

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 11/09/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Shauna Callaway. 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. Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 10/12/06 council meeting; clerks financial report for October 2006; payment of claims totaling \$140,854.15; liquor license for Conrad Grove Recreation Club. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Jo Love, mileage	182.45
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	300.20	Marshall Co. Extension, class	30.00
Alliant, utilities	5573.76	Martha Stewart Living, periodical	28.00
Susan Blythe, mileage	16.47	Matt Parrott, forms	260.21
Bob's Farm Center, fuel/lawn care	146.78	Menards, supplies	199.61
BWI, books	9.22	Michael Todd, street sign	695.20
Casey's, gas	173.91	Mid-Iowa Appraisal, appraisal	950.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	34.67	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Conrad Main Street Inc, ½ allocation	6000.00	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Conrad Pharmacy, batteries	3.51	Monkeytown, office supply	61.74
Conrad Tire, repairs	718.16	Moore Medical, supplies	121.27
Diamond Vogel, paint	132.81	NESSA, parts	27.20
Nick Eckerman, mowing	105.00	O-Magazine, periodical	25.20
Eddy-Walker, parts	7.97	PCA, TIF rebate	24,660.19
Electric Pump, well project	764.43	Platinum Plus, training	52.16
First National, library exp	538.54	Popular Woodworking, periodical	22.96
First State Bank, P & I	48511.99	Premier, maintenance	249.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Public Safety, equipment	389.70
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	The Record, publications	319.28
Hanzelka Truck Service, repairs	107.50	Scrapbooking & Beyond, periodical	22.97
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	309.23	Jana Smith, mileage	15.13
Denise Hoy, mileage	204.26	Soap Opera Digest, periodical	35.00
Ingram Books, books	757.25	State of Iowa Treasurer, sales tax	96.68
Iowa Rural Water, dues	225.00	Test America, lab	258.30
IA Valley Cont. Ed, training	570.00	U. S. Postmaster, postage	236.20
Iowan Magazine, periodical	18.95	Wells Fargo, Interest	21,011.20
Dave Juchems, mileage	13.80	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	3884.45
Kibby Service, furnace	1949.00	Wages, 10-13-06 to 11-09-06	14,278.98
Brian Ladehoff, labor	40.00	Totals Claims	\$140,854.15
Library Petty Cash, misc.	103.13		

Expenses per fund: General \$18,728.84; Road Use Tax \$5105.31; Employee Benefit \$1329.14; LOST \$3884.45; TIF \$42,782.66; Debt Service \$36,389.52; Water \$5659.30; Sewer \$5963.73; Sewer Sinking \$21,011.20.

October 2006 receipts per fund: General \$92,113.85; RUT \$7204.95; Employee Benefits \$8120.89; LOST \$4569.93; TIF \$69,271.74; Debt Service \$28,890.59; Library Building Project \$525.00; Water \$1208.22; Sewer \$2025.41; Total \$213,930.58.

Susan Hills, representing Carol Bales, asked council to consider placing a handicap parking space in front of Carol's business: Carol's Restaurant, Bakery & Inn. Clerk Hoy was instructed to research handicap parking requirements and Council agreed to consider the request at the December 14, 2006 regular council meeting.

Schleisman moved and Stattler seconded to adopt resolution #123-06.11 "A resolution amending resolution #115-06.7 by replacing the roll-out stop sign near the elementary school at the intersection of Dwight and Lillian Street to a permanent stop sign making the intersection a three-way stop". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none.

Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to authorize the City Clerk to certify TIF funds to the Grundy County Auditor by December 1, 2006, for Fiscal Year 2008, in the amount of \$12,000 for the purpose of financially supporting Conrad Main Street, Inc. Ayes: Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman. Nays: none. This amount will be in addition to the amount needed for debt service requirements.

Under City Departments the following discussion and/or action was taken:

- Gearhart moved and Lynch seconded to adopt resolution #124-06.11 "A resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2006 New Conrad Public Library Project, and the taking of bids". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none. Taking of bids was set for 11/29/06 at 1:30 PM; the public hearing was scheduled for 12/14/06 at 7:00 PM, both in Council Chambers at City Hall.
- There was discussion on where the storm water from the new library should drain. Gearhart indicated that he contacted Gary Sindelar to shoot elevations. Council hopes to coordinate the project with the Main Street resurfacing project scheduled for next summer.
- Council acknowledged receipt the appraisal of the old library building in the amount of \$73,950.
- The chain link fence at the waste water treatment plant is scheduled to be installed mid-November by D & N Fence Company at a cost of \$13,800.

- Posts and signs stating “NO CROSSING THE CENTER LINE FOR PARKING” have been ordered and will shortly be placed on Main Street in an attempt to stop J-turns. Council instructed city personnel to make sure that the yellow lines were painted and visible.
- The Water Committee presented material to council regarding the water meter swap out plan. It was suggested that before meters are replaced the city should find and repair water leaks within the city. Gearhart moved and Stattler seconded to hire a professional leak crew to survey the city. Ayes: 4.
- The inventory plan for the city was discussed. Gary Stattler will be finishing the inventory of the Library and Fire Station. Pictures and inventory lists are to be placed in safe storage for insurance purposes. Clerk Hoy will be working on inventory and replacement schedules for city vehicles.

Council considered the second reading of Ordinance #243 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION FOR FRONT ENTRANCE AND BY AMENDING SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS”. Council member Gearhart moved and Stattler seconded to accept the second reading of Ordinance #243. Ayes: Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: Schleisman. Motion carried.

Stattler moved and Gearhart seconded to suspend the third reading of Ordinance #243 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION FOR FRONT ENTRANCE AND BY AMENDING SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS”. Ayes: Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart. Nays: Schleisman. The suspension of the third reading failed for not having a super-majority vote as required by law; it will be placed on the 12/14/06 agenda for final consideration.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk