

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 12/12/05 at the BCLUW High School Library. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering roll call was James Barger, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Shauna Callaway arrived at 7:15 PM. City Clerk Hoy administered the oath of office to Council member Bill Gearhart.

Minutes from the 11/14/05 meeting were approved as published. Gearhart motioned, Barger seconded, to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes - 4. Lynch motioned, Barger seconded, to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes - 4. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department, and B-CERT)

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	ISU, training	325.00
ACS Firehouse, software support	100.00	Laser Engraving, plaque	22.00
Alliant, utilities	5288.81	Lee Mowing, mowing parks	510.50
Apex, supplies	59.89	Library Petty Cash	69.91
Dustin Blackburn, mow/leaves	50.00	Bruce Marble, reimburse	30.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	295.14	McNair Body, labor @ pool	182.50
Casey's, gas	161.72	Michael Todd, sign post	267.82
Cessford Construction, cold patch	39.20	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	82.19
Conrad Auto, parts	67.02	Moler Sanitation, services	90.00
Conrad Chamber, dues	120.00	MES, fire gear	98.00
Conrad Foods, supplies	5.55	Nagel Signs, signs	70.00
Conrad Tire, repairs	1174.92	O, The Oprah Magazine, magazine	24.00
Country Cobbler, services	30.00	O'Halloran, plow truck	41,000.00
Creative Designs, bookmarks	20.00	Papercrafts, magazine	17.97
Crossings, book	19.98	Platinum Plus, misc.	312.45
Electric Supply, supplies	74.69	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	105.00
First National, library exp	451.34	Public Safety Center, batteries	195.43
Flatland Farms, storage	150.00	The Record, publications	153.14
Thomson Gale, reference	189.55	Sensus, software support	1000.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	State of IA Treas., sales tax	1202.39
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	Test America, lab	307.00
Grundy Register, subscription	32.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	15.00
Hartwig Excavating, labor	540.00	US Postmaster, box rent	24.00
Hauser Imp, haul equipment	306.00	Union Auto, repairs	74.35
Hayes Construction, contract	20,000.00	WCCC, Lost allocation	6984.51
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	330.75	World Book, encyclopedia	829.00
Home Rental Center, repairs	165.00	World Book Express, books	65.19
IDALS, permit	15.00	Wages, 11-15-05 to 12-12-05	<u>13,512.00</u>
Ingram Book Co, books	912.78		
Iowa Builders, supplies	247.10	Totals	\$103,346.54

Expenses per fund are General \$19,218.23; Road Use Tax \$45,942.96; Employee Benefit \$1402.83; LOST \$6984.51; 2004 Housing rehab \$20,000.00; Water \$5516.99; Sewer \$4281.02. November 2005 receipts per fund were General \$27,845.31; RUT \$7235.16; Employee Benefits \$1189.93; LOST \$8252.35; TIF \$17,465.81; Debt Service \$10,171.46; Water \$13,010.79; Sewer \$30,464.39. Total revenues \$115,635.20.

Building Permits: Merle Averill, 10X12 storage shed, \$350.

The following budget requests were presented and will be taken under consideration by council.

- Conrad Public Library - \$85,190, city funding \$60,000
- Conrad Fire Department - \$27,250, plus fire truck debt service
- Conrad Park Board - \$77,200, city funding \$43,875
- B-CERT - \$6093
- Wolf Creek Child Care - \$45,275 from LOSST Funds
- Chemical Dependency Service Center - \$1500

Council discussed a request from Grundy County Development Alliance (GCDA) to consider pledging \$1000 towards establishing a revolving loan fund for small and emerging businesses in the county. Council had previously pledge \$1000 towards a matching USDA grant; however the grant was not approved. According to the correspondence from GCDA this revolving loan would mirror the original program intent, only on a smaller basis. Details on the administration of this program have not yet been determined. Barger motioned, Stattler seconded, to pledge \$1000 to this revolving loan program based upon GCDA providing information on how the program is going to be administered, and if it is determined that it is not a feasible program council reserves the right to withdraw the pledge. Ayes – 5.

The personnel committee reported that they had meet with employees, Denise Hoy, Bruce Marble, and Nick Kitzman for annual reviews. Shauna Callaway recommended that all three employees receive a 4% cost of living raise. She also recommended that Nick Kitzman receive a \$1.80 per hour wage adjustment increase. The adjustment and raises will go into effect on 07/01/06. Barger seconded the motion, ayes – 5.

Gearhart motioned to appoint Kirby Schmidt as City Attorney for 2006, and to set the annual retainer fee at \$1250. Lynch seconded the motion, ayes – 5.

Gearhart motioned, Lynch seconded, to make the following Committee/Board appointments. Ayes – 5.

- Planning Zoning Commission, terms to expire 12/31/08, Rusty Schryver, Paul Eckerman, and Rose Shine
- Board of Adjustments, term to expire 12/31/10, Alan Schiebel
- Park Board, terms to expire 12/31/06, Denny Lynch and Brad Murty. Terms expiring 12/31/08, Nathan Farnsworth and Doug Benjamin
- Museum Board, terms expiring 12/31/08, Dave Brindle, Myrtle Butler, and Ann Carnes

Lynch motioned to approve a beer permit for Conrad Foods Inc., DBA Hometown Foods #91. Gearhart seconded, ayes – 5.

Council took the time to thank out going Mayor Kenny Sanderson for his 18 years of dedicated service to the City of Conrad as Council member and Mayor. He was presented with a plaque by Mayor-elect Gregg Sharp and “in-fun” certificates from local business owners. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM and family and friends gathered for refreshments to honor Mayor Sanderson.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk