

August 14, 2008

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08/14/08 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Bill Gearhart and Sue McLeland. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Schleisman moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 07/10/08 & 07/24/08 council meetings; July 2008 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$95,443.73; Resolution #12-2008.8 adopting the FY2008 Annual Street Financial Report; Acknowledged the FY2008 Annual Financial Report; Contract with the Animal Rescue League for services for FY2008; the appointment of Audrey Kuhl to the Conrad Public Library Board filling Pearl Miller's unexpired term; closing of Main Street from Grundy Ave to Center Street on August 23 from 7 am to 10 pm for Music on Main. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	39.50	IRS, federal W/H	8,178.74
Alliant, utilities	14,296.39	Iowa DNR, permit	210.00
Alltel, cell phones	74.71	Iowa One Call, locates	34.20
American Red Cross, fees	122.00	IPERS, w/h	1,669.30
ASI-Modulex, library project	480.00	Kiplinger's, periodical	23.95
Auto Glass Center, window	146.55	Kitzman Farms, contract	312.50
B & G HVAC, repairs	181.16	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mowing	655.00
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	331.41	Lerner Publications, children's books	228.20
Bjelland Plumbing, labor	2,932.24	Library Petty Cash, misc.	154.26
Dave Blackburn, mowing	123.00	Matt Parrott, checks	262.43
Susan Blythe, mileage	24.00	Midwest Breathing, inspection	388.83
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/ spray	1,326.80	Moler Sanitation, services	118.65
Bodart, book drop	5,074.00	Monkeytown, office supply	185.09
Capstone Press, children's books	371.85	MES, fire supply	719.32
Car & Driver, periodical	16.00	Myers-Cox, concession candy	440.22
CID, supplies	250.20	Penworthy, children's books	511.49
Cessford Construction, cold patch	410.32	Premier Glazing, library bldg project	2,285.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	39.26	Premier Office Equipment, service	140.00
Conrad Main St, dues reimburse	1,012.50	Psychology Today, periodical	15.97
First National Bank, library items	708.74	The Record, publication	274.00
Galls Inc, fire expenses	42.97	Leah Runge, mowing	245.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Jana Smith, mileage	15.13
Grundy Co. Library, dues	30.00	State of Iowa, withholding	881.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,568.33	State of Iowa, sales tax	1,422.00
Hanzelka Truck Service, repair	533.00	Test America, lab	252.14
Hawkins, chemical	1,326.50	Union Ambulance, subsidy	500.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	384.86	US News, periodical	44.00
Home Cooking, periodical	21.97	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,308.92
Hometown Foods, supplies	78.74	Zehr Enterprises, stump removal	340.00
IIMC, dues	130.00	Wages, 07/1108 to 08/14/08	32,144.62
Ingram Book Co, books	378.12		
INRCOG, dues/safety program	1,953.65	Totals Claims	\$95,443.73

Expenses per fund: General \$49,100.49; Road Use Tax \$8,505.78; Employee Benefit \$3,617.18; LOST \$5,308.92; Library Bldg Project \$7,839.00; 2008 Housing Rehab \$33.65; Water \$10,227.39; Sewer \$10,811.32. July 2008 receipts per fund: General \$13,745.42; RUT \$7,236.50; Employee Benefits \$218.82; LOST \$6,245.80; TIF \$330.10; Debt Service \$216.49; Water \$12,981.98; Sewer \$34,044.33. Total \$75,019.44.

Roger Benson, Department of Homeland Security, and Bill Cappuccio, Department of Natural Resources informed council of the benefits in belonging to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Belonging to the NFIP enables Conrad residents to purchase flood insurance at a discounted rate. Council member Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to place the item for consideration at the regular September council meeting. Ayes: 3.

Council heard two presentations regarding a siren warning system. After taking into consideration trees, land elevations, and siren testing, both Butch Hoffman, Danko, and Rick Clausen, Radio Communications recommended at least two sirens, one being placed near the water tower and the other on Oakwood Drive. Clerk Hoy was instructed to work with Tom Schultz on a request for proposal (RFP) for the recommended sirens.

Council recessed to the walk-in safe at 7:45 PM due to a storm warning signal being activated and reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Council member Stattler moved to remove any damaged concrete and pour new concrete in two areas that are approximately 11' X 36' and 65.5' X 31' located behind the United States Post Office, and to remove the walnut tree in the same area if acceptable to Thomas (Rocky) Hilton. Schleisman seconded. Ayes: 3. Stattler then moved to amend his motion to include that the costs for all of the 11' X 36' area and 24' X 31' of the bigger area be paid out of Library Building Project funds. Schleisman seconded the amendment. Ayes: 3.

Council member Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to excavate the entire area on the south side of the fire station building and to fill with approximately 6" of gravel to create a parking area. Ayes: 3.

Council looked at general specifications for a new observation deck on Wolf Creek near the Comet Trail submitted by the Conrad Park Board. Council encouraged the Park Board to seek grant opportunities for the deck project, including but not limited to the RE-CAT funds administered through Vision Iowa. Council also agreed that it would be appropriate to consult with an engineer on this project.

Mayor Sharp visited with council about a volunteer effort at the City of Parkersburg in the aftermath of the tornado that devastated their community this spring 2008. He encouraged citizens that may be interested in joining him in this effort to either call him or city hall.

Council discussed whether a termination notice on the farm ground lease should be served to the current tenant by the September 1 deadline. The termination depends on if the city needs to haul sludge on the ground this spring. Clerk Hoy was instructed to consult with Bruce Marble and proceed accordingly.

Two proposals for the FY2008 audit were received by the deadline. After discussion Council member Lynch moved to contract with Dietz, Donald and Company for the fiscal year 2008 audit, Schleisman seconded. Ayes: Lynch, Schleisman. Stattler cast a pass vote which is considered a no vote according to Rule #31 of the Conrad City Council Procedural Rules. Motion carried.

Council member Lynch will be investigating options for regulations regarding adult-oriented establishments.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 9:20 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk