

January 8, 2009

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 01/08/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Bill Gearhart, Lowell Schleisman, and Sue McLeland. Absent: Gary Stattler. Press members Chuck Carpenter, and Charles Friend were also present. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as amended by combining item 9-Main Street paving project with item 12- Capital Project report and tabling item 11- Personnel Committee report until 01/29/09. Schleisman moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 12/10/08 council meeting; December 2008 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$57,229.89; Resolution #01-2009.01 transferring LOST funds; Board Appointments: Daycare Liaison- Denise Hoy; Planning and Zoning- Joshua Christensen, Jeff Martin, Rose Shine, terms expiring 12/31/2011; Board of Adjustments- Heath Rhinehart, 12/31/2013; Park Board- Nathan Farnsworth, Marsha Lechner, 12/31/2011; Museum Board- Myrtle Butler, 12/31/2013; Ayes 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	IMFOA, dues	30.00
Alliant, utilities	6,049.90	Ingram Book Co., books	309.67
Alltel, cell phones	75.41	IRS, federal W/H	4,177.73
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	227.07	Iowa Water Assoc., dues	225.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	738.42	IPERS, W/H	1,559.32
Body + Soul, periodical	14.95	Robert & Joan Klein, rent	300.00
Book Look, books	142.86	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mowing	130.00
CID, supplies	82.69	Library Petty Cash, misc.	131.48
Central Parts Warehouse, sander	3,401.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel	78.94
Nicki Colin, fire pay	140.00	Moler Sanitation, services	135.00
Computer Applications, service	120.00	Monkeytown, supplies	186.94
Conrad Auto, supplies	889.56	Mother Earth News, periodical	14.95
Des Moines Stamp, ink stamps	68.55	Municipal Pipe Tool, services	970.62
Cody Donaldson, refund	54.20	Premier Office Equipment, service	140.00
Robert Earney, fire pay	80.00	Radio Communications, sirens	7,936.00
First National Bank, library items	479.15	The Record, publication	393.50
Flatland Farms, rental	150.00	Self, periodical	17.97
Thomas Gale, books	224.70	Sensus Metering, support	1,320.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Sports Illustrated, periodical	39.76
Grundy Co. Library Assoc., bags	67.00	State of Iowa, w/h	585.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,568.33	Test America, lab	243.39
Hawkins, chemical	1,465.25	US Postmaster, postage	127.71
HDC, business forms	15.10	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,990.14
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	330.75	World Book, reference	859.00
Kirby Schmidt, reimbursable	3.12	Wages, 12/12/08 to 01/08/09	12,729.41
Hometown Foods, supply	17.63		
Denise Hoy, mileage	77.22	Totals Claims	\$57,229.89

Expenses per fund: General \$27,838.14; Road Use Tax \$9,924.38; Employee Benefits \$1,834.17; LOST \$4,990.14; Water \$5,928.46; Sewer \$6,714.60. December 2008 receipts per fund: General \$13,915.06; RUT \$7,173.23; Employee Benefits \$1,123.92; LOST \$5,870.75; TIF \$1,700.11; Debt Service \$9,163.85; Water \$1,143.07; Sewer \$2,286.95; Total \$42,376.94.

John Dinsmore, Conrad Park Board, presented engineering plans and specification for a new observation deck, replacing the one that was damaged in the 2008 spring flooding. The Park Board asked council to financially commit 70-80% of the estimated \$15,000 project, while the Park Board pursues grants and donations for the balance. Council agreed the project was worthy but deferred action pending a recommendation from the finance committee and with the expectation that a motion will be presented at the regular February council meeting.

Council discussed with Susan Blythe, Library Director, and Carol Hoff, Conrad Public Library Foundation, the policy for use of the library meeting room. Currently, most donations for the use of the meeting room are deposited in the Foundation's account and held until funds are requested by the Library Director. After discussion, Council asked the Library Board to change the current policy so that donations are made payable to the Library and deposited in the City's account to offset the library budget for expenses associated with the meeting room. The Library Foundation is expected to turn any remaining receipts for meeting room usage to the city once the new policy is in effect.

Council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve a housing rehab contract with A & B Construction for property located at 213 Church Street in the amount of \$12,305; Ayes 4. Council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve a housing rehab contract with A & B Construction for property located at 308 N. Washington in the amount of \$21,100; Ayes 4. Council member Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to approve a housing rehab contract with A & B Construction for property located at 212 Dwight Street w/ change order #1 in the amount of \$27,045; Ayes 4.

Council member Schleisman moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the third reading of an ordinance "ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, and McLeland. Council member Schleisman then moved to adopt Ordinance #250 "ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS", seconded by Lynch. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, and McLeland.

Council member McLeland moved, Gearhart seconded, to appoint Kirby Schmidt as legal counsel for 2009 and to set the annual retainer fee at \$1,350; Ayes 4.

Capital project plans including the Water Loop Project, Main Street Paving and Sewer Main Updates were tabled until a special meeting to be held January 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Council discussed the storm warning policy, where upon council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to rescind the current Emergency Siren Policy effective June 5, 2008; Ayes 4.

Council member Lynch then moved to reinstate the noon whistle for approximately 5 seconds, Monday – Saturday. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Council member McLeland moved to sound all three sirens simultaneously as a test on the first Thursday of each month at 9 AM, Schleisman seconded. During discussion, Gearhart moved to amend the original motion so that the sirens not be tested if the National Weather Service issues a severe weather warning or watch that is effective at the scheduled test time, Lynch seconded; Ayes 4. The original motion, as amended, was then approved 4 – 0.

Council member Lynch then moved, Gearhart seconded, that the storm warning siren be activated when any observer believes a tornado is imminent; Ayes 4.

Agenda item 14, law enforcement update/ radar sign, was tabled until the regular 02/12/09 council meeting.

With regret council accepted the resignation of Council member Lowell Schleisman, effective March 13, 2009. Council announced their intent to fill the vacancy by appointment.

Council briefly discussed the Iowa League of Cities request for action regarding city revenue options.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:47 PM