

August 09, 2018

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08-09-18 in the Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members John Dinsmore, Todd Schnathorst and Brad Murty. Peg Brown and Diane Miller were present via telephone. Also in attendance: Lori Stansberry-City Administrator/Clerk, Lee Gallentine, CGA Engineering, Krista Grant, BCert and various citizens. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved by Brown and seconded by Schnathorst.

Council member Schnathorst moved and seconded by Murty to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes from the July 12 council meeting; Clerk's July 2018 financial reports, payment of claims totaling \$114,667.96, July 2018 building permits, approve Class E liquor license, Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit and Sunday Sales for Hometown Foods, approve Amanda Shine to the Library Board with terms expiring June 30, 2020. Motion approved 5-0.

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

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| Advantage Admin, benefits          | 827.50    | Iowa Regional Utilities, water      | 8,085.57      |
| Alliant, utilities                 | 10,676.60 | KB Underground, curb stops          | 1,134.60      |
| Bank of America, timeclocks        |           | Library Journal, periodical         | 157.99        |
| /conference/fuel                   | 1,193.27  | Library Petty Cash, supplies        | 153.61        |
| Betty Haker, Zoning Administration | 30.00     | MD Construction, Walnut St          |               |
| C&C Concrete, service              | 1,250.00  | Storm sewer                         | 12,283.00     |
| Capstone, books                    | 394.30    | Mid-America, publishing             | 106.16        |
| Casey's, fuel                      | 215.93    | Mike Walton, service                | 75.00         |
| Central IA Dist., supplies         | 21.26     | Municipal Supply, water meters      | 2,574.00      |
| Cuisine At Home, periodical        | 29.00     | Myers-Cox, concession               | 605.16        |
| Dave Blackburn                     | 240.00    | Nutrien Ag, diesel                  | 74.45         |
| Dave Juchems, mileage              | 17.44     | Overdrive, subscription             | 384.04        |
| Diamond Vogel, paint               | 270.34    | Racom, radios                       | 9,159.23      |
| Dorsey & Whitney, legal fees       | 3,796.50  | Redbook, periodical                 | 26.72         |
| Ferneau Truck Service, service     | 532.01    | SEO Linn, band                      | 250.00        |
| First National Bank, Lib supplies  | 532.02    | Sports Illustrated Kids, periodical | 40.00         |
| Grundy Co Fire Assoc., dues        | 80.00     | State Library of Iowa, subscription | 151.48        |
| Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract       | 6,350.00  | State of IA Treasurer, tax          | 830.00        |
| JW Wilson Co., books               | 295.70    | Susan Blythe, mileage               | 28.70         |
| Hawkins, chemicals                 | 601.55    | Test America, lab fees              | 596.40        |
| Health, periodical                 | 19.97     | U.S. Postmaster, box rental         | 50.00         |
| Heart of Iowa, phone/internet      | 562.85    | U.S. Bank, copier lease             | 203.15        |
| Hometown Food, concessions         | 390.81    | Verizon Wireless, cellphones        | 104.62        |
| Ingram Library, books/supplies     | 1,395.11  | Wolf Creek Child Care, allocation   | 5,416.67      |
| INRCOG, dues                       | 531.84    |                                     |               |
| IRS, taxes                         | 9,903.29  | Payroll, 07/13/18 to 08/09/18       | 31,797.52     |
| IDNR, FY19 Sewer permit            | 210.00    |                                     |               |
| Iowa One Call, locates             | 12.60     | Totals Claims                       | \$ 114,667.96 |

July 2018 receipts per fund: General \$17,140; Road Use Tax \$10,567; Employee Benefits \$289; LOST \$6,813; TIF \$644; Debt Service \$628; Water \$39,214; Sewer \$35,697 and Storm Water \$4,197. Total \$115,189.

July 2018 expenditures per fund: General \$47,263; RUT \$9,130 Employee Benefits \$4,112; Local Option Sales Tax \$5,417; Water \$12,822; Sewer \$9,534 and Storm Sewer \$609. Total \$88,887.

Schnathorst gave an update on the fire station. Jordan Hoy from I+S Group sent an email stating all of the concrete has been replaced and there are a couple of items still on the punch list that need to be completed.

Krista Grant, BCerts, gave an update on a change from the State level and the need for EMT's. They need to give a couple of their First Responders additional training to become an EMT. The Reinbeck Fire Department is sponsoring EMT training for \$2,000 per person. Sign-up is in October with the first payment due in December. They would like to have an EMT available throughout the day. Murty made a motion to approve taking \$2,000 from their reserve account and \$2,000 out of their current year budget. Schnathorst seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

The September meeting was suggested being changed to September 20 due to the Iowa League of Cities annual conference. Dinsmore made a motion to approve changing the September meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup> with Brown seconding the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

The public hearing to vacate the South 208 feet of the 16 foot wide alley immediately East of Lots 8, 9 and 10, Conrad Grove Addition (alley east of Ritchie Industry and north of Walnut Street to the Northeast Corner of the building) was opened at 7:09 pm. Jennifer Johnson owns a house at 213 Center Street that she is currently renting out. She has owned this house for 20 years. She wanted to know how the Memorial Park by the Mural came about without the City owning it. She spoke in opposition of vacating the alley. She wanted to know why we would vacate the alley in exchange for the park.

JoAnn Ennega, 210 Walnut Street, brought a letter to the table that she wrote in opposition of vacating the alley. She had also gotten a petition from her neighbors in which she spoke about. Mayor Martin read her letter, along with letters written from other family members who do not live in Conrad and the names on the petition. They are all concerned about the decrease in property values and the use of the alley by the public.

Amanda Jahr, 218 E Walnut Street spoke in regards to the safety issue if Ritchie's Industry would block the alley off. Would emergency vehicles be able to get to them especially if they were in the backyard?

Murty noted he would like more information and requested the City contact Ritchie's to see if someone could be at the September meeting. The public hearing was closed at 7:26. Schnathorst made a motion to table the first reading of the Ordinance to Vacate the Alley. Murty seconded the vote. A roll call vote was taken with all five members approving to table the first reading of the Ordinance to Vacate the Alley.

Dinsmore made a motion and was seconded by Murty to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk