

April 17 2006

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 04/17/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Gregg Sharp, Council Members Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attending from the Conrad Public Library Foundation (referred to within as "Foundation") were: Wanda Button, Carol Hoff, Dorothy King, and Danice Zern. Member present from the Conrad Public Library Board of Trustees (referred to within as "Board") were: Kevin Barkema, Dean Frazer, Dick Geise, Sandy Hogle, Pearl Miller, Nancy Olson, Jami Willett, and Director Susan Blythe.

The Foundation requested that Council consider the re-assignment of CAT grant 06-CAT-034 from the Foundation to the City. This re-assignment would allow revenues and expenses for the Library Building Project to be accounted for by the City. Council reviewed the contract and discussed several items (Exhibit "A" attached) including: important dates, use of funds and payment schedules, remaining fundraising, Vision Iowa recognition, and medical insurance requirements for full-time library employees.

Council Member Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to adopt resolution #111-4.06 "A resolution agreeing to accept the re-assignment of a Community Attraction and Tourism grant in the amount of \$200,000, awarded to the Conrad Public Library Foundation". Ayes: Gearhart, Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. A letter to the Vision Iowa Board from the Foundation and the City asking them to consider the re-assignment of the contract, along with the signed original contract, will be delivered to IDED this week, with the intent of attending the Vision Iowa Board meeting on May 10, 2006.

Council then discussed the deeding of the property on Main Street, the future site of the Library Building Project, from the Foundation to the City. Council Member Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to accept the deed for the Main Street property for valuable consideration of up to one-dollar. Ayes: Stattler, Callaway, Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch. Dorothy King will be taking care of the deed preparation, and Bill Gearhart will be lining up someone to survey the property.

Dorothy King updated Council on the fundraising efforts for the Library Building Project and discussed the Foundation turning all funds regarding the Project over to the city. King stated that it was the Foundations intent to continue collecting and keeping track of all the pledges, while turning the money over to the city on a monthly basis. King presented figures to council indicating that approximately \$300,300 currently exists in pledges, which will be paid over the next 3 to 4 years. Mayor Sharp brought to Council's attention that the city will in essence be guaranteeing these pledges. King also discussed the city's financing options and requested council set an exact dollar amount of Catherine Farmer Trust Funds that will be committed to the Project. Lynch moved, Schleisman seconded, to use \$200,000 of Catherine Farmer Estate Trust Funds for the Library Building Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to approve payment to Struxture Architects in the amount not-to-exceed \$25,215 for schematic design and design development for the Library Building Project, contingent on a date correction to invoice No. 4231, and the Foundations transfer of funds to the city. Motion carried unanimously.

Jami Willett presented preliminary drawings for the Library Building Project to Council. Willett noted that best case scenario would set ground breaking for mid-August.

Mayor Sharp requested that the Board forward the minutes of the Library Board meetings to Council within 5 days after their meeting. Kevin Barkema indicated that he will email the minutes to the City Clerk within that time frame, and the Clerk will forward them to Council.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk