

March 14, 2013

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/14/13 in Council Chambers. 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 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented. Mayor Martin welcomed and introduced two Boy Scouts in attendance: Orion Gunderson and Ted Switzer.

Council member Callaway moved, second by Murty, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 02/14/13 & 02/28/13 council meetings; February 2013 clerk's financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$95,047.26; Approve liquor license renewal for Hometown Foods. Ayes:5.

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

Alliant, utilities	6,316.42	Institute of Public Affairs, service	395.42
Bank of America, fuel/supply	376.99	IRS, Fed/FICA tax	3,698.76
Bankers Leasing, copier lease	115.00	ICAP, insurance	30,613.01
Bird Watching, periodical	23.95	IA Public Health, permit	70.00
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	888.94	IPERS, benefits	2,148.50
CIWA, water	7,965.00	Ladehoff Lawn Care, services	415.00
Conrad Auto, supply	222.92	Library Petty Cash	157.89
Main Street, Façade exp reimburse	8,921.36	Mid America Publishing	193.34
Conrad Tire & Auto, repairs	569.35	Midwest Benefits, benefits	176.23
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	Moler Sanitation, services	197.00
Crosser Electric, labor	75.00	Monkeytown, supply	155.91
Dave Juchems, mileage	16.95	National Geographic, periodical	39.00
EMSLRC, supply	42.00	Nucara, supplies	68.49
Furneau Truck Service, repairs	2,136.08	People Weekly, periodical	44.50
First National Bank, library	316.55	Premier Office, technology	62.03
Gearhart Welding, repair	176.00	Test America, lab	248.12
Glo-Brite, services	75.00	That Place, fire supper	272.12
Grundy County Hospital, test	25.00	US Postmaster, mail UB	152.13
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	5,191.17	Upstart, SLP	321.72
GNB, HSA	430.00	Verdin Company, clock install	2,900.00
Health, periodical	20.00	Verizon, cell phone	60.30
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	338.02	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,765.25
Home Rental, repair	90.50	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,485.86
Hygienic Labs, lab	18.00	Payroll, 01/11 to 2/14, 2013	10,721.72
Ingram, books	310.76	Totals Claims	\$95,047.26

February 2013 expenses per fund: General \$25,797; Road Use Tax \$5,486; Employee Benefit \$2,624; LOST \$6,248; TIF \$50; CDBG Façade \$8,483; Water \$12,489; Sewer \$16,089. Total \$77,266.

February 2013 receipts per fund: General \$2,359; RUT \$9,239; Employee Benefits \$271; Local Option \$7,351; TIF \$1,118; Debt Service \$224; CDBG Façade \$5,481; Water \$1,427; Sewer \$1,289; Sewer Sinking \$8,800; Storm Water Utility \$128. Total \$37,687.

Mayor Martin announced that Gloria Dielschneider had contacted him about a Grundy County Wellness program and the potential of grant funds to support wellness efforts. He announced that anyone interested could attend a meeting on Monday, March 25 at 7 PM in the Conrad Public Library meeting room.

Seal coating and Lillian Street were both discussed under street repairs. A decision on seal coating will be made at the April council meeting. Council discussed the possibility of waiting to repair Lillian Street when the new housing development was being constructed.

Council proceedings, 3/14/13, continued

Mayor Martin opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. City Clerk Hoy made announcements regarding the tax levy and projected ending fund balances. With no other comments, written or oral being made, the hearing was closed.

Council member Stattler moved to adopt resolution #2013-03.2 "Adopting the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and authorizing the City Clerk to certify the budget." Ayes: Brown, Murty, Callaway, Schnathorst, Stattler. Nays: none.

After discussing the options available for accepting debit/credit cards, Council member Callaway moved to set up an account with DWOLLA to accept debit cards and to do a mass mailing informing residents of the option to pay any fees or bills to the city through DWOLLA, Murty seconded. Ayes: 5.

Council member Callaway moved, second by Murty, to purchase software in the amount of \$500 for the capability to E-BILL utility bills. Ayes: 5.

Under capital projects, Council reviewed a request for proposal (RFP) for the painting and ongoing maintenance agreement for the city water tower. Council member Callaway moved, Brown seconded, to proceed with sending the RFP to water tower companies. Bids will be accepted through April 8 at 1 PM and considered at the April 11, 2013 council meeting. Ayes: 5.

Council member Callaway announced that a he had a verbal agreement on the purchase of 7.5 acres on the east edge of Conrad from Bill and Linda Hartwig. Final arrangements for the purchase are being considered.

Council member Stattler commended city employees Bruce Marble and Nick Kitzman for their diligent work during the last couple of snow storms. Council agreed and thanked them both for their dedication and work ethic to the City of Conrad. Council also thanked Denise Hoy for her work in arranging the workshop for Council, Boards and Commissions, and Volunteers that was held on February 28 at the Presbyterian Church. There were approximately 30 people that attended the workshop including some from the cities of Union and Liscomb.

With no further business evident the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator