

March 8, 2012

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/08/12 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Peg Brown, Ryan Callaway, Brad Murty, Gary Sattler, and Todd Schnathorst. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The agenda was approved as presented. Mayor Martin acknowledge several of the Fire/BCERT members that were in attendance and expressed appreciation for the volunteer services they provide to Conrad.

Council member Murty moved, Sattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 02-09-12 & 02/23/12 council meetings; February 2012 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$78,483.45; Liquor license renewal for Hometown Foods; Acknowledged building permits. Ayes: 5.

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

Alliant, utilities	5,227.85	IA Dept. Public Health, registration	70.00
American Legion, flags	45.00	Iowa One Call, locates	4.50
Bank of America, fuel/conference	178.56	IA Prison Industries, filters	110.88
Birds & Blooms, periodical	14.98	IPERS, benefits	1,968.15
Bjelland, repairs	469.50	Kim Faris, rock/hauling	82.69
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	206.48	Library Petty Cash, library	187.89
Brown Supply, supplies	286.07	Midwest Benefits, benefits	612.58
Cardmaking, periodical	27.00	Mitinet, audio visual	199.00
CID, supplies	148.45	Moler Sanitation, services	186.10
CIWA, water	8,466.00	Monkeytown, supplies	92.44
Conrad Auto, supply	6.99	National Geographic, periodical	34.00
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	Popular Mechanic, periodical	12.00
Everyday Food, periodical	29.00	Premier Office, repair	170.61
First National Bank, library	302.08	Shane Tiernan, administration	15.00
Follett Software, support	500.00	Smithsonian, periodical	10.00
Gall's, supplies	26.98	Test America, lab	301.67
Gehrke Quarries, rock	153.52	That Place, meeting expense	377.34
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	The Record, publications	202.30
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,991.50	US Postmaster, postage	136.30
GNB, HSA payment	430.00	Verizon, cell phone	65.66
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	330.54	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,629.45
Hygienic Lab, lab	18.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, allocation	5,734.20
Ingram, books	972.31	Wages, 12/07/11 to 01/12/12	10,239.13
IRS, Fed/FICA tax	3,210.10		
ICAP, insurance premium	29,901.65	Totals Claims	\$78,483.45

February 2012 expenses per fund: General \$24,762.97; Road Use Tax \$6,667.10; Employee Benefit \$2,686.34; LOST \$6,531.31; 2008 Housing Rehab \$114.00; Water \$15,739.07; Sewer \$14,562.51. Total \$71,063.30.

February 2012 receipts per fund: General \$6,399.88; RUT \$9,791.81; Employee Benefits \$316.75; Local Option \$7,683.89; TIF \$812.88; Debt Service \$329.35; Water \$1,165.28; Sewer \$983.87; Sewer Sinking \$8,335.17; Storm Water Utility \$136.00. Total \$35,954.88.

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing on the FYE 2013 Budget at 7:04 pm. Hearing no oral or verbal comments the public hearing was closed at 7:05pm. Council member Schnathorst moved, and Callaway seconded, to approve Resolution 2012.3-2 adopting the FYE 2013 Budget as presented and published, and authorized the certification of taxes to the County Auditor. Ayes: Brown, Murty, Callaway, Schnathorst, and Sattler.

03-08-12, council proceedings continued

Council reviewed and discussed the following potential capital projects.

- Water Tower Painting – Brad Robbins from Utility Service Co, presented council with a proposal to contract with their company for painting and maintenance of the tower. A quote was also reviewed from McGuire Iron. Clerk Hoy informed council that she had also spoke with Central Iowa Water Association and they will consider some way to collaborate efforts with the city to help reduce the expense of painting the tower. No action was taken.
- Fire Station addition - Chad Billings, Ryken Engineering, presented council with rough cost estimates and idea's for an addition to the existing fire station. Several volunteer Firefighters were present and expressed concerns that the addition may not meet future needs. Council member Schnathorst volunteered his assistance in working through a needs assessment with the firefighters.
- Alice Street surfacing/storm sewer project – Council again discussed paving and installing curb and gutter on Alice Street. The consensus of council was to hold off moving forward on the project until the April council meeting. In the meantime Bruce Marble, public works, will be meeting with the street committee to discuss and look at the water drainage issues further.

Council discussed the Façade Improvement Grant. Council member Brown moved, Callaway seconded, to appoint the Conrad Chamber-Main Street as the “manager” of the project. Ayes: 5. The Chamber-Main Street will be working directly with the downtown businesses in all phases of the project if the grant is awarded. The city will “own” the project and advance funds to the Chamber-Main Street for allocation.

Council member Stattler moved, Murty seconded, to adopt resolution 2012.3-3 approving the submittal of an application for an Iowa Department of Transportation All Town Sign Replacement Grant. If awarded the grant would provide new stop, stop ahead, and yield signs, plus posts for those that now longer meet DOT standards. The estimated value of the grant for Conrad is \$3400. Ayes: Brown, Murty, Callaway, Schnathorst and Stattler.

Council member Murty moved, second by Callaway, to approve a new Class E Liquor License to Casey's General Store. Ayes: 5.

Council member Schnathorst, second by Callaway, moved to adjourn into executive session under Iowa Code Section 21.5 (j) to discuss a purchase agreement for land located in Conrad for development purposes. Ayes: 5.

Upon returning to open session council member Callaway moved, second by Murty, to authorize Mayor Martin to enter into an agreement for the purchase of land situated in Conrad, Grundy County, Iowa, for a price previously agreed upon. Ayes: 5.

With no further business evident the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator