

January 25, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in special session on Wednesday, 01/25/06, in Council Chambers. Council members present were Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sharp stated the purpose of the meeting and asked that the agenda be approved. Stattler motioned, Lynch seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 4.

Library Board President, Jami Willett, presented council with an update in regards to fundraising efforts for the proposed new Library Building project. Pledges and contribution to date stand at \$804,981, including three pending grant applications. She informed council that the building project estimates had increased to \$2,100,000 from the original estimates of \$1,855,000, and that because of this projected increase there is approximately \$324,829 left to fundraise.

Katherine Ollendieck updated council with grant information. Applications that are either pending or granted are as follows:

- Vision Iowa CAT Grant      \$200,000    pending, February 10
- Carver Foundation            \$ 60,000    pending, March 15
- McElroy Trust                 \$ 15,000    pending, February 10
- Martha Ellen Tye             \$ 18,550    granted
- Alliant Energy                \$ 2,500     pending
- Power One                     \$ 2,500     pending

Ollendieck requested that Council approve an invoice from her in the amount of \$650 for the research, writing, preparation, and final presentation and copies, for two more grants including Pioneer Foundation in the amount of \$5000, and Grundy County Foundation in the amount of \$3500. Stattler motioned to approve the invoice, Gearhart seconded. Ayes: 4.

Both Ollendieck and Willett expressed how essential it is to prove to the Vision Iowa Board, at a negotiation meeting scheduled for February 8, 2006, that the Vision Iowa money is the last money needed to complete this project. Willett asked the council to guarantee that the money left to raise would be financed by the city. She explained that the Library Board and Foundation would continue seeking grant opportunities and fundraising efforts, however they must indicate to the Vision Iowa Board that if awarded their grant would be the last money in. The Council discussed the Library Board's request and the current financing plan. Because no action was taken, the current commitment of \$1,000,000 in matching funds remains in place.

The next item of business on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance No. 237, changing council meeting times from the second Monday to the second Thursday of each month. Gearhart motioned, Stattler seconded, to accept the second reading of Ordinance No. 237. Ayes: Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

Stattler then motioned to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance No. 237. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart. Nays: none. Ordinance No. 237 will become effective upon publication.

Gearhart motioned, Stattler seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 102-01.06 "Calling for an election on the matter of granting a non-exclusive franchise to operate a cable television system within the City of Conrad, Iowa and ordering publication of notice of a municipal election". Ayes: Lynch, Gearhart, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none.

Gearhart motioned, Lynch seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 103-01.06 "To fill council vacancy by special election". Ayes: Stattler, Callaway, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:03 PM

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk