

November 29, 2004

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 11/29/04 at the Conrad Municipal Building in council chambers. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Also present: Craig and Chris Wiese, Marvin Moats, Ken Poe, Phil and Pearl Miller, Kevin Barkema, Rita Stewart, Doris McKibben, Dorothy King, Lowell Schleisman, Steve Mugge, Bob Lutes, Jerry Miller, Denny Lynch, Doug Benjamin, Brian LaMothe, Shane Tiernan, Lisa Purvis, and Carol Schmitz. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sanderson opened the meeting with a public forum allowing desirous citizens to address council for 5 minutes each. Craig Wiese, Dorothy King, Ken Poe, Marvin Moats, and Pearl Miller each addressed council with comments about the proposed Library project. Craig Wiese presented to council a petition with approximately 60 signatures. The petition stated "We are apposed to a new library on the Franzenburg/Bogie building site". Council acknowledged the petition and will place on file.

Sanderson then expressed that all public input would cease and council would discuss the agenda items. The first item was "Is the Council willing to support a library project". Al Stewart motioned and Shauna Callaway seconded to support a building project. Ayes: 5. Nays: none.

Council then discussed "Can Council Support the proposed Main Street location". LeAnn Lynch motioned and Callaway seconded to support a new library on the Main Street location. Ayes: Lynch, Callaway. Abstained: Gearhart, Stewart, Barger. Motion failed.

Council then discussed funding options and the amount that Council would be willing to commit. Barger motioned that the city commit matching funds of up to \$1,000,000 from a combination of TIF funds and Catherine Farmer funds for a new library building to be built at the proposed Main Street location. Council also acknowledged that the Library Foundation has already raised \$155,000 through the donation of the building site and demolition expenses. Ayes: Lynch, Barger, Callaway, Stewart, Gearhart. Nays: none.

Council also expressed the following concerns and would like to meet with the Library Board to discuss them in detail.

- Operating budget for the new library building
- Design of the proposed building
- The desire for the Library Board to work with Main Street neighbors

With no further business evident, council adjourned the meeting in a motion at 7:54 PM.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk