

March 10, 2011

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/10/11 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Deb McAteer, Sue McLeland, Brad Murty, and Gary Sattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as presented. Council member McLeland moved, Murty seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 02/17/11 council meeting; February 2011 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$170,203.47. Ayes: 5.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	IPERS, benefit	1,671.57
Alliant, utilities	6,817.04	John Dinsmore, reimburse	7.33
AVG, technology	483.74	Ladehoff Lawn Care, labor	925.00
Bank of America, gas/postage	368.47	Library Petty Cash, library	152.02
Birder's World, periodical	26.95	Micro Marketing, audio books	151.92
Bjelland, water main repairs	824.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel/batteries	727.74
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	1,560.66	Midwest Benefits, benefits	357.87
C & C Concrete, labor	225.00	Mitinet, library exp	199.00
CIWA, water	10,077.00	Moler Sanitation, services	164.60
Con-Struct, CDBG project	16,189.45	Monkeytown, supplies	153.96
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	19.96	Municipal Supply, supplies	136.75
Conrad Tire, tire	173.00	National Geographic, periodical	34.00
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	People, periodical	44.50
Demco, library supply	195.02	Popular Mechanics, periodical	12.00
Denise Hoy, reimburse supply	130.79	Premier Office, services	169.00
First National, library exp	201.20	Ryken Engineering, services	6,443.00
Glo-Brite, window cleaning	75.00	Southern Living, periodical	36.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, record lien	77.00	Test America, lab	301.67
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,822.75	The Record, publications	208.74
GNB, HSA payment	344.00	Upstart, SLP	172.15
Hanzelka Truck Services, repairs	171.03	Verizon, cell phones	88.10
Health, periodical	20.00	Visu-Sewer, CDBG project	64,410.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	317.35	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,469.65
IMFOA, sprint meeting	100.00	Westrum Leak, services	460.00
Ingram, books & supply	954.94	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,099.65
IRS, federal W/H	3,174.12	Woosley Construction, services	430.00
Iowa Codifications, services	52.50	Wages, 02/18/11 to 3/10/11	9,884.17
ICAP, insurance	28,827.61	Totals Claims	\$170,203.47

February 2011 expenses per fund: General \$24,739.63; Road Use Tax \$7,027.01; Employee Benefit \$2,142.67; LOST \$5,784.39; 2008 Housing Rehab \$2,640.00; Water \$9,326.08; Sewer \$12,982.47; Total \$64,642.25. February 2011 receipts per fund: General \$5,021.86; RUT \$9,234.41; Employee Benefits \$237.64; LOST \$6,805.17; TIF \$455.59; Debt Service \$233.51; 08 Housing Rehab \$4,198.10; Water \$1,027.03; Sewer \$7,976.27; Sewer Sinking \$7,609.36; Storm Water Utility \$400.00; Total \$43,198.94.

Mayor Sharp opened the public hearing on the FY2011-2012 budget. The following announcements regarding the budget were made by Clerk Hoy. Total Tax Levy \$12.35; Total revenues \$1,330,179; Total expenditures \$1,335,067; projected ending fund balances 6/30/12 \$1,115,041. Having no oral or written comments the public hearing was closed.

Council member Lynch moved to approve resolution #2011.3 adopting the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget as presented, Stattler seconded. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, McLeland, Stattler.

The City Council investigated and found that a notice of intention to institute proceedings to enter into a loan agreement and borrow funds for constructing improvements to the Municipal Sanitary Sewer System had been duly published as provided by law and that this is the time and place at which the City Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. The City Clerk Hoy announced that no written objections had been placed on file. Whereupon, the Mayor called for any written or oral objections, and there being none, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Council member McLeland moved, McAteer seconded, to approve resolution #2011.4 authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement and providing for the issuance of a \$70,000 General Obligation Sewer Improvement Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, McLeland, Stattler.

John Freese, Assessor, addressed council regarding valuations for Grundy County. He explained the re-valuation process and noted that residents should expect to receive a valuation notice the first half of April. He also reviewed the timeline and process if a resident desires to protest the valuation. If residents have questions regarding their valuations they should call the Grundy County Assessor's office.

Bob Coulter presented council with conceptual drawings and cost estimates to re-erect the "Conrad Bell" and landscape improvements on the south side of the Conrad Heritage Hall and Museum. Council member Stattler moved, Murty seconded, to approve the project at the estimated cost of approximately \$9,200. Funding for the project will come from potential grants and museum reserve funds. Ayes: 5.

Darla Ubben, Chamber-Main Street Director, announced that the National Main Street Conference will be held in Des Moines, Iowa on May 22-25, 2011 and encouraged council members, business owners, and volunteers to consider attending the event. Scholarships may be available to those interested in attending the conference and should contact Darla for more information.

Discussion regarding a Community Center / Safe Room took place. Gary Stattler presented council with two options and cost estimates that the Community Center Committee had put together: Scheme I a community center with a safe room \$1,668,444; Scheme II a community center without the safe room \$1,230,500. Location of the facility was also discussed. After much consideration, Council member Lynch moved to direct the Community Center Committee to continue researching Scheme II, without the safe room, Stattler seconded. Ayes: 5.

Three bids on each the Hiniker blade and grapple forks had been received. Council member Stattler moved to sell the blade and grapple forks to the highest bidders: Brad Murty \$2600, and Larry Mathern \$450, respectively. Ayes: 4, Murty abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

Chad Billings confirmed that a demonstration day for council to view the sewer slip lining process is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at 8:30 AM.

With no further business evident, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.