

May 10, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/10/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Lowell Schleisman. Absent: Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 04/12/07 & 05/04/07 council meetings; April 2007 clerk's financial report; payment of claims totaling \$207,501.38; Law enforcement agreement with Grundy County Sheriff's office for FY2008 services; set public hearing for 05/30/07 at 12:00 Noon for the FY2007 budget amendment; acknowledged a building permit submitted by Rick and Deb Mull. 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	Hartwig Excavating, labor	230.00
Advanced Water, chemicals	788.14	Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	278.79
Allen Hospital, fire physicals	261.00	Hot Rod, periodical	15.00
Alliant, utilities	4747.31	Denise Hoy, mileage	143.56
Audio Adventures, audio visual	160.00	Ingram, books & supplies	592.67
Backyard Living, periodical	29.98	Iowa Codification, code updates	520.00
Birds & Bloom, periodical	16.98	IA Park N Rec, CPO class	180.00
Susan Blythe, mileage	66.75	Dave Juchems, mileage	14.55
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	352.38	Kids Discover, periodical	19.95
Book Look, books	144.81	Ladies Home Journal, periodical	14.97
BWI, books	8.88	Library Petty Cash, misc.	103.99
Casey's, gas	131.60	Jo Love, mileage	48.51
Dave Colin, mileage	92.64	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	188.07	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Conrad Main Street, 2 nd ½ allocation	6000.00	Money, periodical	39.95
Nick Eckerman, mow	105.00	NEILA, project	25.00
Eddy-Walker, parts	9754.86	Premier, library contract	170.00
Electric Supply, parts	18.86	The Record, publications	116.09
Family Fun, periodical	19.95	Recreation Supply, pool supply	96.01
First National Bank, audio visual	637.80	CMG, software user group	30.00
First State Bank, P & I	48511.99	Siemens Water Tech, parts	262.76
Garling Construction, library project	25175.00	State Treasurer, sales tax	7.52
Gearhart Co, parts	19.60	Test America, lab	243.39
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt/sand	348.27	U.S. Postmaster, postage	111.36
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Wells Fargo, SRF loan	86547.20
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Wages, 04-13-07 to 05-10-07	14383.11
Grundy Co. Recorder, lien record	14.00		
HACH, chemicals	397.60	Totals Claims	\$207,501.38

Expenses per fund: General \$16,950.66; Road Use Tax \$13,651.65; Employee Benefit \$1341.29; TIF \$18,122.47; Debt Service \$36,389.52; Housing Rehab \$14.00; Library Bldg Project \$25,175.00; Water \$4704.55; Sewer \$4605.04; Sewer Sinking \$86,547.20. April 2007 receipts per fund: General \$88,221.41; RUT \$6324.80; Employee Benefits \$7978.25; LOST \$5706.25; TIF \$69,119.99; Debt Service \$25,230.66; Housing Rehab \$10,948.80; Library Building Project \$19,970.51; Water \$1564.98; Sewer \$630.03. Total \$235,695.68.

City Department reports:

- Because Heart of Iowa Cooperative recently installed a fix for the City Hall fax/copier Council agreed to delay the purchase of new unit until necessary.
- Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to accept change order #3 adding \$20,044 to the Library Building Project contract for brick veneer to be stored for future use. Ayes- 4.
- It was the consensus of council to instruct Tim Jones, Struxture Architects, to develop a change order to install a transfer switch for the use of a generator at the new library.
- Schleisman moved, Gearhart seconded, to enter into an incentive agreement for the new library with Alliant Energy based on the installation of energy efficiency measures as outline in the

- Doug “Mert” Mertens from Garling Construction updated council on the utility easement at the library construction site. Alliant Energy has made provisions for a utility easement with Rocky Hilton to run the gas underground on his property. The electric will be ran overhead from a pole east of the alley parallel to the new library and span across to the SPF Building.
- Bill Gearhart agreed to contact Gary Sindelar regarding the washed out area on the Comet Trail.
- Lynch moved and Schleisman seconded to approve the appointment of Rick Eckerman to fill Doug Benjamin’s unexpired term on the Park Board. Ayes- 4.
- Jane Gallentine, Carol Hibbs, and Carol Schmitz reported information on the Building Healthy Families/Mark Fenton program. Mark Fenton visited Conrad and was very complimentary on the efforts Conrad has made on the Comet Trail, and walking paths. Mr. Fenton also made recommendations regarding Safe Routes to School, slowing down traffic, and making Conrad a more “walk-able” community.
- Council discussed the potential water leak near Casey’s General Store. It was decided to install a temporary meter in the dug up area of Main Street in front of Casey’s to determine the size of the leak. Bruce Marble was instructed to obtain prices for boring and trenching a new waterline at Casey’s General Store in case the leak is significant.

Council member Gearhart moved and Schleisman seconded to enter into a contract with Municipal Street Improvement, Inc in the amount of \$28,689.50 for seal coat maintenance on city streets to be completed this summer. Ayes- 4.

After reviewing a list of summer work items submitted by Bruce Marble, Council member Schleisman moved and Gearhart seconded, to hire a temporary summer maintenance person. The applicant will work 40 hours a week, for 8-10 weeks, with an hourly wage of \$10-\$12, depending on qualifications. Applicants must be 18 years of age and hold a non-restricted drivers license. Ayes- 4.

Council discussed the option of contracting garbage services for Conrad. After discussion and input from representatives from Ferch Sanitation and Steelsmith Sanitation, Council member Gearhart moved and Lynch seconded to continue the practice of using private haulers for garbage services in Conrad. Ayes- 4.

Council reviewed correspondence from the Grundy County Development Alliance regarding the Barn Quilt Project called “Community Quilts”. Council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to sponsor three “Community Quilt” locations in Conrad at the cost of \$50 each. Ayes- 4.

In recognition of School Board Appreciation week, May 13-17, 2007, Mayor Sharp and Council members expressed their appreciation for the fine work that BCLUW School Board volunteers do for the school district.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:36 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk