

August 8, 2005

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 8/08/05 at the Conrad Municipal Building. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering roll call was James Barger, Shauna Callaway, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Absent: Bill Gearhart.

Minutes from the 07/11/05 meeting were approved as published. Lynch motioned and Barger seconded to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes – 4. Nays – 0. Lynch motioned and Stewart to adopt resolution #110-8.05 “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IA TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER”. Ayes-Barger, Callaway, Lynch, Stewart. Nays- 0. Lynch motioned and Barger seconded to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes – 4. Nays – 0. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department, and B-CERT)

A-Kleen Towel, service	37.25	Jerico Services, dust control	282.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	426.41	Nick Kitzman, reimburse	20.00
Alliant, utilities	6256.09	Ladehoff Lawn Care, services	330.00
American Patchwork, periodical	24.97	Lerner Publication, books	453.54
Apex, office supply	25.88	Library Petty Cash	124.08
Dustin Blackburn, mowing	120.00	Marshalltown Paramedics, subsidy	500.00
Susan Blythe, mileage	18.00	Mary Engelbreits, periodical	19.95
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	209.14	Matt Parrott, forms	257.69
Capstone Press, books	573.10	Micro Marketing, library exp	83.23
Casey's, gas	125.74	Midwest Breathing, inspection	373.85
Central IA Library, manual	15.00	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	82.19
Clarke Mosquito, spray	1139.10	Modern Bride, periodical	9.95
Conrad Auto, supplies	40.40	Moler Sanitation, services	90.00
Conrad Tire & Auto, repairs	159.46	National Water Works, parts	170.24
Enslow Publishing, books	131.24	Newsweek, periodical	27.00
First National, library exp	293.68	North Liberty Library, workshop	15.00
General Home Maint., rehab project	19725.00	NEILS, workshop	20.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	116.12
Grundy Co. Library, dues	30.00	The Record, publications	164.50
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	Schiebel Electric, light	25.46
HACH, chemicals	245.00	State Treasurer, July sales tax	1399.66
Hanzelka Truck, repairs	659.64	Teen People, periodical	15.97
Hartwig Excavating, repairs	259.95	Test America, lab	261.803
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	303.83	Union Ambulance, subsidy	500.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	14.58	Ada Vreeland, cookbook	6.50
Ingram Book Co, books	826.60	WCCC, Lost allocation	4205.98
Innovative Com., library tech	120.00	Betty Wood, Museum computer	981.33
INRCOG, dues	1943.10	Wages, 7-12-05 to 08-08-05	<u>29,008.55</u>
Iowa One Call, locates	17.10	Totals	<u>\$78,176.85</u>

Expenses per fund: General \$37,426.83, Road Use Tax \$3371.69, Employee Benefit \$2533.35, LOST \$4205.98, Housing Rehab \$19,725.00, Water \$5341.56, Sewer \$5572.44. July 2005 receipts per fund: General \$34,512.81, RUT \$6865.10, Employee Benefits \$72.51, LOST \$4948.20, TIF \$182.24, Debt Service \$164.28, Housing Rehab \$300.00, Water \$11,697.89, Sewer \$29,833.37. Total revenues: \$88,576.40.

Under committee Tom Schultz reported for the Fire Department. He informed council that they were investigating possibilities for a new fire station. They expressed the concern that they were growing out of the current facility because of the growth in the town and the equipment that is needed to support the growth. Schultz said that they would be looking at facilities in other communities. Tom also indicated that the unspent budget balances from FY05 would be used to purchase bunker gear.

Jan Hines reported for B-CERT and informed council that they were still working on donations for the new unit that was purchased this spring. They also expressed support in needing a new building.

Building permits: Dorothy Brindle, \$3,000, new deck.

Barger motioned and Lynch seconded to rescind a motion made on 7/11/05 to adopt resolution #109-7.05 “APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONRAD DEVELOPMENT CORP IN REGARDS TO THE BUSINESS INTEREST BUY-DOWN PROGRAM” because of an error in who the agreement was with. The agreement indicated the Conrad Development Corp and it should have been Conrad Main Street. Ayes – Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – 0. Callaway then motioned to adopt the amended resolution #109-8.05 “APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CONRAD MAIN STREET IN REGARDS TO THE BUSINESS INTEREST BUY-DOWN PROGRAM”. Ayes – Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – 0.

Barger motioned and Stewart seconded to approve 3 contracts for housing rehab projects, two with A & B Construction, Albion, Iowa in the amount of \$19,725 for the J.Ladehoff residence, for \$23,130 for the Sandage residence, and with Hayes Construction, Marshalltown, Iowa in the amount of \$28,420 for the Ballard Residence. Ayes – Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays - 0.

Barger motioned and Stewart seconded to enter into agreement with the Animal Rescue League for the purpose of confining stray animals. The agreement is renewed annually and will be in effect until 6/30/06. Ayes – 4. Nays – 0.

Council discussed the strategic plan that they adopted in April. It was agreed to review the plan and place it on the August 22 agenda for discussion. Also discussed was the Capital Improvements software, then Lynch motioned and Callaway seconded to renew the license for an additional year with Strategic Insight Inc in the amount of \$375.00. Ayes – 4. Nays – 0.

The Iowa League of Cities has asked City Clerk Denise Hoy to consider serving on the Leagues Executive Board for a two year term. Her name would be placed on the ballot and voted on by the member cities at the Annual Conference being held in Des Moines this year on September 14-16, 2005. Barger motioned and Callaway seconded to support Hoy in the appointment and acknowledged the commitment it would take. Ayes – 4. Nays – 0.

Council desired to discuss and define organizational structure for city council and city employees. Because of the sensitivity of the manner, city employees requested a closed session. Barger motioned and Callaway seconded to move into closed session as allowed by Chapter 21.5 (i) of the State of Iowa Code at 7:40 PM. Ayes – Stewart, Callaway, Barger, Lynch. Nays – 0.

Council reconvened regular session at 8:25 PM.

Lynch reported attending a Grundy County Landfill meeting. Discussion still continues on the future of the landfill.

With no further business evident, council adjourned by motion at 8:35 PM.

