

November 11, 2010

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 11/11/10 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Sue McLeland, Deb McAteer, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Brad Murty. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as presented. Council member McLeland moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 10/14/10 council meeting; October 2010 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$267,512.84; Conrad Foods beer sales permit; Acknowledged a building permit from CC Inc. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	IRWA, dues	250.00
Alliant, utilities	4,278.09	IPERS, benefit	3,019.95
Bank of America, gas/supplies	365.66	Leah Runge, mowing	210.00
Bankers Trust, Interest on Library	13,123.75	Lee Mowing, mowing	2,017.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	186.37	Petty Cash, library	195.44
Fire & BCERT Meeting Wages	4,647.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	57.80
Brown Supply, supplies	1,234.20	Midwest Benefits, benefits	1,459.28
Cedar Falls Oil, services	30.00	MidwestOne Bank, P & I	20,014.52
CID, supplies	344.95	Moler Sanitation, services	161.15
Con-Struct, request #2 CDBG	126,661.00	Newsweek, periodical	30.00
Con-Struct, curb repairs	1,500.00	Nucara, batteries	35.99
Day Construction, repairs	17,961.65	Office Express, supply	34.48
Denise Hoy, mileage	142.00	Petty Cash, postage	24.59
Electric Supply, supply	4.48	Premier Office, services	264.00
First National, library exp	633.36	Radio Communications, battery	34.14
Gary Stattler, reimbursement	137.28	Ryken, engineering	11,550.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Sarah German, mileage	14.24
Grundy Co. Recorder, recording	28.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permit	15.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,822.75	State of Iowa, taxes	407.00
GNB, P & I	6,552.88	Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13
GNB, HSA payment	516.00	Taste of Home, book	24.98
Red Cross, classes	160.00	Test America, lab	319.52
Hawkins, chemical	150.23	The Record, publications	172.10
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	321.83	US Postmaster, box rent	60.00
Ingram, books & supply	1,306.76	Verizon, cell phones	70.19
Injectsom, haul sludge	990.00	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,469.65
IRS, federal W/H	5,776.25	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	5,907.29
Iowa Builders, supply	3,638.34	Open payroll liabilities	5,425.50
IA Finance, interest	11,955.00	Wages, 10/15/10 to 11/11/10	10,657.45
Iowa One Call, locates	32.40		
Ladehoff Lawn Care, service	450.00	Totals Claims	267,512.84

October 2010 expenses per fund: General \$42,847.67; Road Use Tax \$5,100.80; Employee Benefit \$3,595.28; LOST \$5,907.28; 2008 Housing Rehab 27.00; Water \$6,774.12; Sewer \$14,183.82; CDBG Sewer \$44,310.50, Storm Water Utility \$650.00. October 2010 receipts per fund: General \$114,762.59; RUT \$7,478.24; Employee Benefits \$19,255.42; LOST \$6,949.74; TIF \$48,113.38; Debt Service \$21,419.32; 08 Housing Rehab \$183.10; Water \$724.70; Sewer \$1,979.89; Sewer Sinking \$7,609.36; Storm Water Utility \$432.00.

11-11-10, council proceedings

Resident John Tremain, 611 E Center Street, Conrad, addressed council encouraging them to consider making the temporary hook-up to rural water a permanent arrangement. Tremain indicated that the increased cost for rural water would be offset by the amount he now spends treating his water.

Gary Stattler announced his desire to lead a committee in the study of a tornado safe room/community center for Conrad. Sattler moved to authorize the committee to spend up to \$2000 in city funds previously earmarked "Community Center" to further study the concept of this project. McAteer seconded. Ayes: 4.

Council member Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to adopt resolution 30-2010.11 "A resolution of Support and Financial Commitment for the Main Street Program in Conrad, Iowa". Ayes: McAteer, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

Council member Sattler moved and Lynch seconded to adopt resolution 31-2010.11 setting the annual TIF appropriation for the Conrad Chamber-Main Street at \$12,000 and authorized the City Clerk to certify the amount for fiscal year 2012. Ayes: McAteer, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

Gary Sindelar submitted by email a brief update on the CDBG sewer project. Council discussed the ordinance requiring business/residents to hook-up to city sewer if a new service is located within 100 feet of their property. The Sanitary Sewer Committee will further study the requirement and report back to council at the next regular meeting.

A timetable and guidelines were established on notifying and getting feed back from residents and business on the issue of the rural water hook-up. Council instructed the Clerk to draft a letter and survey to be mailed the first of December. The letter will also include a sample utility bill reflecting what their utility bill would be if a permanent hook-up to rural water was made. They also scheduled a public input meeting to be held on January 13, 2011. It is anticipated that a final decision on whether to make the rural water hook-up permanent will happen at a specially scheduled council meeting on January 20, 2011.

Citizen complaints spurred conversation on the issue of feral cats roaming Conrad. Council reviewed Conrad's animal ordinance, specifically referencing Chapter 55.06 "Animals Running at Large". All animals running at large with in the city limits shall be impounded. Mayor Sharp reminded citizens that animals not bearing identification will be considered stray and running at large.

Mayor Sharp set a public hearing for December 9, 2010 at 7 PM to update residents on the status of the CDBG Sewer Project.

With no further business evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk/Administrator