

April 13, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04/13/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Gregg Sharp, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Shauna Callaway arrived at 5:15 PM. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Hoy administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Council Member Lowell Schleisman.

The agenda was approved as posted.

Stattler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 3/9/06 council meeting; clerks financial report for March 2006; payment of claims totaling \$50,878.83; setting a public hearing for 5/11/06 to consider the amendment of the FY2006 budget; a liquor license for RJ's Lounge; acknowledged building permits for Jerry Peters and Bruce Marble. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Iowa Codification, ordinance	43.50
Allen Occupational, fire physicals	1042.00	Debbie Johnson, deposit refund	8.77
Alliant, utilities	6161.83	Ladehoff Lawn Care, grounds	320.00
Apex, office supplies	46.46	Library Petty Cash	95.67
Susan Blythe, mileage	12.00	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	82.19
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	119.54	Moler Sanitation, services	180.00
Casey's, gas	169.15	Money, magazine	39.95
Cessford Construction, cold mix	84.70	Jack Moore, consultant	60.00
CAC, deposit refund	41.19	MES, bunker gear	951.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	298.89	Municipal Supply, meter equip.	4626.79
Cooking Light, magazine	22.00	National Geographic, magazine	34.00
Country Living, magazine	12.60	Pack-O-Fun, books	23.90
DC Sharp, snow blowing	680.00	PC Magazine, magazine	46.97
Electric Supply, bulbs	136.80	Pizza Ranch, park board	13.90
Family Handyman, magazine	24.98	Platinum Plus, misc.	75.59
Farm & Ranch, magazine	14.98	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	105.00
First National, library exp	605.45	The Record, publications	205.67
Good Housekeeping, magazine	19.97	CMG, training	30.00
Krista Grant, reimburse printer	359.49	Sandry Fire, supply	730.00
Green Publishing, reference	88.00	Scholastic, books	140.40
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt & sand	1215.06	Seventeen, magazine	14.97
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Gregg Sharp, mileage	67.64
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	Southern Living, mileage	32.97
HW Wilson, fiction catalog	236.00	State of Iowa, sales tax	1172.51
Hach, chemicals	252.20	Gary Stattler, mileage	69.89
Hanzelka Truck Service, repairs	2428.32	Test America, lab	188.00
Hardin Co. EMA, training	120.00	Shane Tiernan, administration	45.00
Health, magazine	19.97	Upstart, library	120.58
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	446.59	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	3674.13
Denise Hoy, mileage	13.80	Wages, 03-10-06 to 04-13-06	17039.66
Hygienic Lab, lab	45.00		
Ingram Book Co, books	992.46	Totals Claims	\$50,878.83

Expenses per fund: General \$22,625.98; Road Use Tax \$8601.98; Employee Benefit \$1603.50; LOST \$3674.13; Water \$9954.69; Sewer \$4418.55.

March 2006 receipts per fund: General \$10812.03; RUT \$9295.37; Employee Benefits \$355.84; LOST \$4322.50; TIF \$2812.10; Debt Service \$2936.18; Water \$11601.31; Sewer \$29,695.12.

Mayor Gregg Sharp stated that Conrad does not have a tornado preparedness plan and that citizens need to determine where they should go for shelter in the event of a tornado.

Val Ruff, First State Bank, announced they will commemorate their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The bank is planning a celebration on June 9, 2006, and requested that council consider allowing them to temporarily block the alley located east of the bank. Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to allow First State Bank to block the alley east of the bank from Center Street and north approximately half way to Grundy Avenue on June 9, 2006, from 4:00 PM to Midnight. Ayes: 4.

There were about 7 mobile home park residents present to discuss the resolution setting policy for water metering and utility billing at the mobile home park. Sterling Clink, mobile home park owner, was also present. Residents Bob McBride and Rick Butler voiced concerns over the possibility of a hike in lot rent to cover the water bills, and concerns over the meters being removed. Residents have not been informed by the park owner how they will be billed for water usage. Clink also addressed council with his concerns about switching from individual meters to a master meter. Mayor Sharp then called for a short recess to allow everyone the opportunity to review the resolution. Council Member Lynch moved to adopt resolution #109-4.06 "A resolution setting policy for water metering and utility billing at the mobile home park in Conrad, Iowa", Callaway seconded. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

Mayor Sharp discussed zoning issues at the mobile home park. He referenced correspondence between the city, Sterling Clink, and the Zoning Administrator dated May 2005 in regard to non-compliance with an 800 square foot minimum requirement for residential dwellings. Mr. Clink, to date, has taken no action to resolve the non-compliance. Mayor Sharp assured Clink that it was the city's intention to enforce the zoning requirements.

Dorothy King, Conrad Public Library Foundation, addressed council about several topics. She briefly discussed: re-assignment of the CAT grant to the City; deeding the Main Street property to the city; transferring foundation funds to the city for the construction of the proposed new library; two outstanding invoices to Struxture Architects in the amount of \$25,212.79. Due to the essence of time, Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to table any further discussion or action on the topics until a special meeting between the Council, Library Board, and the Library Foundation could be held. Ayes: 5.

Janice Tranbarger presented to council a petition with 188 signatures entitled "We the undersigned citizens of Conrad, and surrounding area, respectfully request funds from the Catherine Farmer Trust to be used for a public garden on the grounds of Oakview Nursing Home at 511 E. Center St. in Conrad". Gary Stattler moved that \$60,000 of the Catherine Farmer monies be set aside for the use of the Oakview/Oak Estates Landscape project until such time as the Landscape Committee (or their designees) have raised the remaining funds. Motion died due to the lack of a second. Dorothy McHone, Administrator at the Oakview Inc., urged council to re-consider the request for funds for the landscaping project.

Gary Sindelar, Ryken Engineering, presented council with plans to improve the sludge drying bed. Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to accept the plans with revisions to include changing the depth of the sidewalk around the perimeter from 4 inches to 6 inches, and provisions for handrails to be included. Ayes: 5.

Council Member Stattler then moved to adopt resolution #110-4.06 "A resolution setting a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for sludge drying bed improvements at the wastewater treatment plant", Gearhart seconded. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman. Nays: none.

A quote to repair the east end of the library building roof was presented from Blythe Roofing in the amount of \$6225.00. Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to accept the quote from Blythe Roofing and authorize repairs to the roof. Ayes: 5. Gearhart then amended the motion-giving Gary Stattler or Lowell Schleisman authority to authorize additional repairs if during construction Blythe Roofing should run into unforeseen problems. Stattler agreed to the amendment. Ayes: 5.

Mayor Sharp reported that Lowell Schleisman, Gary Stattler, and himself, attended the Grundy County Landfill meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. At the conclusion of the meeting it was determined that the Landfill people would prepare a spreadsheet outlining cost scenarios in regard to the landfill closing. The spreadsheet will be available at the May landfill meeting.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 6:35 PM.