

01/29/09

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 01/29/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Sue McLeland, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Member Bill Gearhart arrived at 7:15 PM. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Council discussed potential capital projects/equipment for Conrad. Gary Sindelar, Ryken Engineering presented maps regarding the south water loop project and a sewer main study. The following action regarding the projects was taken:

- Council member Gearhart moved, seconded by Schleisman, to formally confirm that the city will reimburse Grundy County, the same year work is completed, for paving the outside 22 feet of roadway on North Main Street, and for extra expense incurred to excavate the same area to a sufficient grade. Ayes: 5.
- Council discussed a tractor upgrade. Member Gearhart suggested that the city consider the benefits of a pay loader verses a tractor. The item was tabled until 02/12/09 for further study.
- Council member Gearhart moved, second by Stattler, to table the south water loop project until the November 12, 2009 council meeting. Ayes: 5.
- Council member Lynch moved, seconded by Stattler, that after all grants have been applied for and received, to financially support the Park Board's observation deck project up to \$15,000. Ayes: 5.
- Council member Stattler moved, seconded by Gearhart, to enter into an engineering agreement with Ryken Engineering for a formal sanitary sewer system study at the cost of \$5,000. Ayes: 5.

Fiscal year 2010 budget requests from the Conrad Cemetery Association and the Wolf Creek Childcare Center were reviewed as presented.

The Personnel Committee made the following recommendation regarding FY2010 wages and benefits. Council member Stattler moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the recommendation as presented effective 07/01/09. Ayes: 4, Nays: Gearhart.

Public Works, Bruce Marble and Nick Kitzman:

- 4% increase in hourly wage
- \$100 per month increase in flexible spending
- A one hour minimum at 1.5 times the hourly rate when the public works employees are called into service outside of their regular working hours.

City Administrator/Clerk:

- 6% increase in annual wage
- \$100 per month increase in flexible spending

Custodian Lenni Clemons and Clerk substitute Joan Schleisman:

- \$1.00 per hour raise

With no further business evident, meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk