

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on February 13, 2025. Council Members Todd Schnathorst and John Dinsmore were present. Peg Brown was present via phone. Jeff Frank and Lindsay Kuhl were absent. Lori Stansberry and Luke Wilson were also in attendance. Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Council member Schnathorst made a motion to approve the agenda. Dinsmore seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Dinsmore made a motion and Schnathorst seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from January 09, 2025; financial reports; utility billing audit report for January 2025, liquor license for Black Dirt Blooms and the claims list. The total of all claims was \$65,096.46. Motion approved 3-0.

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

Advantage Admin., benefits	1,167.72	Iowa Dept of Revenue, taxes	1,642.52
Airgas USA, tank rental	170.00	IPERS, pension	3,955.30
Alliant Energy, utilities	10,717.54	Jordan Hoy, training	625.00
Allied Systems, service call/pump	1,821.80	Midwest Tapes, hoopla account	271.08
Arnold Motor Supply, supplies	55.17	MidwestOne CC, supplies, dues	437.39
Baker & Taylor, books	623.43	Mike Walton, cleaning	105.00
Baker & Taylor, audio	104.92	Moler Sanitation, garbage/recycle	720.00
Bank of America, publications	636.77	Mother Earth News, magazine	39.95
C&C Bedbug, pest control	75.00	Nutrien, fuel	154.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	20.94	Petty cash library, supplies	42.88
Dave Juchems, mileage	21.70	David Rasmusson, repairs	807.41
Eurofins Environment, lab testing	1,013.20	US Postmaster, postage	183.68
GFC Lease, copier	114.85	Verizon, phones	145.17
Grundy Co Hospital, supplies	68.38	WEX Bank, fuel	218.99
Grundy Co Sheriff, service	8,455.16	Wilkerson Hardware, supplies	13.77
Hawkeye Truck, plow repairs	1,540.94		
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	550.89	Payroll, 01/14/25 to 02/13/25	18,821.97
Heronimus, Schmidt, legal services	3,000.00		
Ingram Library Services, books	152.46	Totals Claims	\$ 65,096.46
IRS, taxes	6,601.48		

This meeting was the time for the departments to update the council on their budget requests. Jordan Hoy and Jan Hines were present to give an update on Bcerts budget. Hoy explained that they were asking for increases in the wages paid to first responders. This year they asked for an increase of \$3,000 for the compensation of individuals that go out on emergency calls. It is minimal pay but it is greatly appreciated by elected officials. Martin also asked about the training that the volunteers have to go through. Hoy had a report for everyone that broke down their calls by cities and townships.

Chad Hupfeld was present to present the fire departments budget. They are asking for an increase in the clothing expense. Bunker gear has gone up approximately \$2,100. There is a rotating

schedule and they try and replace two set per year. By OSHA standards the gear is not supposed to be used if it is more than 10 years old. They also have an increase in repairs for the tanker truck. The fire department had 21 calls for 2024 with 18 members. Hupfeld also talked about needed to replace their fire hose. A request was made to the Grundy County Foundation grant to help with the replacement. Hoy also talked about how fire is assisting with BCert calls.

Kate Poling, library director, presented the library budget. They increased their budgets for property insurance, technology/repair and replacing two computers per year. They are paying more for subscription software. The County increased their allocation by 3%. They share the garbage cost with the American Legion.

Park Board was not represented for this meeting but will be asked for the March 13th meeting. Dinsmore asked Stansberry if she would help all Departments with determining their proportionate costs of insurance. Stansberry noted she would be the one doing the calculations for that.

Stansberry discussed the timeline that was presented for the budget and annexation dates. No action was needed.

Stansberry gave an overview regarding replacement of street signs around town. The IDOT has a very competitive grant reimbursing cities up to \$5,000 for street. It is an annual appropriation for the IDOT and there is no guarantee that it will be funded in 2026. Schnathorst made a motion to approve the public works department to replace signs for up to \$5,000. Dinsmore seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

There was discussion regarding the annexation of the 93 acres and infrastructure. Wilson gave an overview of the cost and timing for infrastructure. The cost would be approximately \$390,000 and it would need a small lift station installed at this time. Dinsmore asked about the lift station. Wilson explained a larger lift station will need to be installed at a later date as the lots are sold. This cost would be for 185 feet of street and prepping lot 2 for a future development. The street would be a stub street. Schnathorst asked about culvert for the field driveway. Wilson said that could be included in the scope of the project.

Schnathorst made a motion and was seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk