steamer, cleaning          | 315.73       |
| Denise Hoy, mileage               | 29.24     | State of IA Treas., sales tax      | 1118.65      |
| Ingram Book Co, books             | 418.99    | Tapco, stop sign pole              | 490.63       |
| Innovative Communications, repair | 160.50    | Test America, lab                  | 259.00       |
| Iowa Builders Supply, material    | 51.40     | Total Fire Group, helmets          | 360.61       |
| Iowa One Call, locates            | 8.10      | Union Auto, re-issue lost check    | 74.35        |
| IVCC, training                    | 178.00    | Waterloo Fire Extinguisher, check  | 187.00       |
| The Iowan, magazine               | 19.95     | Wages, 01-10-06 to 02-09-06        | 13,576.51    |
| John McNair, sidewalk reimburse   | 360.00    |                                    |              |
| Josten, BCLUW Yearbook            | 45.00     | Totals Claims                      | \$123,300.06 |

Expenses per fund: General \$21,239.13; Road Use Tax \$4098.87; Employee Benefit \$1387.97; Debt Service \$75,802.08; 2004 Housing rehab \$11,006.00; Library Bldg Project 650.00; Water \$4759.12; Sewer \$4356.89.

January 2006 receipts per fund: General \$4809.36; RUT \$6539.64; Employee Benefits \$57.99; LOST \$5009.43; TIF \$768.38; Debt Service \$481.20; Housing Rehab \$300.00; Water \$11,041.22; Sewer \$29,631.71.

Jim Ross, Grundy County Supervisor, continued discussions in regard to the Grundy County Landfill. Ross solicited input from council members and Roger Moler, a local waste hauler, as to their opinion on whether the landfill should be converted to a transfer station. Several questions were presented and remain unanswered. 1. What are the costs involved in converting to a transfer station; 2. What happens if member cities pull out of the 28E agreement; 3. How much of the expense will be passed on to haulers; 4. Does waste picked up in Grundy County have to be processed in Grundy County? Ross indicated that these questions will be taken under consideration, and encouraged Conrad to continue their involvement with the Commission as they move forward.

Wanda Button, Board President at Oakview Inc, requested council consider a funding request made by the Oakview Landscaping Committee. The Committee is requesting \$75,000 in Catherine Farmer Trust funds for an extensive landscaping project around Oakview Nursing Home, and Oak Estates Assisted Living. Button shared that the proposed gardens would not only be available for the Oakview residents to enjoy, but to all community residents. Council took no action at this time.

Council acknowledged a petition presented by David Brindle containing approximately 168 names, both resident and non-resident, entitled "Recently a new logo, 'Conrad, Iowa a place for Life' has been discussed. Please sign this petition if you would like to retain our well known and unique logo 'The Black Dirt Capital of the World'".

Ellen Brown, Conrad Main Street Board President, asked council to further consider officially adopting the new logo and slogan "Conrad, Iowa / A Place for Life". Brown estimated that the direct cost to the city would be approximately \$900. Stattler motioned, Gearhart seconded to ask Conrad Main Street to proceed with the logo but to rethink the slogan. Ayes -2, nays -2. Motion failed.

Stattler then motioned to table the item until after the April 4<sup>th</sup> election when there would be a full council to vote on the matter. No second, motioned died.

Under committee and department reports, Bruce Marble and Nick Kitzman informed Council that the Main Street and Washington Street sewer mains have been jetted; the new snow plow is running well; and that the new four way stop sign on Main and Grundy has been installed. Bruce was instructed to prepare a plan that would ensure that all sewer mains would be cleaned over a period of time.

Susan Blythe reported that the library roof has been leaking. The property committee agreed to look into the best options for repairing the roof, and obtain competitive quotes.

Nancy Olson reported that on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the Vision Iowa Board awarded the Conrad Public Library a \$200,000 grant for the proposed new library building. The grant is contingent on raising additional funds of \$75,000 by August 8, 2006. She also informed Council that the McElroy Trust awarded them a \$20,000 grant.

There was nothing new to report on the sludge drying bed. Gearhart will continue working with Ryken Engineering to secure figures and options available to repair the existing bed.

The Water Committee recommended installing a master meter at the Wolf Creek Village Mobile Home Park. The individual meters on each trailer will be read and subtracted from the master meter. The difference between the master meter reading and the individual meter usage will be billed to the mobile home park owner. This will help the city capture revenue for un-metered water. They also discussed the need for an updated written agreement with the new mobile home park owner. Council took no action but will be expected to consider an updated agreement, along with the recommendation to install a master meter, at a later date.

Gary Stattler introduced a city wide inventory plan. Council agreed that all property valued over \$100 should be inventoried on the form design by Stattler, and anything under that value would be photographed and placed on file for insurance purposes.

The fiscal year 2007 budget was reviewed by Council. Mayor Sharp set the public hearing on the FY2007 budget for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Sharp visited with Council about his desire for municipal collaboration. Sharp indicated that Conrad should be searching for ways to reach out to other public entities looking for ways to share in services and products.

The Strategic Plan was briefly discussed. Mayor Sharp pointed out the projects in the plan that have either taken place or are underway. He applauded Council for the effort that had been put into the plan and acknowledged the importance of staying on track with it.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 9:12 PM.