

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 02-11-21. Officials present were Council Members Diane Miller, Todd Schnathorst, Lindsay Kuhl and John Dinsmore. Peg Brown was absent. Also in attendance were Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk and Joe Farrier & Jim Mackey from Pool Tech via phone. 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 Miller.

Council member Schnathorst made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Miller. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the January 14 & 28, 2021 council meetings; Clerk’s January 21 financial reports; payment of claims totaling \$45,277.27 and approve liquor license for RJ Lounge. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits	372.50	Mid America Publish, publications	276.46
Alliant, utilities	7,133.94	Midwest Living, magazine	10.00
American Patchwork, periodical	24.97	Minute Man, forms	169.90
Arnold Motor, supplies	5.22	Moler Sanitation, services	330.00
Bank of America, fuel/supplies	175.69	Nutrien, fuel/snow removal	1,722.65
Betty Haker, service	25.00	Petty cash-library, postage/supplies	67.72
Boston Gunderson, mowing	60.00	Reveal, magazine	20.00
C & C Bedbug, pest control	150.00	Sandry Fire, coat/pants	2,079.35
Clapsaddle, engineering	1,583.05	Sarah Dougherty, supply	59.99
Conrad Auto Supply, parts	175.09	Test America, lab testing	454.65
Dave Juchems, mileage	17.36	The Book Farm, books	321.56
First National Bank, supplies	248.64	TIME, magazine	72.00
Grundy Co Sheriff, service	6,769.41	US Bank, copier lease	221.90
Hach Co, chlorine	312.01	Veenstra & Kimm, engineering	719.50
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	499.41	Verizon, cell phone	123.08
IMFOA, dues	50.00	Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	4.29
Ingram Lib Services, supplies	396.83		
IRS, taxes	3,169.38	Payroll, 01/29/21 to 02/11/21	8,936.80
Iowa One Call, locates	6.30		
Iowa Regional Utilities, water	8,512.62	Totals Claims	\$ 45,277.27

Jan 21 receipts and transfers in per fund: General \$31,513; Road Use Tax \$12,818; Employee Benefits \$307; Emergency \$39; LOST \$8,490; TIF \$587; Debt Service \$328, Capital Projects \$125; Water \$43,394; Sanitary Sewer \$381,446 and Storm Water \$4,791. Total \$483,838.

Jan 21 expenditures and transfers out per fund: General \$30,209; RUT \$9,418; Employee Benefits \$2,750; Capital Projects \$99,189; Water \$20,529; and Sanitary Sewer \$89,895. Total \$251,990.

Ron Ladehoff, pool CPO, had been in contact with Pool Tech in regards to needing to replace the pool heater. Pool Tech also proposed a computerized chlorinated system that could be discounted out. Farrier & Mackey explained the proposal for the chemical system is

a newer technology that would be using a dry chemical system that is safer instead of using liquid chemicals. They would give the City the feeders which is a savings of approximately \$6,000. The City would purchase the automation controller and would be responsible for the installation at a combined cost of \$2,840. Their experience is the City could save 23-25% in regards to pound usage and could save 16-18% in chemical costs.

Pool Tech discussed the heater that was proposed. The heater has a two year warranty, but the life would be extended if purchasing the Accu-Tab system since liquid chlorine is more corrosive. Discussion was had in regards to if the pool needed other maintenance. When the snow is gone they will send someone to Conrad to look at the entire pool. Schnathorst made a motion to approve the purchase of the chlorinated system and pool heater. Dinsmore seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

The public hearing for the budget amendment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 was opened at 7:22. No one was present to comment and Stansberry did not receive any correspondence. The public hearing was closed at 7:23. Miller made a motion to approve the budget amendment with Dinsmore seconding the motion. Resolution #2021-04 approved 4-0.

Schnathorst made a motion and Kuhl seconded to set February 25th at noon for the public hearing on the Maximum Levy Rate for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022. Stansberry explained that we had to set a new meeting date since the public hearing notice had zeros when published. Resolution #2021-07 approved 4-0.

Miller made a motion and Dinsmore seconded the motion to set February 11, 2021 for the public hearing on the Maximum Proposed Property Tax Levy. Resolution #2021-08 approved 4-0.

Stansberry brought a transfer resolution to Council to approve that was for unexpended budgets from fiscal year end June 30, 2020. She explained that we were moving the funds as done in past years. At the end of this fiscal year, we will be moving the cash for all reserves unless it was a donor restricted donation for a particular department. We would have the pooling of funds as discussed at our budget workshop on January 28, 2021. Dinsmore made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 which was seconded by Kuhl. Resolution #2021-09 approved 4-0.

Changes to the water, sewer and storm sewer ordinances were discussed. The changes are the new rates that would go into effect on July 1. The rate increases were recommended when we had the rate studies done. Dinsmore made a motion to approve the first reading of the utility rate changes effective July 1, 2021. Kuhl seconded the motion. First reading approved 4-0.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.