

June 10, 2010

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 06/10/10 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Deb McAteer (arrived at 7:05), Sue McLeland, Brad Murty, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved upon moving item 3(g) Renewal of Fire Contracts for Township Fire Protection from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. Murty moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 05/13/10 council meeting; May 2010 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$59,118.29; Transfer resolution #23-2010.6; Cigarette permit renewals for Hometown Foods and Casey's General Store #2802; Cigarette settlement agreement with RJ's Lounge; Building permit as follows: Jason Beeghly, garage, \$2,500; Merle Averill, garage, \$6,000; Tim Cooper, deck, \$3,000. Ayes: Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Ledford, tree service	1,300.00
Alliant, utilities	4,830.92	Petty Cash, library	145.80
Altoona Library, book replacement	9.31	MES, fire gear	3,459.00
Bank of America, gas/supplies	385.40	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	63.32
Beeghly Seed, lawn mix	60.00	MidwestOne Bank, cleaner	31.94
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/spray	455.57	Moler Sanitation, services	506.15
Central Iowa Farm Store, blades	131.83	Monkeytown, office supply	186.31
Conrad Auto, supplies	99.62	Municipal Supply, parts	1,236.32
Conrad Tire, repair	85.38	Racom, battery	49.00
Dorsey & Whitney, legal	2,500.00	The Record, publications	268.75
Eddy-Walker, parts	42.79	Leah Runge, mowing	210.00
First National, library exp	609.52	S & J, rehab project	7,472.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, fee	18.00	Sensus Metering, repair	152.25
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	Shauna Smith, reimburse	161.31
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	197.09	State of Iowa, W/H	467.00
Hometown Foods, supplies	153.31	State of Iowa, sales tax	1,267.00
Tiffany Husak, labor	20.00	Test America, lab	194.57
IaCMA, dues	120.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	45.00
IMWCA, work comp	6,308.00	Verizon Wireless, cell phones	99.55
IRS, federal W/H	3,033.44	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,558.22
Iowa Builders, supply	83.75	Wages, 05/13/10 to 06/10/10	11,408.90
IPERS, W/H	1,500.72		
Ladehoff Lawn, services	422.50	Totals Claims	\$59,118.29

Expenses per fund: General \$20,944.75; Road Use Tax \$6,795.69; Employee Benefits \$6,266.93; LOST \$4,558.22; 08 Housing Rehab \$7,490.00; Water \$6,910.81; Sewer \$6,151.89. May 2010 receipts per fund: General \$27,570.01; RUT \$7,533.19; Employee Benefits \$1,957.94; LOST \$4,831.70; TIF \$5,199.34; Debt Service \$8,372.13; 08 Housing Rehab \$183.10; Water \$11,846.10; Sewer \$31,882.87; CDBG Sewer Project \$36,381.00; Storm Water Utility \$4,229.55 Total \$139,986.93.

Correspondence from Tim and Robin Runge regarding interest in purchasing the alley that runs on the west edge of their property was discussed. Council will file and hold the request until certainty of relocation of an existing sub-station located near the property is determined.

Action on the contracts between the City of Conrad and the five Townships for fire protection services were table until the July regular council meeting.

Mayor Sharp opened a public hearing on the FY2010 budget amendment. With no oral or written comments the hearing was closed. Council member McAteer moved to adopt the budget amendment as published, McLeland seconded. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

Chad Billings, Ryken Engineering, informed council that plans and specifications for the CDBG Sewer Line Project were nearly complete. Upon review of the plans with the Sanitary Sewer Committee, a special council meeting will be set to continue with the bid letting procedures.

Public works employee Bruce Marble reported that Des Moines Water Works had tested the master meters in Conrad. They determined that the discrepancy between water that is pumped and water that is billed may be from fast running master meters. Other factors such as age of the meters and how the meters are installed may also be contributing factors. Des Moines Water Works will begin the leak survey of the water distribution system next week. Council agreed to hold off on making a final decision on the emergency rural water hook-up options until after receiving results from the leak survey.

Alliant Energy has expressed interest in a partial of land owned by the city near the city maintenance sheds on Jennings Street. Council discussed a fair consideration for the land and Mayor Sharp appointed Council member Murty to negotiate with Alliant. No final action will be taken until appropriate public hearings are held.

Council discussed the renewal of the County Law Enforcement Agreement and noted that the increase for services for next year is 2%. Council member Murty moved to adopt the Law Enforcement Agreement with Grundy County Sheriff for FY2011, Lynch seconded. Ayes: 5.

Council member Stattler moved and McLeland seconded to approve the second reading of ordinance 256 "REQUIRING THE MOWING OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONRAD". Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland. Council member Stattler then moved to waive the third reading and adopt ordinance #256, McLeland seconded. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

City Clerk/Administrator Denise Hoy explained to council that the current financial, payroll and utility billing software is 15 years old and is not being enhanced or updated any longer because the company has upgraded to a new product. The annual support fee is nearly \$4,000 and could be used towards new updated software. Council agreed to allow Hoy to shop and recommend new software for the city of Conrad.

With no further business evident, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk/Administrator