

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04-13-23. Officials present were Council Members Todd Schnathorst, John Dinsmore, Jeff Frank, Peg Brown and Lindsay Kuhl. Lori Stansberry was also in attendance. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council member Brown made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Kuhl. Dinsmore made a motion to approve the consent agenda which Kuhl seconded. The consent agenda included minutes from March 23, building permits, utility billing audit report. It also claims totaling \$50,019.09. Motion approved 5-0.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits/fees	322.92	Mike Walton, window cleaning	80.00
Allen Occupation Health, services	872.50	Moler Sanitation, service	422.30
Alliant, utilities & new line	7,993.50	Municipal Supply, water meters	2,139.02
Clapsaddle-Garber, engineering	675.56	Nutrien Ag, fuel	204.11
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	42.84	Petty Cash-Library, supplies	191.39
Dave Juchems, mileage	19.38	Racom, radio repairs	2,068.05
Emily's Papercrafts, programming	250.00	Ranger Rick, magazine	19.95
Eric Engle, foam cleaner	500.00	Roy Sharp, snow blowing	787.00
Eurofins Environment, testing	881.10	Time, magazine	72.28
First National Bank, library exp.	253.56	Times Republican-Column, publications	
Garden Gate, magazine	32.00		20.16
Grundy County Library, supplies	30.27	Times Republican, subscription	215.80
Grundy Co Sheriff, service	7,181.67	Tim J Read, programming	275.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	558.74	Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	27.99
Ingram Library Services, supplies	734.01		
IRS, taxes	3,425.85	Payroll, 03/24/23 to 04/13/23	11,562.95
Iowa Regional Utilities, water	7,897.46		
Midwest Living, magazine	12.00	Totals Claims	\$ 50,019.09
Midwest Tapes, hoopla acct	106.88		

Martin read a letter from Luke Wilson regarding the 2023 Sidewalk Project. A preconstruction meeting was held and the contractor is eager to start. They will start the end of April or the first week of May. Door hangers will be put on every land owner along Center St. They hope to have the construction wrapped up before June.

Stansberry gave an update regarding the FY 2024 budget. The tax rate will be going down thirty three cents (\$.33) per thousand. She explained even thou there was such an increase in the valuations of property, it would not affect the taxes paid more than 3.25% because of the state's rollback percent. Fund balances were reviewed. Discussion regarding the funding source for the projects is in process and potential future projects were also discussed.

Jeff Frank was in attendance via telephone. At this point, he had to get off the phone.

Schnathorst made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-13 which sets the budget amendment #2 for May 11, 2023. Brown seconded the motion. Resolution approved 4-0.

Brown made a motion to approve the third and final reading for Ordinance #278. This ordinance will change our bi-monthly utility billing to go to monthly. This will take effect July 1, 2023. Stansberry explained this would need published prior to the July 1 date. Kuhl seconded the motion. Rollcall vote was taken to approve the third reading approved 4-0.

Dinsmore made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 279. This ordinance will change the rates from bi-monthly to monthly. The rate increase to water is 3% at \$18.48 for 1" meters and a monthly base rate of \$32.34. Meters that are 1 ½ inch or larger monthly rate will be \$32.34 per \$1,000 gallons. Sewer rates will be increasing 1% to a monthly base rate of \$18.56 per 1,000 gallons per month. The storm sewer and recycling charge stayed the same. The late payment penalty stayed the same but instead of \$20 it will be \$10. Every year customers are allowed a one-time late payment penalty where the penalty will not be accessed. Deposits will be refunded to homeowners after 24 months if there are no late payments in that time period. Renters will get their deposit returned with their final bill. Deposit amounts did not change. The council chose to change the amount for reconnection fees to \$50. Brown seconded the motion. Ordinance #279, first reading was approved 4-0.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Kuhl to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk