

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03-10-22. Officials present were Council Members Todd Schnathorst, John Dinsmore, Peg Brown, Jeff Frank and Lindsay Kuhl. Also in attendance were Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk; Luke Wilson, (CGA); and citizens Kurt & Joel Steckelberg, Ben Kuhl and Jason Beeghly. 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 Kuhl.

Council member Dinsmore made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Brown. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the February 10, 2022 council meeting; Clerk’s financial reports for February 2022; and payment of claims totaling \$67,916.90. Motion approved 5-0.

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

3E Generator Division, repairs	561.10	Iowa Regional Utilities, water	7,942.96
Advantage Admin, benefits/fees	620.00	IPERS, retirement	3,054.99
Airgas USA, tank rental	22.56	Mid America Publishing, publication	117.90
Alliant, utilities	8,389.82	Midwest Tapes, supplies	9.72
Allrecipies, magazine	10.00	Mike Walton, service	75.00
American Patchwork, magazine	39.97	Moler Sanitation, service	570.25
Bank of America, supplies	628.62	Municipal Supplies, supplies	4,276.00
Book Farm LLC, books	300.07	Petty cash-library, supplies	5.98
Bound Tree Medical, supplies	68.99	Ranger Rick, magazine	19.95
C & C Bedbug & Pest, service	75.00	Rasmusson Auto, repairs	172.50
Conrad Auto, supplies	10.46	Sarah Dougherty, training	90.00
Conrad Development, REACH	10,000.00	Smithsonian, magazine	8.00
Conrad Tire and Auto, repairs	1,175.50	Storey Kenworthy, supplies	19.04
Dave Juchems, mileage	18.14	Swank Movie, license	256.00
Eurofins Environment, lab testing	604.80	U.S. Postmaster, stamps	147.60
First National Bank, library exp	370.40	Verizon, cell phone	132.90
GFC Leasing, copier	415.32	Wex Bank, fuel	246.09
Grundy Co Sheriff, service	6,972.50		
HW Wilson Co., books	307.50	Payroll, 02/15/22 to 03/14/22	14,296.37
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	493.33		
Ingram Library Service, supplies	155.91	Totals Claims	\$ 67,916.9
IRS, taxes	5,135.66		

February 22 receipts and transfers in per fund: General \$5,362; RUT \$12,040; Employee Benefits \$302; Emergency \$39; TIF \$860; Debt Service \$332; Capital Projects \$40; Water \$3,165; Sanitary Sewer \$6,427 and Storm Water \$303. Total \$28,870.

February 22 expenditures and transfers out per fund: General \$24,213; RUT \$9,835; Employee Benefits \$2,613; Capital Projects \$5,317; Water \$13,123; and Sanitary Sewer, \$7,607. Total \$62,708.

Joel & Kurt Steckelberg spoke under the citizen's forum in regards to wanting to put an addition to their current veterinary building for offices and then an area where they can give farm animals their shots. It is geared toward the smaller farmer and it would be a maximum of 20 cattle. They have visited another clinic in Grinnell that has this service. The reasons they would like this is because it is a safety issue. Currently some animals have been brought to the clinic and it is done in the parking lot. This addition would be inside with no chance of the animal getting loose. They would like this for the courtesy of their clients and to allow the veterinarians more time at the clinic. At the current time, the clinic is not allowed to put this expansion on due to a 2014 Pre-Annexation Agreement. They are asking for the agreement to be modified. In this agreement Exhibit D – List of Conditions item #8 states the Developer may not construct any large animal/livestock building or large animal/livestock "working area". Council Member Frank asked questions regarding where the trailers would be pulled in considering the fire station is on that road. Various areas were discussed. They would like to build this addition yet this year maybe in August. Guidance was given to the City Administrator/Clerk to talk to City Attorney Geer and to bring a modification to the next meeting.

Various engineering agreements were brought to the Council for consideration regarding the projects that were brought up with the Iowa Visioning Committee grant process. The first on the agenda was the construction of a pickle ball court. Wilson gave an overview of the costs approximately \$80,000 for the courts only. With the addition of fence and engineering it could reach \$125,000 with a sidewalk around the parameter. This does not include lighting. Council member Frank asked if there have been any quotes for lighting. At this point there has not been but it is estimated this could be \$25,000. Frank asked if it would be cheaper to have solar lights and also about the limited use without lights.

Schnathorst said he wanted to stop the discussion (on the pickle ball court) and need to go back to the beginning. This Visioning project has never been formally presented to the Council to the best of his knowledge. He heard from multiple people there is disconnection between the Park Board and Visioning Group on where it should be. No formal presentation of the pros and cons of where it should be located beside the pylons to show it may or may not fit here. He wants to know how to get back to square one of getting a plan, who's in charge, whose idea is it, pros and cons so city council is not the bad guy for making the decision on yes or no or where it goes. He is all in favor of growing Conrad and making investments. He said we all went down the fire station debacles and we are headed down that path again. Stansberry said we can slow it down, get pros and cons from both committees, we can get both committees together bring plan layouts. Schnathorst said Stansberry is doing a great job of driving it with Martin saying she is not the right person which Schnathorst agreed with. Martin said they (Visioning and Park) need to come to Council with a formal presentation. Frank asked if there is anything driving by having it done by a certain time. Stansberry explained the grant process and we were not organized this year but would next January – March. Wilson and Dinsmore spoke more in regards to Visioning process and how a lot of the projects fell into park and recreation. Frank asked about interviewing the community and the data that they wanted a pickle ball. Dinsmore

explained how the community involvement worked and how it was part of the Iowa Community Visioning project. Ben Kuhl asked if the Community said they wanted this. Dinsmore explained more how it worked and that is where the skate park first came out and how the process did work. It was said that we are going to wait until the two parties can get together to make a presentation. Frank asked if this is really what they want. He doesn't want to build and nobody use. Martin said Visioning to get the projects together and rank them and then get with the park board and come together with ranking. Then they can present to Council. It is more of financial commitment with the Council. They should not be deciding the projects and where are the projects going to go.

Martin said the next item was Southside bike trail and it has been discussed as long as he has been on anything to do with the city. He said we are talking about calling it a bike trail because of grant funding. It is a safety issue. It is still a thing of cost and can the City afford it. Ben Kuhl talked about his discussion with Larry Olson and he is all for a sidewalk being there. His opposition is if it would be a shared motor way with golf carts. He does not believe it should be shared and if it is a safety issue he thinks that golf carts should not be allowed. He is also concerned about it going across his driveway. He has not seen an issue with golf carts (on the road) and doesn't see a reason to have a gold cart on the new trail. Martin said it's always been talked about a pedestrian walkway but there was a request for motorized golf carts on it. Martin said he doesn't think there is an intention to have golf carts on it and it would be handled the same as other bike paths that doesn't allow motorized vehicles. Frank talked that it is a safety issue. Kuhl thinks sidewalk aspect is a great idea. Wilson explained sidewalk has to be five feet from curb and shared walk path would be eight feet. Wilson said they have 14 ½ feet of the right of way. Wilson explained it is over the threshold for needing to go out with plans and specs. Stansberry explained the various grants that are out there. The City's grant writer said to go with a bigger project which is why the next item bike path erosion control being on the agenda too. The big grant coming up is the REAP grant. Then the REAP grant could be used as match for future grants. Wilson talked about doing 5 – 6 foot wide sidewalk if grant dollars is not tied to the project then can get it further away from the street. Wilson talked about plans being six feet with alternate of eight feet if we get the grant. Brown made a motion to get approval on the engineering starting with a six foot sidewalk with alternate of eight foot. Additional discussion concerning funding if the grants did not go through would the City fund it, engineering costs and needing a cost estimate to have a budget to start applying for grants. Brown's motion stood with Dinsmore seconding to approve the engineering. Stansberry will bring a resolution at the next meeting.

Wilson discussed what the bike path erosion control entailed and that it is by the day care. Wilson explained that the quote from two years ago and was just for paving a twenty five foot. This estimate was to raise the elevation and he explained this was in a flood plain and would need a DNR permit. Brown asked if it would be paved how long would it take to wash out. Wilson explained with talking with Nick Kitzman and Brian Ladehoff it all depended on the year and amount of rain. More discussion is needed before making a decision and look at other options. There are two different areas that are problems. This will be put on next month's meeting to discuss more. Council would like to see when it

washes out.

Budget was not discussed.

Martin explained the next item was the approval of the annual premium to ICAP for \$42,991. Stansberry noted this is the second year that the City is not receiving a dividend due to tornado and Derecho. Brown made a motion to approve which was seconded by Schnathorst. Motion approved 5-0.

Martin explained the next item is removing wallpaper, fixing texture and paint city hall by Dolezal Painting for \$5,865. Stansberry explained the colors chosen for painting city hall. Wallpaper will be removed and the old concern is what could be under there. Frank made a motion to approve the painting with Kuhl seconding the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

The next item is the cleaning of the lateral & sand removal from the aquatic center. Pool Tech put a quote of \$22,425. Brown made a motion to approve the quote from Pool Tech and Kuhl seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Kuhl to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk