

July 12, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 07/12/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members, Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman 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 as amended by pulling item 3f, street closing request, off the consent agenda for separate action. Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 06/14/07 council meeting; June 2007 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$232,394.60; Resolution 115-07.07 authorizing the transfer of money from one fund to another; Acknowledged building permits submitted by Lee Hogle, Kurt Steckelberg, Rebecca Butler, and Gary Steinfeldt. Ayes- 5.

Council discussed street closing requests submitted by Mel Koch, Charles Friend, and Main Street businesses. Schleisman moved and Lynch seconded to allow Main Street from Center to Maple to be closed on July 28, 2007 for "Music on Main". Permission to put up a tent on Main Street for the same event was granted with the condition that the tent is taken down by Noon the following day. Ayes – 5.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Lee Mowing, mow thru 6/30/07	1444.50
Advanced Water, chemicals	343.60	Library Journal, periodical	105.50
Alliant, utilities	9237.30	Library Petty Cash, misc.	168.75
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/lawn care	1026.86	Marshalltown Paramedics, subsidy	500.00
Casey's, gas	114.80	Marshalltown TR, periodical	150.40
Cessford, cold patch	505.40	Men's Fitness, periodical	10.00
Chemical Dependency, allocation	750.00	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	167.94	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Conrad Cemetery, allocation	1000.00	Monkeytown, supply	302.94
Conrad Tire, tire	168.00	MSI, street work	28,633.50
Creative, periodical	19.97	Municipal Supply, parts	780.00
Diamond Vogel, paint	343.03	Myers-Cox, candy	1876.55
Discover, periodical	29.95	Operation Threshold, allocation	250.00
Nick Eckerman, mow	140.00	Pepsi America, pool	505.36
First National Bank, library items	311.21	Pizza Ranch, concessions	276.98
Flatland Farms, rent	150.00	Platinum Plus, training	59.99
Follett Software, library exp	50.00	Premier, library contract/supply	162.00
Garling Construction, library project	121,502.15	Real Simple, periodical	23.88
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	The Record, publications	389.32
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4436.08	Lowell Schleisman, mileage	67.42
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	317.09	State Library, subscription	56.65
Home, periodical	15.00	State Treasurer, sales tax	1014.96
Home Rental, chainsaw's	1009.80	Test America, lab	252.14
Hometown Foods, supply	49.02	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	45.00
Hygienic Labs, lab	45.00	US Postmaster, postage	121.16
Ingram, books & supplies	691.29	Union Ambulance, subsidy	500.00
Innovative Communication, maintenance	218.75	Union Auto, new pickup	13,086.00
Iowa DNR, water supply fee	128.54	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4362.51
Iowa League of Cities, dues	536.00	World Media, books	140.20
Dave Juchems, mileage	17.95	Zehr Enterprises, services	300.00
Kibby Service, repair	838.28	Wages, 06-15-07 to 07-12-07	30,531.18
Ledford, tree removal	925.00	Totals Claims	\$232,394.60

Expenses per fund: General \$42,993.22; Road Use Tax \$42,972.64; Employee Benefit \$2511.38; LOST \$4362.51; Library Bldg Project \$121,502.15; Water \$11,816.28; Sewer \$6236.42. June 2007 receipts per fund: General \$71,334.66; RUT \$7629.50; Employee Benefits \$164.32; LOST \$5132.37; TIF \$1021.18; Debt Service \$1673.12; Library Building Project \$3384.87; Water \$1098.41; Sewer \$1469.51. Total \$92,907.94.

Under citizen's forum, Mayor Sharp announced that on 12/31/07 three council seats and the mayor seat will be up for election. Nomination papers can be picked up in the City Clerk's Office beginning August 27, and must be filed with the Clerk no later than 5 PM on September 20.

Gary Sindelar, city engineer, reported on both the sludge drying bed and the Comet Trail. After discussion the following action was taken.

- Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to authorize expenses associated with investigating the existing material in the sludge drying bed - removing it if necessary - and replacing it with new material so that the sludge bed will drain properly. Ayes- 5.

- The Park Board announced that they received \$20,000 from the William C. Alexander Trust to resolve water run-off issues on the Comet Trail. Lynch moved, Stattler seconded, to authorize the Park Board to work with City Engineer Gary Sindelar to develop a solution for water run-off issues on the Comet Trail near the pool. The plan is to be submitted to council for final approval at the August 9, 2007 council meeting. Ayes – 5.

Kent Higgins and Chris Harris announced that the Conrad Fire Department successfully obtained a grant from the William C. Alexander Trust in the amount of \$10,000 to be put towards a grass rig. They provided information on a grass rig consisting of a new 2008 F350 pickup and removable attack unit. Total cost for the equipped unit is \$35,802. After applying the Alexander grant and fire reserve funds, the department still needs \$18,460 to purchase the unit. Higgins and Harris asked council to consider funding the balance. Council will take the request under consideration and act on it at the August 9, 2007 council meeting.

Shauna Callaway was excused from the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Council took no action to install a transfer switch for a generator at the new library. Instead, Council will investigate options available for emergency planning with other facilities such as the American Legion, Oakwood Golf Course, and BCLUW School District.

Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to dig up and install a meter at the curb stop that operates Casey's General Store to determine the size of a potential water leak before implementing a plan of action for repairs. Ayes - 4.

Council then discussed the proposed real estate transaction with NuCara. Council member Schleisman moved, and Gearhart seconded, to authorize Mayor Gregg Sharp to negotiate details regarding the proposed real estate transaction between the City of Conrad, the Conrad Development Corporation, and NuCara. The transaction involves two parcels owned by NuCara that would be traded for the current Public Library building located on Grundy Avenue. Ayes – 4.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:30 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk