

December 28, 1998

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 12-28-98 in Council Chambers. Members present were Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, Ken Sanderson, Kevyn Zacharias and Lloyd Weber. Also present was Denise Hoy, Gary Moler, Gary Sindalar, Helen Kopsa, Susan Blythe, Joel Danielson and Rick Eckerman. Mayor Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Gary Moler reported that he has some concerns over water being pumped verses water being sold. An average of 161,000 gallons per day of water has been pumped over the last year, while only 60-70 percent is being billed for. Moler suspects underground leaks for a portion of the water loss, such as the one found at Ritchie Industries last week. Moler will be getting estimates on a water loss survey and report at a later meeting.

The park Board reported on the Comet Trail, seeking from council the approval to move forward or to drop the expansion project. An 80/20 matching grant from the state has been awarded for this project and the Park Board could receive up to \$79,200 in funds if they were to move forward. However the matching funds must be funneled through the City. The total estimated project cost is currently at \$106,174, leaving approximately \$27,000 as the cities match. The other issue in moving forward is the cost of maintenance and land acquisition. After much discussion Mugge instructed the Park Board to begin procedures to select an engineering firm. Zacharias seconded this motion, Ayes: 5.

Sue Blythe presented the budget for the Library. She requested the current FY 1998-99 budget be amended by \$448.00 because of increased County money. Their FY 99-2000 budget request was \$87,234.00, which is \$2666.00 over last years budget. Only \$1025.00 of the increase would be directly city tax related. Council will take this request under consideration.

Council reviewed bids from the Wastewater Treatment Facility Project that were opened at the last meeting. After confirmation on bid totals from engineer Gary Sindalar, Lutes moved and Sanderson seconded to adopt resolution #135-12.98 "Awarding contract to Wendler Engineering and Construction, South Amana, Iowa for schedule 1 at the base bid price of \$152,670.50, and schedule 2 at the base bid price of \$1,364,765 plus add alternates No. A, B, D, making the bid for schedule 2 - \$1,378,765. Ayes: Weber, Zacharias, Sanderson, Mugge, Lutes. Nays: none.

Council expressed concerns over the pipe of the new storm sewer on the west part of town in Blythe's Addition not being buried deep enough. Robert Lutes and Gary Sindalar will be meeting with property owner Robert Klein in regards to this matter. Council also discussed the options for drainage of storm water at the golf course bridge. Total project cost to resolve water drainage is \$10,640, however council will be asking the Conrad Grove Rec Club to pay a portion of this expense.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Weber to approve pay request no.2 in the amount of \$93,640.07 to Winmor Construction for the storm sewer project. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Sanderson, seconded by Mugge to pass the second reading of ordinance No. 217 "ADDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES CROSSING THE CENTER LINE OF MAIN STREET BETWEEN CENTER STREET AND GRUNDY AVENUE." Ayes: Weber, Zacharias, Sanderson, Mugge, Lutes. Nays: none.

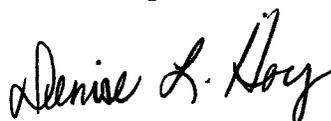
Motion by Mugge, seconded by Sanderson to waive the third reading of ordinance No. 217, and to adopt said ordinance, which will become effective upon publication as provided by law. Ayes: Weber, Zacharias, Sanderson, Mugge, Lutes. Nays: none.

Motion by Mugge, seconded by Lutes to adopt resolution No. 136-12.98 "Directing the interpretation of the zoning ordinance to follow a policy statement on replacement of existing steps." Ayes: Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson, Zacharias, Weber. Nays: none.

Council discussed options for a new computer for the city. Three quotes were received, and prices on software were also obtained. No action was taken at this time.

With no further business, Council adjourned by a motion at 9:40 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor


Denise Hoy, City Clerk