

April 8, 2010

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04/08/10 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Sue McLeland, Brad Murty, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Mayor Gregg Sharp and Deb McAteer. Mayor Pro-tem LeAnn Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Stattler moved, Murty seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 03/11/10 council meeting; March 2010 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$115,971.86; Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	IA Park N Rec, fee	100.00
Allen Hospital, fire physicals	820.00	IPERS, W/H	1,499.41
Alliant, utilities	5,823.79	KB Underground, repairs	595.00
Bank of America, gas/computers	654.54	Ladehoff Lawn Care, snow removal	1,103.00
Bjelland, repairs	1,664.36	Petty Cash, library	197.57
Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13	Marvel Comics, periodical	24.97
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/trucking	605.84	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	316.93
BWI, books	9.49	Moler Sanitation, services	130.00
Brown Supply, parts	249.59	Municipal Pipe Tool, services	696.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	15.32	National Geographic, periodical	34.00
Country, periodical	14.98	People Weekly, periodical	44.50
CRA, tractor parts	43.18	Premier Office, contract	154.00
Cummins, repairs to fire truck	5,229.42	The Record, publications	142.47
Demco, books	356.30	Ryken Engineering, services	42,801.14
Des Moines Stamp, stamp	27.30	Roy Sharp, snow blowing	1,987.50
Electric Supply, supplies	45.13	Simmering-Cory, administration	8,820.00
First National, library exp	504.34	State Library, training	35.00
Flatland Farms, storage	150.00	State of Iowa, W/H	488.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	State of Iowa, sales tax	1,267.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, fee	18.00	Test America, lab	301.67
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	15.00
Health, periodical	20.00	Upstart, supply	199.50
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	282.34	Verizon Wireless, cell phones	70.32
Hygienic Labs, lab	90.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,106.95
IMFOA, spring meeting	65.00	WS Darley, slide in unit	12,955.00
Ingram, books	959.08	Wages, 02/12/09 to 03/11/10	12,122.39
IRS, federal W/H	3,257.66	Totals Claims	\$115,971.86

Expenses per fund: General \$38,149.94; Road Use Tax \$6,710.74; Employee Benefits \$2,031.94; LOST \$4,106.95; 08 Housing Rehab \$8,838.00; Water \$7,506.06; Sewer \$5,827.09; CDBG Project \$42,801.14. March 2010 receipts per fund: General \$7,409.70; RUT \$8,658.85; Employee Benefits \$841.34; LOST \$4,831.70; TIF \$2,037.49; Debt Service \$799.22; 08 Housing Rehab \$21,478.10; Water \$12,702.11; Sewer \$33,068.66; Storm Water Utility \$4,373.43. Total \$96,200.60.

Recognizing the efforts of the Iowa Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Parkinson's disease, thereby improving the quality of life for those living with the disease, Mayor Pro-tem, LeAnn Lynch, proclaimed April 2010 to be observed as Parkinson Disease Awareness Month.

Jeff and Angie Martin, Black Dirt Days Committee volunteers, presented a list of special requests for the June 4-5, 2010 celebration. Council member McLeland moved, Murty seconded, to approve the following requests as presented: closing of Main Street from Center to Maple Avenue & the west one-half block of Grundy Avenue from Main Street to alley on Friday June 4th 12:30pm to Sunday, June 6th 8:00 am; Street closings for the parade route/line-up on Saturday June 5th from 10 am to 1 pm; spraying of mosquitoes as needed to benefit the celebration. Ayes: 4.

Steve Harvey presented a request to use the vacant lot behind the fire station and the alley from north of the Library to Grundy Avenue for a concert on Friday, June 4th from 5:00 pm to 2:00 am in conjunction with Black Dirt Days. Stattler moved and Murty seconded to approve the request. Council informed Mr. Harvey that they would need to work with the Postmaster to ensure that the mail delivery trucks had access to the rear of the Post Office.

Mayor Pro-tem Lynch opened a public hearing on the loan agreement and issuance of \$128,000 note. The City Council investigated and found that a notice of intention to institute proceedings to enter into a loan agreement and borrow funds for street improvements 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 announced that no written objections had been placed on file. Whereupon, the Mayor Pro-tem called for any written or oral objections, and there being none, the Mayor Pro-tem closed the public hearing.

After consideration, Murty moved and Sattler seconded to adopt resolution #20-2010.4 authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement with MidwestOne Bank, Conrad Iowa, for the issuance of a \$128,000 General Obligation Street Improvement Note and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Ayes: Murty, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland. Nays: none.

The report from Central Iowa Water Association on a rate study for rural water was tabled until the May 13, 2010 council meeting.

City Clerk Hoy reported that ITC Midwest is proposing to upgrade existing electric transmission lines that run along the Comet Trail. The work is scheduled to begin this summer. Also reported was that because Alliant is still in negotiations on where to place a sub-station for the city of Conrad, the joint meeting between the City, Alliant, Smith Trustees, and the BCLUW School Board would not move forward at this time.

Council member Stattler moved, second by McLeland, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk/Administrator to advertise, interview and hire a person to fill a temporary full-time summer maintenance position. Ayes: 4.

Council also agreed to consider an amendment to the Personnel Flexible Benefits Plan to include Health Savings Accounts. The amendment will be drafted and presented at a later meeting for final approval.

With no further business evident, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

LeAnn Lynch, Mayor Pro-tem

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk