

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 07-09-20. Officials present were Council Members John Dinsmore, Peg Brown, Diane Miller and Todd Schnathorst. Lindsay Kuhl attended by telephone. Also in attendance were Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk and Luke Wilson, Clapsaddle, Garber & Associates (CGA) via telephone. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Schnathorst and seconded by Brown.

Council member Brown made a motion to approve the consent agenda which was seconded by Miller. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: Minutes from the June 11, 2020 council meeting; Clerk’s June 20 financial reports; payment of claims totaling \$199,486.55, approve June building permits, approve liquor license for Hen and Chicks Studio, approve Jill Stufflebeam to library board with term expiring June 30, 2024 and move RJ’s liquor license from the back to the front for August 1, 2020 for a one day event and to close Main Street. Motion approved 5-0.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits	735.00	Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	702.86
Alliant, utilities	7,737.35	Home Rental, supplies	63.00
American Legion, flag	40.00	Hometown Foods, supplies	1,540.98
American Red Cross, fee	200.00	Ingram Library, books/supplies	1,810.45
Bank of America, supplies,		IRS, taxes	8,746.69
Dues, fuel	935.65	IDNR, fees	126.54
Better Homes & Garden, magazine	8.00	Iowa Dept. of Revenue, taxes	5,028.00
Blacktop Service, asphalt patching	2,500.00	Iowa History Journal, magazine	18.95
Boston Gunderson, mowing	300.00	Iowa League of Cities, dues	892.00
Bound Tree Medical, supplies	269.55	Iowa One Call, locates	34.20
Central IA Dist., supplies	98.30	Iowa Regional Utilities, water	8,873.21
Clapsaddle, engineering	16,807.65	Iowa Rural Water Assoc., ins.	29.55
Collaborative Summer, supplies	98.35	IPERS, benefit	2,991.95
ConStruct, construction	89,206.00	KB Underground, repairs	1,670.00
Conrad Auto Supply, parts	15.33	Ladehoff Landscaping, service	1,760.00
Conrad Tire, service	749.00	Library Journal, periodicals	157.99
Consumer Reports, magazine	30.00	Library Petty Cash, supplies	66.80
Cooking Light, magazine	20.00	Menards, supplies	25.99
Cooley Pump, hand wash station	150.00	Mid America Publishing, service	155.84
Country Sampler, magazine	19.98	Midwest Tapes, supplies	1,000.00
Cowan Roofing, service	270.00	Moler Sanitation, services	534.00
Dave Juchems, mileage	17.83	Municipal Pipe, jet vac	2,166.00
Diamond Vogel, paint	160.85	Municipal Supplies, supplies	670.35
Eating Well, magazine	32.05	National Geographic Kids, magazine	50.00
Fastenal, supplies	48.13	Nutrien Ag, fuel/chemicals	109.37
First National Bank, Lib supplies	2,379.62	Popular Science, magazine	19.97
Dean Frazer, tractor rent	4,001.25	Psychology Today	19.97
Grundy County Engineer, sand/salt	564.80	Sensus USA, support	1,715.95
Grundy Co Library Assoc., dues	30.00	Test America, lab	596.40
Hawkins, supplies	953.68	The Pioneer Woman, magazine	12.00

US Postmaster, postage	128.80		
U.S. Bank, copier lease	202.82	Payroll, 06/12/20 to 07/13/20	28,251.01
Veenstra & Kimm, engineering	539.50		
Verizon Wireless, phones	124.73	Totals Claims	\$ 199,218.01
Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	3.77		

June 20 receipts and transfers in per fund: General \$59,513; Road Use Tax \$6,631; Employee Benefits \$484; LOST \$8,366; TIF \$777; Debt Service \$33,474, Capital Projects \$2,047; Water \$52,359; Sewer \$1,435 and Storm Water \$144. Total \$165,230.

June 20 expenditures and transfers out per fund: General \$35,625; RUT \$7,240 Employee Benefits \$30,199; TIF \$15,000, Capital Projects \$140,648, Water \$86,132; Sewer \$14,033 and Storm Sewer \$19. Total \$328,896.

The City’s fireworks ordinance was discussed with Mayor Martin explaining that he had a few calls including the sheriff’s office. He likes going with the State’s laws and not adding more restrictions. Martin went around the room asking for each council person’s opinion in regards to the noise and comparability to prior years. He then gave Becky Merschbrock a chance to speak. She had requested to be on the agenda and would like the City to only allow one day for fireworks. She said that they were going on late in the night, debris was left on streets, and it scares her animals. She said she heard a lot of comments from people at the nursing home. She saw a lot of debris by Mid Iowa Coop and the trailer court. The consensus of the council was to continue to follow the State law at this time.

Wilson also gave an update on the Katherine Farmer Subdivision. They are putting in the sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure and the water would follow. Lillian Ave is graded and hopefully rock will go down the following week. He explained the contractor was a week or two behind schedule due to the rain, but they can get ahead of schedule rather quickly. He then explained CDC and the Subdivision Committee had approved the lots being listed from \$36,000 to \$45,000 but that for the first year 50% would be rebated back to the property owner if built in the first year.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk