

April 11, 2005

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 4/11/05 at the Conrad Municipal Building. Answering roll call was James Barger, Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the 03/14/05 & 3/28/05 meetings were approved as published. Gearhart motioned and Stewart seconded to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes – 5; nays – 0. Lynch motioned and Barger seconded to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes – 5; nays – 0. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department and B-CERTS)

A-Kleen Towel, service	37.25	Iowa Codifications, draft	100.00
Alliant, utilities	5120.77	ICAP, insurance premium	21939.00
Animal Rescue League, control	196.00	IA Dept Public Health, license	60.00
Apex, office supply	81.29	IRWA, dues	337.50
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	209.77	Ladehoff Lawn Care, snow removal	180.00
BWI, library books	7.94	Library Petty Cash	118.43
Casey's, gas	173.12	Jo Love, reimbursement supplies	69.53
CMG, training	30.00	Denny Lynch, reimburse pizza exp	26.04
Conrad Auto, supplies	113.46	McNair Body, towing	40.00
Conrad Foods, misc.	93.76	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	72.29
Disney Adventures, magazine	11.97	Moler Sanitation, recycling	90.00
EDM Equipment, rescue unit	83500.00	Moore Medical, B-CERT supply	77.83
First National, library exp	307.68	Municipal Supply, training	100.00
Follet Software, library barcodes	84.91	Premier Office, library service plan	100.00
Gehrke Quarries, rock	158.74	Racom Corp., labor	37.50
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt/sand mix	403.62	The Record, publications	208.45
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3833.50	Southern Living, magazine	21.97
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	493.14	State Treasurer, March sales tax	934.10
Hellberg's, museum exp	18.20	Test America, lab	287.30
Denise Hoy, mileage	13.37	Upstart, library supplies	160.27
Hygienic Labs, lab	45.00	WCCC, Lost allocation	3042.43
INGRAM, books	953.76	Wages, 3-14-05 to 4-11-05	<u>13,528.87</u>
Innovative Comm., service call	65.00	Totals	\$137,483.76

Expenses per fund: General \$122,350.77, Road Use Tax \$3266.78, Employee Benefit \$1318.58, LOST \$3042.43, Water \$4019.92, Sewer \$3485.28. March 2005 receipts per fund: General \$16,601.47, RUT \$8635.56, Employee Benefits \$183.27, TIF \$704.45, Debt Service \$1318.66, Housing rehab \$20,053.00, Water \$10,177.78, Sewer \$21,436.81. Total revenues: \$79,111.00.

Under Committee reports, Jami Willett shared that the Library Board was still in the process of seeking grants for the new library building project. She also reported that the Library had received a donation from the Mary Coulter Estate. City Clerk Hoy was instructed to get an attorney's opinion as to whether the money should be funneled through the city's books, or if it could go straight to the Library Foundation.

John McNair, B-CERT, reported that the new rescue unit had been delivered and loaded. The radio still needed to be installed and the lettering applied.

A public hearing was held on the 2003 Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City was awarded a 2003 Community Development Block Grant for \$364,800.00 to assist approximately twelve (12) low-and-moderate income persons, within the City limits, to make improvements to their homes. To date five (5) projects have been completed.

There have been no changes to the project scope, budget, or project beneficiaries as proposed in the application. The City obligated \$75,000.00 local towards housing rehabilitation and to date, \$31,250.00 has been expended, and \$141,434.00 of the CDBG allocation has been expended.

With the remaining budget, it is estimated that we can complete another eight (8) projects, which would then exceed the City's original Program Target of twelve (12). Of those eight, bid letting for the next two (2) projects is scheduled for April 21. One (1) more project is in the inspection and SHPO Review process, and verifications are being processed on the next three (3) applications. Since we have only two to three contractors bidding at this time, we can only process two to three houses per round.

The City's Contract with the State expires on April 30, 2005. An extension has been requested to April 30, 2006 with earlier close-out if possible.

Doug Benjamin and Keith Graff from the First State Bank presented to council a draft schedule for Conrad's 125th Celebration. The Celebration will take place Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th, 2005. The theme for the event is "Proud of our Past ~ Focused on our Future". Several events are being planned, which council granted street closings for. The committee estimates a budget of \$15,000 and will be seeking available grant sources, and donations. Council instructed City Clerk Hoy to check into event insurance for this weekend.

The County Law Enforcement agreements and tractor/pickup updates were table until the May 9, 2005 meeting.

Council heard the first reading of Ordinance 235 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER RENTAL RATES, BILLING FOR SERVICES, DEPOSITS AND CONNECTIONS. Lynch motioned to accept the first reading of Ordinance 235, seconded by Callaway. Ayes - Gearhart, Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – none.

Council discussed the tree/limb pickup policy and clarified that the city was to continue the current policy that is in place. City employees would be instructed to not clean up whole trees that were cut down, but that the property owners should follow the tree ordinance in regards to dead or diseased trees.

Council determined that they would re-visit the clean up day possibilities this fall.

With no further business evident, council adjourned by motion at 8:05 PM.

