

September 14, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 09/14/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman and Gary Stattler. Absent: Bill Gearhart. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted with the exception of moving item 9, Library discussion, to the number the 4 spot.

Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 08/10/06 & 08/24/06 council meetings; clerks financial report for August 2006; payment of claims totaling \$57,635.24; Resolution #118-06.9 approving the annual RUT report; corporate authorization resolution #119-06.9; liquor license for the American Legion Post 681; acknowledged building permits for Sterling Clink, and Ron & Dorothy Beeghly. Ayes: 4.

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

A & B Construction, rehab	500.00	JC Taylor, insurance	69.00
A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Kibby Service, repairs	412.50
Alliant, utilities	9389.95	Lee Mowing, park mowing	1183.75
American Patchwork, periodical	24.97	Lerner Publications, books	124.21
Red Cross, fees	103.00	Library Petty Cash, misc.	111.81
Audio Adventures, audio books	79.00	Matt Parrott, checks	406.04
Avenet, web hosting	360.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel	43.49
Dustin Blackburn, mowing	182.00	Midwest Living, periodical	19.97
Susan Blythe, mileage	32.10	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Bob's Farm Center, fuel/lawn care	466.19	Modern Bride, periodical	9.95
Book Look, books	133.86	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Casey's, gas/food	122.50	Monkeytown, office supply	132.94
Cessford Construction, cold patch	182.70	Municipal Supply, valve box	90.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	44.70	Myers-Cox, concession exp	444.22
Conrad Foods, supplies	16.90	National Geographic, periodical	19.95
Demco, book supplies	489.60	NIL, meeting	20.00
Nick Eckerman, mowing	175.00	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	145.49
Eddy-Walker, parts	352.50	Psychology Today, re-issue voided ck	15.96
Everyday Food, periodical	18.00	The Record, publications	261.06
First National, library exp	285.65	Lowell Schleisman, reimbursement	8.28
Follett Software, bar codes	85.82	Scholastic, books	140.40
Grout Museum, donation	150.00	Eric Snyder, deposit refund	8.88
Grundy County Landfill, fees	989.67	State of Iowa Treasurer, sales tax	82.99
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Taste of Home, periodical	19.96
Hawkins, chemicals	606.90	Test America, lab	295.92
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	323.11	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	45.00
IMFOA, registration	50.00	US Postmaster, postage	111.60
Ingram Books, books	987.15	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	3884.44
Innovative Communications, repairs	171.25	Zehr Enterprises, storage cart	75.00
Iowa Codification, ordinance	100.00	Wages, 08-10-06 to 09-14-06	28,194.72
ILA, fall conference	276.00		
Iowa One Call, locates	34.20	Totals Claims	\$57,635.24
Iowa Prison Industries, stop sign	172.13		

Expenses per fund: General \$34,673.33; Road Use Tax \$5552.30; Employee Benefit \$2320.47; LOST \$3884.44; Housing Rehab \$500.00; Water \$4181.52; Sewer \$6523.18.

August 2006 receipts per fund: General \$39,033.05; RUT \$7555.73; Employee Benefits \$10.59; LOST \$5226.12; Debt Service \$25.78; Library Building Project \$24,699.84; Water \$7564.02; Sewer \$1638.02.

An energy bundle report prepared by the Weidt Group for Alliant Energy on the proposed library was reviewed. A spreadsheet explaining potential utility budgets and incentives was also discussed. After much consideration and investigation council concluded that because of potential environmental impact, GEO THERMAL heating and cooling for the proposed library was not an option. Stattler then moved to instruct Struxture Architects to finalize plans and specifications, using conventional heating and cooling, for council's consideration and approval, and to begin preparing for bid letting. Callaway seconded. Ayes: 4.

Sharon Borgman presented council with a proposal to install a sidewalk on the north side of Lillian Avenue from Main Street to the Elementary School, and possibly further east to the softball complex. She shared that PEP is applying for a grant to install the sidewalk from Safe Routes for School, and that she has obtained permission from the property owner to install the sidewalk in the right of way. Borgman asked council for help in maintaining the sidewalk regarding snow removal. Council discussed the importance of the sidewalk for children in route to the elementary school building, and the high traffic it creates. Clerk Hoy was instructed to contact City Attorney Kirby Schmidt for an opinion on how the city could help with the maintenance.

Schleisman moved and Stattler seconded to dispense of an election for the purpose of granting a gas and electric franchise to Interstate Power and Light Company. Ayes: 4.

Mayor Sharp opened a public hearing at 8:04 PM for comments on the granting of a 25 year franchise for gas and electric to Interstate Power and Light Company. Hearing no oral or written comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:05 PM.

Council member Lynch then moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 241 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 110 PERTAINING TO NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE”. Callaway seconded the motion. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none.

Council member Lynch then moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 242 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 110 PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC FRANCHISE”. Callaway seconded the motion. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none.

Under City Department Reports:

- Fire Chief Tom Schultz asked council to consider the purchase of a pressure washer to use at the fire station to wash equipment and hoses at the cost of \$3000. Stattler moved to approve the purchase, Schleisman seconded. Ayes: 4.
- Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve a pay request to Baumeier Construction in the amount of \$54,720 in consideration for work done on the sludge drying bed. Ayes: 4.
- Lynch moved, Stattler seconded, to adopt resolution #120-06.9 “A resolution authorizing the loaning of funds from the General Fund to the Sewer Capital Project fund entitled SLUDGE DRYING BED 2006 for payment of no more than \$75,000 for the purpose of re-building the sludge drying bed in the City of Conrad, Iowa” Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none.
- Mayor Sharp reminded council that the city needed to be NIMS complaint by September 30, 2006, and encourage those that have not taken the test to do so.
- The Water Committee updated council on the meter swap project. Council member Lynch shared with council that the project would be an ongoing process and it would probably be spring before any formal plan could be adopted.

Council member Callaway moved and Stattler seconded to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 240 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO U-TURNS” and to adopt ordinance No. 240. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none.

Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to set Trick or Treat night for Tuesday, October 31, from 6 PM– 8 PM. Ayes: 4.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk