

March 9, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/09/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Mayor Gregg Sharp, Council members Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted.

Mayor Sharp opened the public hearing on the fiscal year 2007 budget. After hearing no oral or written comments, he declared the public hearing closed at 7:01 PM.

Stattler motioned, Gearhart seconded to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 2/9/06; clerks financial report for February 2006; payment of claims totaling \$61,772.77; resolution 108-3.06 "Adopting the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget as published in THE RECORD"; the 28E agreement with the Grundy County Sheriff for law enforcement effective FY2007; change in date for the resignation of Lowell Schleisman from 4/1/06 to 3/31/06. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart. Nays: none.

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

A & B Construction, rehab	25,400.00	State of IA, pool registrations	70.00
A-Kleen Towel, service	77.50	IA Fireman's Assoc., dues	200.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemical	301.20	Jillisa Ladehoff, relocation	700.00
Alliant, utilities	6661.11	Library Petty Cash	88.74
Bob's Farm Center, fuel	100.23	Literary Guild, books	16.48
Book Look, books	104.80	Bruce Marble, reimburse	14.00
Brockway, James, refund	58.81	Matt Parrott, supplies	119.87
Casey's, gas	151.63	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	82.19
Conrad Auto Supply, parts	422.69	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Demco, library supply	365.63	Adrian Neff, re-issue	9.52
First National, library exp	292.28	Platinum Plus, misc.	251.22
Grundy Co. Fire Assoc., dues	20.00	Popular Mechanics, magazine	24.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Popular Science, magazine	32.95
Grundy Co. Recorder, recording	19.00	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	105.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	Racom, service labor	154.00
Hanzelka Truck Service, repairs	178.57	The Record, publications	343.31
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	416.82	Sandry Fire, supply	377.83
Home Rental, repairs	149.00	Jana Smith, mileage	22.20
Denise Hoy, mileage	57.41	Mark Speas, refund	100.00
Hydro Klean, sewer jetting	4871.74	Test America, lab	221.00
IMFOA, dues	50.00	US Postmaster, postage	144.40
Ingram Book Co, books	597.56	Wages, 02-10-06 to 03-09-06	13,368.24
Iowa Builders Supply, material	21.84		
		Totals Claims	\$61,772.77

Expenses per fund: General \$18,972.93; Road Use Tax \$3114.82; Employee Benefit \$1376.46; 2004 Housing rehab \$26,119.00; Water \$3374.62; Sewer \$8814.94.

February 2006 receipts per fund: General \$16,002.27; RUT \$8001.74; Employee Benefits \$114.82; LOST \$5009.43; TIF \$977.61; Debt Service \$800.87; Housing Rehab \$29450.00; Water \$603.66; Sewer \$884.15.

Melanie Mitchell, Program Administrator with Simmering-Cory, updated council on the status of the 2004 Housing Rehabilitation Program. The goal was to rehabilitate 12 owner-occupied homes with a combination of grant and local funds totaling \$424,800. To date, 10 projects are complete; depending on funds available, they anticipate completing 2 or 3 additional projects. Melanie reported that a total of 25 applications have been received; 5 of those applications are on a waiting list. Council discussed the possibilities of applying for another round of rehab grant funds this fall.

Melanie Kirkpatrick, of the Grundy County Development Alliance, presented council with information on the Grundy County revolving loan fund, a small business assistance program. Melanie applied for USDA matching funds for this program; however, she informed council that if the grant was not awarded the revolving loan fund would still be a viable program, only on a smaller basis. She asked council to consider their original pledge of \$1000 towards the fund. Lynch motioned, Stattler seconded to approve a one-time payment of \$1000 to Grundy County Development Alliance for the revolving loan fund. Unanimous.

The Water Committee advised council that since the last meeting they had further investigated the issues at the Wolf Creek Village Mobile Home Park: ongoing instances of leaking, broken, frozen, and malfunctioning water meters. The Water Committee is now of the opinion that all the individual water meters should be removed from the trailers; one master meter be installed, and the mobile home park owner billed for the usage. A resolution setting out this policy has been drafted and should be reviewed for possible action at the April council meeting.

Council reviewed the city's insurance liability coverage. Gearhart motioned, Lynch seconded to raise liability limits to \$2 million, and to approve payment to ICAP for the annual premium in the amount of \$24,561. Unanimous.

There was no report on the sludge drying bed or the library roof agenda items. Councilmember Gearhart will be researching information on both of these topics, and he plans to meet in committee the week of March 27 for further discussion.

Much discussion took place in regard to the closing of the Grundy County Landfill by October 2007. Council is anxious to work through the decisions that need to be made for Conrad, however, at this time, there are still several unanswered questions. Mayor Sharp suggested drafting a letter to the Grundy County Landfill Commission asking for specific information on the questions that were raised at the 2/9/06 council meeting, including projected costs. City Clerk Hoy was instructed to start collecting information from other area landfills on possible options for Conrad.

Council approved writing a letter of support for the development of cardiac catheterization services at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk