

February 28, 2013

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 02/28/13 at the Conrad First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Officials present were Council Members Peg Brown, Ryan Callaway, Brad Murty, Todd Schnathorst and Gary Stattler. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The agenda was approved as presented.

Council member Callaway moved, second by Brown, to approve a new liquor license for C&L Mull, LLC d/b/a RJ's Lounge. Ayes: 5.

Council tabled discussion on the water tower painting until the 3/14/13 council meeting.

Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer, and Jim Ross, Grundy County Supervisor, spoke with council about helping with the plans and specifications for a proposed new fire station. Mauer told council that he would work with the Fire Department and Council to tweak the footprint of the Wellsburg fire station, which he designed. He also told council that he would help move them through the process of bidding and construction at no cost to the city. Council thanked Gary and the Supervisors for this service.

Council then discussed land options available for placement of a proposed fire station. Callaway stated that he has researched all areas previously discussed and feels there are a couple viable options. After consideration Council member Murty moved, Callaway seconded, to proceed with developing an offer for a 7.5 acre parcel of real estate located on the east side of city limits, owned by Bill and Linda Hartwig. Ayes: 5. It was noted that although this land is not located in City limits, John Danos, bonding attorney, advised Council, via phone conversation with City Clerk Hoy, that Conrad's existing Urban Renewal Area can be amended to include this land upon permission from the Grundy County Board of Supervisors, or by annexation.

Council member Callaway moved, Brown seconded, to go into closed session at 5:45 PM under section 21.5 of the Code of Iowa to discuss real estate acquisition to avoid premature disclosure of the offer to purchase price. Ayes: 5.

Council member Brown moved, second by Murty, to reconvene open session at 5:51 PM. Ayes: 5. Council member Stattler moved, second by Murty, to authorize Council member Callaway to negotiate an offer for real estate owned by Bill and Linda Hartwig located on the east side of city limits, parcel # 861729300005, as discussed in closed session. Ayes: 5.

Council then adjourned the council meeting at 5:55 PM. After the council meeting Jeffery Schott, University of Iowa, Institute of Public Affairs, lead a training workshop for council, city boards, and commission members regarding open meetings, open records, and becoming an effective board.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator