

May 9, 2005

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 5/09/05 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 04/07/05 & 04/11/05 meetings were approved as published. Lynch motioned and Barger 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	Literary Guild, books	17.86
Advanced Water, chemicals	270.12	Michael Todd, street signs	603.74
Alliant, utilities	4853.76	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	72.29
Auditor of State, audit services	5125.00	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Pat Bernard, library conference	438.00	Gary Moler, mileage	31.59
Dustin Blackburn, mowing	78.00	Mother Earth News, subscription	14.95
Bob's Farm Center, diesel & lawn care	380.58	MES, fire gear	108.67
Casey's, gas	228.09	Municipal Supply, parts	382.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	17.86	NADA, subscription	60.00
Conrad Pharmacy, batteries	5.94	Nickelodean, subscription	19.90
Cooking Light, subscription	22.00	Premier Office, library service plan	100.00
Family Fun, subscription	19.95	The Record, publications	174.07
First National, library exp	215.97	Scholastic, books	136.50
First State Bank, P & I payments	77,577.38	Roy Sharp, snow removal	425.00
Gehrke Quarries, rock	209.54	Simmering-Cory, administration	14,660.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, recording	14.00	Jana Smith, mileage	15.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3833.50	Sports Illus., subscription	31.96
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	477.68	State Treasurer, April sales tax	14.70
Hot Rod Magazine, subscription	12.00	Test America, lab	253.30
Denise Hoy, mileage	123.05	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	75.00
IIMC, dues	100.00	Toyne, fire truck repairs	213.44
INGRAM, books	1436.73	US Postmaster, postage	111.09
Innovative Comm., service call	236.21	Wells Fargo, P & I payment	83,999.40
IA DNR, exam fees	90.00	WCCC, Lost allocation	3042.43
ILA, meeting	6.00	Wages, 4-12-05 to 5-09-05	<u>12,799.20</u>
Kiplinger's, subscription	23.95	Totals	\$213,491.42
Library Petty Cash	88.77		

Expenses per fund: General \$22,147.50, Road Use Tax \$3787.47, Employee Benefit \$1347.60, LOST \$3042.43, TIF \$23,259.11, Debt Service \$54,318.27, Housing Rehab \$14,674.00, Water \$3404.09, Sewer \$87,510.95. April 2005 receipts per fund: General \$107,254.30, RUT \$6931.77, Employee Benefits \$7748.38, LOST \$3579.33, TIF \$43,571.39, Debt Service \$19,552.19, Housing rehab \$31,700.00, Water \$705.76, Sewer \$1051.28. Total revenues: \$222,094.40.

Under committee reports Jan Hines and Chris Harris, B-CERT squad, were present with the new ambulance unit to show. Jan indicated that they were applying for grant money from the Alexander Trust to help offset the cost of the unit. The City of Beaman indicated their willingness to participate in the rescue unit expenses, but would need to wait until the next fiscal year.

Jan and Chris also reported that they are trying to set up an event during the 125th celebration. They are planning a mach accident (two vehicles), the use of Jaws to extricate the victims (which will include the fire department), and to have Aircare from Covenant Hospital fly in.

Building permits were as follows: Gerald Peters, new home, \$125,000; Bill Moore, storage shed, \$1000; Lynn Finders, storage shed, \$670; Jeff Warnell, storage shed & deck, \$2500; Brent Gunderson, deck, \$1000.

Melanie Kirkpatrick, Grundy County Economic Development, asked council to consider contributing to a revolving loan fund that would cover the entire County. She is currently seeking a grant from the USDA for the revolving fund and any local match would add points to the application. The deadline for the grant is May 27<sup>th</sup>. The finance committee will take the request under consideration.

Shane Tiernan made a presentation on the Conrad Main Street Inc program. Included in the presentation were financial statements for the 2004 calendar year and a 2005 preliminary budget. He asked that council consider raising the annual contribution to Main Street Inc from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Tiernan also presented to council the Business Interest Buy-down Program (BIBP) that Conrad Main Street Inc and the Conrad Development Corporation had approved. He was asking for financial backing from the council. Council instructed City Clerk Hoy to have Bob Josten, bonding attorney for Conrad, draft necessary agreements with the Development Corp in support of the plan.

Council approved an excavator's application that would help enforce ordinance number 135.09 of the Conrad City Code of Ordinances. Clerk Hoy was instructed to mail a permit and letter explaining the ordinance to several area contractors.

The concrete dump was discussed at length. Council will be putting together a list of regulations for the concrete dump and strictly enforcing them.

Gearhart motioned and Lynch second to approve a Law Enforcement Agreement with the Grundy County Sheriff's Office for fiscal year 2006. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Gearhart motioned and Stewart seconded to approve Fire Protection Contracts with Palermo, Vienna, Clay, and Felix Townships. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Stewart motioned and Barger seconded to approve a Cellular Telephone Policy for city employees. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Barger motioned and Stewart seconded to award contracts to Rick's Carpentry, Monroe, Iowa in the amount of \$11,652 for the 207 E. Grundy rehab project; and General Home Maintenance, Marshalltown, Iowa in the amount of \$25,375 for the 107 N. Alice rehab project. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Council heard the second 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. Barger motioned to accept the second reading of Ordinance 235, seconded by Stewart. Ayes - Gearhart, Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – none. Barger then motioned to waive the third reading and to adopt Ordinance 235, seconded by Gearhart. Ayes - Gearhart, Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – none. The ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Gearhart motioned and Barger second to approve an outdoor application for the American Legion from June 10, 2005 to June 12, 2005 in conjunction with the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Council set a public hearing on the amendment of the fiscal year 2005 budget for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7 PM in council chambers.

Callaway motioned and Lynch seconded to approve the **Strategic Planning and Goal Setting – 2005 Report**, as presented by Patrick Callahan, Local Government Consultant from the Institute of Public Affairs University of Iowa. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

The equipment committee reported that they were not pursuing the purchase of a new pickup or tractor at this time, but will be looking at the options for a snow plow truck.

Council reviewed the options for a city newsletter. Barger motioned and Stewart seconded to purchase a bulk permit from the USPS and to mail a newsletter at least every six months, or more often if the need arises. Ayes – 5; nays – 0.

Under other business several items were discussed. Some of the topics included a broken storm sewer in the alley between Alice and Dwight; the water shut off at 407 East Grundy; the storm sewer intake at Jan Martin’s property & the General Store; dogs running at large; the need for lines to be painted on streets and the city hall parking lot; committee reports; handicap approaches; new chairs for council chambers.

With no further business evident, council adjourned by motion at 9:30 PM.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk