

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 02-10-22. Officials present were Council Members Todd Schnathorst, John Dinsmore, Peg Brown, Jeff Frank and Lindsay Kuhl. Also in attendance were Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk; Luke Wilson, CGA); Krista Grant, Chamber/Main Street Director and Keisha Lockhart, Angie Paxson and Derek Bruner from the Park Board. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Dinsmore and seconded by Brown.

Council member Schnathorst made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Kuhl. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the January 20, 2022 council meeting; Clerk’s financial reports for January 2022; revised building permit and approved liquor license for RJ’s Lounge; and payment of claims totaling \$127,291.96. Motion approved 5-0.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits/fees	620.00	Iowa Regional Utilities, water	9,191.68
Alliant, utilities & new line	13,680.06	IPERS, retirement	3,108.21
Aqua-Aerobics Systems, motor	7,421.62	Jason Hines, physical	150.00
Bank of America, supplies	132.09	Magnolia Journal, periodical	30.00
Bound Tree Medical, supplies	1,169.69	Menards, supplies	77.46
C & C Bedbug & Pest, service	150.00	Mid America Publishing, publication	382.16
Conrad Auto, supplies	230.87	Midwest Living, periodicals	10.00
Conrad Chamber/MS, dues	50.00	Mike Walton, service	75.00
Dave Juchems, mileage	18.14	Moler Sanitation, service	338.75
Eurofins Environment, lab testing	604.80	Nutrien, fuel/snow removal	601.98
Fire Text Response, subscription	500.00	Petty cash-library, supplies	61.55
First National Bank, library exp	1,507.30	Southwest Grundy Co Ems, reimb.	306.00
Grundy Co Hospital, med kit	54.02	Verizon, cell phone	132.90
Grundy Co Sheriff, service	6,972.50	Wex Bank, fuel	396.82
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	482.67	Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	39.99
Ingram Library Service, supplies	184.99	WRK, Inc., construction	53,277.42
IRS, taxes	5,307.38	Z Line Ltd, plow parts	432.04
Iowa Dept of Revenue, taxes	3,576.00		
Iowa Library Assoc., membership	80.00	Payroll, 01/21/22 to 02/14/22	14,966.47
Iowa One Call, locates	9.90		
Iowa Prison Industries, signs	961.50	Totals Claims	\$ 127,291.96

January 22 receipts and transfers in per fund: General \$6,207; RUT \$12,404; Employee Benefits \$289; Emergency \$37; LOST \$10,137; TIF \$297; Debt Service \$280; Capital Projects \$1,565; Water \$45,338; Sanitary Sewer \$33,372 and Storm Water \$4,772. Total \$104,561.

January 22 expenditures and transfers out per fund: General \$27,053; RUT \$9,345; Employee Benefits \$2,680; Capital Projects \$4,225; Water \$17,725; Sanitary Sewer, \$75,734 and Storm Sewer \$106. Total \$136,868.

Josh Meggers who is running for House of Representatives spoke under the Citizens Forum. He gave an update regarding his back ground and was going around meeting as many people as he could. He wanted to know of any issues concerning the City of Conrad and want they would want to be addressed. He wants to run because he wants to work on Economic Development in Hardin, Grundy and western part Black Hawk counties. He was asked about the one cent local option sales that the State is talking about including as part of their six percent sales tax. He did not want to comment until he could find more information on the subject. Discussion ensued regarding the impact that could have on cities.

Keisha Lockhart gave an update regarding the Park Board budget. Their primary request was increasing the guards' wages by one dollar (\$1) to be competitive with the surrounding communities. The starting wage for guards will be nine dollars (\$9) with .25 cents for each returning year. The increase would include head guards starting at ten dollars (\$10). The revenues were increased to accommodate this increase. The concern is that if the raise is not given that they will have staff shortages and guards not returning. Discussion ensued about the increase and if \$1 was enough. The elected officials discussed if the City should also pay for the guards training and certifications. Stansberry noted if they wanted to pay for the certifications she only needed verbal commitment to increase the training line item. Training schedules were discussed and they will be looking into these schedules.

Lockhart also discussed all of the changes from the prior year and the Board would like Pool Tech to help with opening and closing the pool. She also discussed the increases in lawn care. Martin asked if this was bid out of each year. Bruner said that he thought Pete Busch had posted it because he is the one that contacts the mowers. Stansberry said it had not been posted up at city hall for approximately four years. Martin thought we better post it next year.

Martin asked the park board about the long range planning regarding the pickle ball court. Bruner said the Park Board felt there was lots of activity at Reunion Park and that Four Seasons was underutilized, had ample parking and it provides some closer play area closer to the other side of town. Paxson discussed that it was switched to Four Seasons because Stansberry said there could be lighting put there. Park Board was updated that the street lighting would not be enough for the pickle ball court. Martin said that they were wondering and wanted everyone's point of view but the decision would ultimately be the Council's decision.

Martin opened the public hearing for the Property Tax Maximum Levy Rate Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 at 7:26 pm. He said there were no written or oral comments and no one present had any comments. Public hearing was closed at 7:27. Stansberry explained that this does not include the debt service levy and that this rate could be lowered because you cannot increase the amount. Dinsmore made a motion to approve Resolution #2022-06 to approve the Maximum Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. Brown seconded the motion. Resolution approved 5-0.

Martin opened the public hearing regarding the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 at 7:28. Stansberry noted there were no written or oral and no comments were made at the meeting. Public hearing was closed at 7:29. Stansberry noted that the budget amendment was due to the grants the City has been receiving from Derecho and AARP. Brown made a motion which was seconded by Frank to approve Resolution #2022-07 to approve Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Resolution approved 5-0.

Dinsmore made a motion which was seconded by Schnathorst to approve Resolution #2022-08 setting March 29, 2022 at noon for the public hearing to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. Resolution approved 5-0.

Stansberry updated the cancel that the approval of the Zoning Map should have been done by an ordinance change instead of a resolution. It was brought back to Council for an ordinance change and repeal Resolution #2022-02 dated January 20, 2022. Brown made a motion to approve the first reading for the Revised Zoning Map for the City of Conrad. Schnathorst seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0 to approve the first reading.

Dinsmore made a motion to waive the second and third reading of the Revised Zoning Map. Kuhl seconded the motion. Roll call vote 5-0 to approve waiving the second and third reading of the Revised Zoning Map.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Kuhl to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk