

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 02-23-23. Officials present were Council Members Todd Schnathorst, John Dinsmore, Jeff Frank and Peg Brown. Lindsay Kuhl was absent. Lori Stansberry, Sarah Dougherty, Keisha Lockhart, Angie Paxson, Chad Hupfeld, Jordan Hoy and Shane Jacobson were also in attendance. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Brown and seconded by Dinsmore.

Council member Schnathorst made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Frank. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the February 9, 2023 council meeting and claims totaling \$41,149.46. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits/fees	322.92	Midwest Tapes, hoopla account	143.97
Alliant, utilities & new line	1,504.48	Mike Walton, service	80.00
B & G Hvac, repairs	955.62	Minute Man, supplies	134.90
Bank of America, supplies	332.30	Moler Sanitation, service	219.45
Bound Tree Medical, supplies	152.75	Municipal Supply, supplies	10,756.76
Conrad Chamber, dues	50.00	National Geographic, magazine	49.00
First National Bank, library exp	436.10	Nutrien Ag, fuel/truck usage	959.16
GFC Leasing, copier	109.85	Petty cash-library, supplies	103.38
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	499.63	Rasmusson Service, repairs	669.34
Illusions Productions, digitizing	215.00	Sarah Dougherty, shipping costs	48.14
Ingram Library Service, supplies	389.82	Swank Movie Licensing, license	256.00
IRS, taxes	2,209.51	Verizon, cell phone	151.31
Iowa Regional, water	9,157.62	WEX, fuel	386.98
IPERS, retirement	3,612.51	Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	32.96
Jeff Martin, mileage	70.74		
Kate Poling, mileage	13.35	Payroll, 02/10/23 to 02/23/23	5,759.87
KB Underground, repair	1,320.00		
Mid America Publishing, publication	46.04	Totals Claims	\$ 41,149.46

Dougherty gave a recap of their budget request. She said that the Museum would like to start some programming. She also discussed their storage needs and a Humanities of Iowa speaker that will be coming in.

Lockhart and Paxson gave an overview of the Park Boards budget. Lockhart explained any increases in their budget. For their long term capital needs it was discussed that in approximately 18 months they would like to put a Pickleball/basketball/tennis court at Reunion Park and Four Seasons. The board thought to go with two single courts at each park instead of one double court at only one park. Martin asked about placement and Dinsmore talked directional needs for the courts. They also explained that with Oakland Park there were several ash trees removed.

Hupfeld said they were not asking for more money next fiscal year. They would like to

have 25 – 26 volunteers. Frank asked about their bunker gear. Hupfeld explained that they received several from a grant. Now they usually replace one or two per fiscal year.

Hoy was present to explain the BCERT budget. He explained that they were asking for a little more due to being classified as employees. This would help to cover their taxes. He also said they were increasing costs for gas and repairs. Discussion was had regarding if they were reimbursed for supplies. It was then discussed their ability to now being able to transport to a hospital. They are looking at using a third party to do billings for transporting.

Jacobson was present to go over the library budget. He explained that they were asking for a six percent increase in the employees' wages. Martin asked why the building repair line was so high. Jacobson explained they would like to repair the façade of the front building. He also discussed that programming is different now after Covid versus before. They are also asking for \$1,000 to bring in speakers.

Dinsmore made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07 setting March 23, 2023 at noon for the public hearing on the Maximum Levy Rate for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024. Brown seconded the motion. Resolution approved 4-0.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Frank to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk