

October 8, 2015

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08/08/15 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Peg Brown, Ryan Callaway, Diane Miller, Brad Murty, and Todd Schnathorst. Also in attendance: Denise Hoy - City Administrator/Clerk, Lee Gallentine - Ryken Engineering, Susan Sams, Kristen Kell, Ken Hoff, Fred Leytham and a member of the press. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved as presented.

Council member Brown moved, second by Murty, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 09/10/15 council meeting; September 2015 clerk's financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$81,268.93. Ayes: 5.

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

Advantage Admin, benefits	465.00	Hollinger Metal Edge, museum	94.60
Alliant, utilities	6,684.87	Ingram, books	462.88
Arnold Motor Supply, filters	142.83	IRS, taxes	5,078.12
Avenet, web hosting	450.00	Iowa One Call, locates	192.60
Bank of America, fuel/conference	1,114.04	IPERS, benefit	3,317.63
Bankers Leasing, copier lease	115.00	Library Petty Cash	185.70
Book Page, periodicals	300.00	Lisa Purvis, bldg. permit	15.00
C & C Concrete, services	13,425.00	Marshall Co Extension, class	105.00
Capstone, books	200.00	Mid-America, publishing	71.02
CID, supply	235.00	Mike Walton, window clean	75.00
CIWA, water	8,742.09	Moler Sanitation, services	226.50
Conrad Auto, misc.	251.24	Monkeytown, supply	12.49
Conrad Hardware, supply	9.98	Mother Earthen News, periodical	17.00
Crop Production, fuel	124.70	Municipal Supply, parts	55.00
Data Tech, training	95.00	Office Depot, supply	126.93
Dave Blackburn, mowing	228.00	Sandry Fire, fire supply	129.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	148.35	Scholastic, periodical	152.10
Everyday, periodical	20.00	Sebco Books, books	591.33
Family Circle, periodical	9.99	Sherry Hughes, sidewalk	336.00
First National Bank, library supply	628.81	State of IA, tax	3,116.00
Follet Software, tech	1,000.00	Test America, lab	306.60
Gary Stattler, reimburse	196.13	Verizon, cell phone	84.16
Gaylord Bros, museum supply	70.19	Wendling Quarries, rock	106.88
Gehrke, rock	424.87	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,526.51
Glen Hillygus, sidewalk	70.00	Z Line, snowplow	5,741.80
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	5,783.17	Zehr Enterprises, stump removal	75.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	261.89	Payroll, 09/11/15 to 10/08/15	13,616.93
Heronimus, Schmidt & Allen	255.00	Totals Claims	\$81,268.93

September 2015 expenses per fund: General \$25,229, Road Use Tax \$8,394; Employee Benefit \$2,573; LOSST \$5,527; Smith Development \$981; Water \$17,931; Sewer \$17,214; Storm Water \$483. Total \$78,332.

September 2015 receipts per fund: General \$16,254; RUT \$13,613; Local Option \$2,185; TIF \$7,616, Debt Service \$1,481; Water \$34,977; Sewer \$33,040; Sewer Sinking \$8,167; Storm Water Utility \$4,048. Total \$121,381

Susan Sams, Legion Auxiliary, Ken Hoff, American Legion, and Kristen Kell, BCLUW High School Principal, were present while Mayor Martin proclaimed American Education Week to be November 15-21, 2015.

Smith Development Update:

- a. Fred Leytham shared that Alliant Energy will submit a contract for council to consider. Council agreed to install electric and gas on the west side of the development and to wait on the east side until lots are sold and the need can be established.
- b. Lee Gallentine, Ryken Engineering informed council he is still waiting on lien waivers, sales tax forms and final punch list items to be complete on the SL Baumeier contract. City Administrator/Clerk was instructed to contact the city attorney to see what options there are to take action to close out the contract and complete project.
- c. Council member Murty moved, second by Miller, to accept the completion of the Volkens Contract and pay the final pay request, including retainage, in the amount of \$9,803.70. Ayes: 5.
- d. Council member Brown moved, Murty seconded, to adopt resolution #2015.10-6 "Transferring \$52,136 from the Storm Water fund to the Smith Development fund for storm water work from Circle Drive to the new development." Ayes: Brown, Murty, Schnathorst, Callaway, Miller.

A committee consisting of Ryan Callaway, Todd Schnathorst, Jeff Martin, Denise Hoy, Tom Schultz, John McNair, and Chris Harris reported that they had recently interviewed 4 architectural firms for the new fire station. After consideration the committee unanimously agreed to select ISG from Des Moines. Council member Murty raised concerns of the cost and suggested using a company such as Morton Buildings with a design/build concept. Lee Gallentine, Ryken Engineering, reminded council that while that concept is legal in Illinois it is not legal in Iowa. After further discussion Council member Callaway moved to hire the services of ISG, second by Schnathorst. Ayes: 5.

Mayor Martin gave a formal statement regarding the H Avenue Bridge . In summary he stated that the bridge sets on the west side of Conrad and only half of the bridge sets in city limits. If the total costs of \$710,000 were divided between the county and city it would be \$355,000 per entity. The city qualified for an 80% grant from the Iowa DOT which will cover \$568,000 of the cost, more than the half of the city share. The County has put the replacement of the bridge off because the city council voted to not give an additional 10% of the remaining cost after the grant. Mayor Martin also read comments made by Supervisor Jim Ross, which represents Conrad, stating that he grows increasingly irritated that Conrad will not contribute the \$71,000. Mayor Martin and Todd Schnathorst meet with Jim Ross after seeing the statement, and Jim stands by his comments. Martin stated that if residents were not happy with Jim Ross's comments and position, he holds an elected office and should consider that when going to the polls.

Council member Murty moved, second by Schnathorst to move forward with the Main Street Clock Restoration. The restoration includes minor repairs to the clocks surface, painting the clock including the gold accents, preventative maintenance on all motors and components, replacing the Lexan covers, and restoring the bezels. Ayes: 5.

Council member Schnathorst moved to adopt the following Safety Policies: Designated Physician, Safety Manual, Return to Work, Seatbelts. Brown seconded Ayes: 5.

Council discussed having separate emails for their council/mayor positions. City Administrator Hoy will look into options concerning this.

With no further business evident, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.