

October 13, 2011

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 10/13/11 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Member LeAnn Lynch, Jeff Martin, Brad Murty, and Sue McLeland. Absent: Mayor Sharp and Gary Sattler. Mayor Pro-tem Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The agenda was approved as presented. Council member Murty moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 09/08/11 & 09/09/11 council meetings; September 2011 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$115,360.81; Liquor License renewal for Conrad Grove Recreation; acknowledged a building permit from Ken and Karla Skramovsky. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	41.50	Iowa One Call, locates	18.90
Alliant, utilities	6,991.20	Iowa Wholesale, supply	4.65
Avenet, web hosting	450.00	IPERS, benefits	1,969.39
Bank of America, fuel/conference	682.17	Jennifer Yantis, mileage	10.68
Beeghly Concrete, bell project	4,000.00	Joan Schleisman, mileage	16.23
Beeghly Seed, grass seed	120.00	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mowing	75.00
Bergman Lawn Care, services	1,000.90	Library Petty Cash, library	160.49
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	104.13	McNair Wrecker, services	200.00
Book Page, PR	282.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	60.44
Book Wholesalers, books	5.84	Midwest Benefits, benefits	645.60
Brad Murty, mileage	73.70	Moler Sanitation, services	154.10
Cessford, alley project	15,950.00	Monkeytown, supplies	101.32
CIWA, water	8,562.00	Municipal Pipe, service	783.00
Con-Struct, CDBG project	91.00	Municipal Supply, supplies	546.76
Country, periodical	14.98	Newsweek, periodical	30.00
Country Living, periodical	12.00	Petty Cash, postage	25.51
Crosser Electric, services	301.90	Scholastic, books	152.10
DATA, training	95.00	Sebco, books	329.57
Dave Blackburn, mowing	78.00	Signs & Designs, bell project	283.05
Denise Hoy, mileage	86.56	Simmering-Cory, admin	2,800.00
Electric Supply, supply	15.04	Spin, periodical	8.00
First National, library exp	546.36	State Treasurer, taxes	4,550.00
Follett Software, tech	160.00	Susan Blythe, mileage	28.93
Glamour, periodical	15.00	Test America, lab	248.12
Glo-Brite, window cleaning	75.00	The Record, publications	111.95
Grundy Co. Recorder, services	7.00	Verizon, cell phone	65.08
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,991.50	Visu-Sewer, final payment	32,976.18
GNB, HSA payment	430.00	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,629.45
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	336.71	Wendling Quarries, rock	433.88
Hygienic Lab, lab	184.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, allocation	6,312.88
IMWCA, work comp	36.00	Wages, 09/09/11 to 10/13/11	10,867.20
Ingram, books & supply	815.02		
IRS, Fed/FICA tax	3,207.84	Totals Claims	\$115,360.81

September 2011 expenses per fund: General \$37,909.77; Road Use Tax \$16,048.42; Employee Benefit \$2,275.09; LOST \$6,312.88; TIF \$1,490.; 2008 rehab \$21,423.02; Water \$14,728.21; Sewer \$14,459.25; 2010 CDBG Sewer Project \$29,369.65. Total \$144,016.29.

September 2011 receipts per fund: General \$12,265.79; RUT \$10,320.52; Employee Benefits \$2,137.65; TIF \$4,457.31; Debt Service \$3,933.98; 08 Housing Rehab \$183.10; Water \$32,204.37; Sewer \$34,236.49; Sewer Sinking \$8,335.17; Storm Water Utility \$4,336. Total \$112,410.38.

Larry Raymond addressed council asking for financial assistance to remove two dead trees on his property located at 212 East Center. Council informed Raymond that since the trees were on private property, and not in the terrace area, they would not be able to use city dollars for this type of assistance.

Mayor Pro-Tem LeAnn Lynch made a Community Education Proclamation declaring November 12<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to be American Education Week and urged all citizens to reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels and to translate this commitment into action by visiting our local schools. Ben Petty, BCLUW School Superintendent, Cari Teske, BCLUW H. S. School Principal, Jerry Miller, American Legion, and Rose Shine, Legion Auxiliary, posed with Mayor Pro-Tem Lynch for a picture to record the event.

Council member Martin moved, Murty seconded, to adopt resolution 2011.12 “A Resolution in Support of the Marshall County Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement”. Ayes: Martin, Murty, McLeland, Lynch.

Heidi Kaisand, owner of Hen & Chicks Studio, addressed council asking for permission to place second story steps on the south side of her business located at 101 N. Main. The steps will protrude on the sidewalk approximately 38 inches, the same as the concrete steps currently being used to access her building. Council member McLeland moved, seconded by Murty, to allow Kaisand an easement to erect steps on the city sidewalk to the second story of her business at 101 N. Main Street. Ayes: 4.

Hoy reported that business had been notified about the potential Façade Improvement Grant and a walk through to establish the scope of the project was scheduled for next week.

Gary Stattler submitted notes dated 10/4/11 from the Conrad Community Center Committee. The committee is currently studying the feasibility of adding a “Community Center” room to the currently Country Club at Oakwood Golf Course. The Country Club Board is in favor of the public/private venture and details are currently being worked out. Council member Murty moved to allow the committee to spend the balance of the “Community Center Fund” to research design options for the facility. Martin seconded. Ayes: 4.

Council member Martin introduced Ordinance No. 258 – “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE 2011 ADDITION TO THE CONRAD URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PURSUANT TO SECITON 403.19 OF THE CODE OF IOWA”. Council member Martin moved and Murty seconded that the ordinance be adopted. Ayes: Martin, Murty, McLeland, Lynch. Nays: none. Council member McLeland moved, and Murty seconded to suspend the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be fully passed. Ayes: Martin, Murty, McLeland, Lynch. Nays: none. Council member McLeland moved, Martin seconded, that the ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 258” now be put upon its final consideration and adoption. Ayes: Martin, Murty, McLeland, Lynch. Nays: none.

Council tabled the National League of Cities utility line insurance program so the Water and Sewer Committee could further study the program and make a recommendation to council at the next regular meeting.

With no further business evident, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.