

December 14, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 12/14/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Mayor Gregg Sharp, and Bill Gearhart. LeAnn Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 11/09/06 council meeting; November 2006 clerk's financial report; payment of claims totaling \$98,253.73; transfer resolution #125-06.11; beer permit for Home Town Foods. Ayes: Schleisman, Stattler, Callaway, Lynch.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Jack & Jill, magazine	13.95
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	829.19	Don Klaas, deposit refund	60.52
Alliant, utilities	5317.47	Lee Mowing, mowing	622.50
Birders World, magazine	25.60	Library Petty Cash, misc.	76.20
Dustin Blackburn, mowing	154.00	Martin Marietta, rock	50.76
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	272.89	Michael Todd, signs	60.73
Book Look, books	102.92	Mid-Land Equipment, supply	13.17
Carl's Electric, labor	125.00	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Casey's, gas	104.10	Gib Moeller, relocation	1000.00
Chamber of Commerce, dues	85.00	Moler Sanitation, services	90.00
Country, magazine	14.98	Municipal Supply, supplies	1693.25
D & N Fence Co, chain link fence	13,800.00	Nickelodean, magazine	19.97
Dave Juchems, mileage	13.80	Platinum Plus, supply/hotel exp	310.65
Family Circle, magazine	19.98	Premier, maintenance	115.00
Fire Wages, 12/08/05-10/26/06	3223.00	Public Safety, equipment	91.92
First National, library exp	333.28	The Record, publications	200.37
Flatland Farms, rent	150.00	Ryken Engineering, services	3176.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	S. L. Baumeier, pay request #2	18,240.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Self, magazine	9.97
Grundy Register, periodical	32.00	State of Iowa Treasurer, sales tax	1287.58
HW Wilson, books	205.00	Struxture Architects, services	10,786.49
Hartwig Excavating, labor	840.00	Tapco, poles & brackets	732.74
HDC Business Forms, W-2's	28.25	Simple & Delicious, magazine	19.97
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	283.05	Test America, lab	669.76
Denise Hoy, mileage	94.35	U.S. Postmaster, box rent	26.00
Ingram Books, books	720.97	U.S. Postal Services, envelopes	442.05
Innovative Communications, tech	267.50	Westrum Leak Detection, services	850.00
IA Fireman's Assoc., dues	200.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	10,273.31
IA League of Cities, reimburse	102.00	Wages, 11-10-06 to 12-14-06	13,915.23
IA Wholesales, supplies	863.78	Totals Claims	\$98,253.73

Expenses per fund: General \$19,891.26; Road Use Tax \$4237.77; Employee Benefit \$1295.50; LOST \$10,273.31; Housing Rehab \$1000.00; Library Project \$10,874.27; Water \$9218.88; Sewer \$6246.74; Sludge Drying Bed Project \$35,216.00.

November 2006 receipts per fund: General \$26,264.87; RUT \$6184.52; Employee Benefits \$857.66; LOST \$10,574.92; TIF \$4414.70; Debt Service \$8750.04; Library Building Project \$54,937.15; Water \$13,570.70; Sewer \$32,099.97; Total \$157,654.53.

Council Member Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to place a handicap parking space in front of Carol's Restaurant, Bakery & Inn as requested. Ayes: 4.

Department Reports:

- The water leak detection survey was completed by Westrum Leak Detection Services. Five leaks were detected; three of them have been repaired. Public Works Director Marble suggested that the leak in front of Casey's General Store wait until spring because of the extensive concrete work involved. The remaining leak is on private property and is scheduled for repair next week.

- The signs and post prohibiting J-turns on Main Street have arrived; however, we are still waiting on the base to attach the post to the concrete.

Council received budget requests from B-CERTS; Fire Department; Conrad Main Street Inc; Park Board; Library; Wolf Creek Childcare & Preschool; Museum; Chemical Dependency Center. The Finance Committee will consider the requests and make recommendations to Council at a later date.

Park Board member Brad Murty discussed the possibility of black topping a portion of the Comet Trail. The cost estimates for this project are \$19,000. Murty indicated that they are currently looking at grant options to help with the cost of project. He also informed council that the Park Board had officially discussed and are recommending that the alley extending from Boyd Street to the pool not be hard surfaced until formal plans have been made on what to do with the current shelter house. The Board recommended that a community committee be put together to study the options for a new shelter house/community center.

Mayor Pro-Tem, LeAnn Lynch, opened a public hearing at 7:31 PM on the plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and estimated costs for the construction of the 2006 New Conrad Public Library. With no oral or written comments the public hearing was closed at 7:32 PM.

After the public hearing was closed Stattler moved, Callaway seconded, to adopt resolution #126-06.12 "A resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contact and estimate of cost for the 2006 New Conrad Public Library Project." Ayes: Schleisman, Stattler, Callaway, Lynch. Nays: none.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lynch then announced that the bids for the construction of the 2006 New Conrad Public Library Project had been received, opened and read at 1:30 o'clock p.m., at the Conrad Methodist Church, on November 29, 2006 and that this was the time and place set for the consideration of such bids. (Bid sheet attached.)

Council member Schleisman moved and Stattler seconded to adopt resolution #127-06.12 "A resolution awarding contract for the 2006 New Conrad Public Library Project to Garling Construction Inc., 1120 11th Street, Belle Plaine, Iowa 52208, for the base bid of \$1,348,400, with additional alternates to be considered at a later date." Ayes: Schleisman, Stattler, Callaway, Lynch. Nays: none.

Council member Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to adopt resolution #128-06.12 "A resolution approving contract and performance and payment bonds for the 2006 New Conrad Public Library Project." Ayes: Schleisman, Stattler, Callaway, Lynch. Nays: none.

The Conrad Public Library Foundation asked council to consider making the proposed giving wall a part of the New Library Project. All the money received in grants and donations by the Foundation are being turned over to the city and they suggested that the giving wall project could be paid for from funds in excess of the amount needed for the building project. Council determined they would need a firm cost for the giving wall before making any decisions.

Council member Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to approve the following Board and Committee appointments. Ayes: 4. Nays: none.

- Planning and Zoning – re-appoint Dave Sharp & Mike Schmitz; appoint Sue McLeland
- Board of Adjustments – re-appoint Peg Brown; appoint Gary Heggen
- Park Board – re-appoint Brad Murty; appoint Jason Beeghly
- Museum Board- re-appoint Pat Schiebel & Don Hartwig

Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to accept the third and final reading, and to adopt 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. Nays: Schleisman, Callaway. Motion failed.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 7:45 PM.