

August 23, 1999

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08-23-99. Answering roll call was Robert Lutes, Steve Mugge, Ken Sanderson, Kevyn Zacharias, and Lloyd Weber. Also present was Bruce Marble, Gary Moler, Denny Hines, Dave Schmidt and Helen Kopsa. Mayor Gearhart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moler reported that the automatic chemical feeder had gone bad in well #3. Mayor Gearhart instructed him to check with Ron Ladehoff to see if the swimming pool had a chemical feeder that could be used.

Marble reported that the meter in well #3 had been replaced and is registering 2-3 thousand gallons less water per day being used. This would explain some of the lost usage. He also reported that well #4 needed a new spool, check valve and hand valve. Council approved these at the approximate cost of \$1084.00.

Council instructed Moler and Marble to have Ken's transmission look at the transmission in the pickup; install a filter at Bob Zerns house prior to the meter to isolate reported sand problems; install handicap parking signs on Main Street and at City Hall.

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Hines, Zacharias motioned and Weber seconded to not burn the elevator as a practice burn. Ayes - 5. Nays - 0.

Hines addressed council about the air compressor the Fire Department would like to have. Council instructed Hines to price what it would cost to rig the fire truck up with a portable cascade system. This would allow air tanks to be filled on site. Hines is to report back at a later date.

Dave Schmidt informed council that the Board of Directors for Heart of Iowa Telephone had given their consent in burying phone line to the Cities of Beaman, Conrad and Steamboat Rock. Dave reported that there would be a crew in town staking out where to bury their fiber optic cable. He projected that all fiber and drops would be ready for service by the end of the year.

Sanderson motioned and Mugge seconded to appoint Kurt Wallace to the Board of Adjustments. Ayes - 5. Nays - none.

Sanderson motioned to accept the second reading of Ordinance #220 "ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 1999." Zacharias seconded. Ayes - Lutes, Mugge, Sanderson, Zacharias, Weber. Nays- none.

Sanderson then motioned and Zacharias seconded to waive the third reading of Ordinance #220 and adopt said ordinance. Ayes - Weber, Zacharias, Mugge, Sanderson, Lutes. Nays - none. Whereupon Mayor Gearhart declared the ordinance passed and adopted, and to be effective upon publication.

Councilman Mugge reported making a verbal agreement to purchase the Huntley property located adjacent to the pool park property. Cliff Wilson has agreed to spend up to \$5000 to demolish the house. Council agreed to use the \$14,277.00 from the sale of the Raskel property towards this purchase. After discussion Mugge motioned and Weber seconded to purchase the Phil and Terry Huntley property described as:

Lot Three (3) and the North half of Lot Four (4) of Block One (1) of Barnes First Addition to the Town (now City) of Conrad, Iowa, for the amount of \$30,000.00. Ayes - 5. Nays - none.

Council approved a campaign to purchase Christmas lights for the South Main Street Bridge headed up by Cliff Wilson. Cliff will be displaying the decoration, and asking for donations from South side residents to purchase them. Wilson requested that the lights be purchased by the city, then the city would be reimbursed 100% of the cost from private donations.

Bob Lutes was asked to call S.L. Baumeier to see if he would be interested in moving dirt North of the Creek on the West side of town to relieve water retention on the Robert Klein property, which may have been caused due to the new storm sewer run off.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Bill Gearhart, Mayor

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