

February 12, 2009

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 02/12/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Bill Gearhart, Lowell Schleisman, and Sue McLeland. Absent: Gary Stattler. Press member Charles Friend was also present. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as published. Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 01/08/09 & 01/29/09 council meetings; January 2009 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$86,777.28; Acknowledgement/settlement agreement with Hometown Foods regarding a cigarette violation. Ayes - 4.

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

A & B Construction, rehab	3,280.00	IA Valley Cont. Ed, training	95.00
A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Iowan Magazine, periodical	19.95
ACS Firehouse, support	210.00	IPERS, W/H	1,860.35
Alliant, utilities	7,773.49	Jesco, repairs	636.91
Alltel, cell phones	76.03	Dave Juchems, mileage	34.05
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	615.20	Kids Discover, periodical	19.95
Birder's World, periodical	26.95	Ladehoff Lawn Care, snow removal	1,035.00
Susan Blythe, mileage	32.49	Martha Stewart Living, periodical	28.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/trucking	4,245.98	McNair Wrecker, service	50.00
Book Wholesalers, books	8.19	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel/gas	122.37
Click, periodical	33.95	Midwest Group Benefits, admin	60.00
Coates Mfg, repair parts	291.37	Moler Sanitation, services	105.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	158.37	NEI Library, workshop	15.00
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	State Auditor, filing fee	175.00
Demco, supplies	221.74	PCA, TIF rebate	28,502.38
Dietz, Donald & Co, audit	4,561.00	Petty Cash, library	167.55
Electric Supply, parts	51.45	Premier Office Equipment, service	200.00
First National Bank, library items	311.15	Public Safety, supply	193.73
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Radio Communications, radios	1,548.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, record fee	156.00	The Record, publication	234.89
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	289.45	SE Library, conference	10.00
Kirby Schmidt, retainer	1,350.00	State Library, conference	90.00
Hygienic Lab, lab	45.00	State of Iowa, w/h	640.00
Ingram Book Co., books	485.38	State Treasurer, sales tax	1,143.48
IRS, federal W/H	4,369.00	Test America, lab	285.60
Iowa Codification, codification	775.00	That Place, BCERT meeting	110.00
Iowa EMS Assoc, training	135.00	Time, periodical	35.00
Iowa Falls Fire Extinguisher, service	194.75	US Postmaster, box rent	20.00
IA Firemen's Assoc, dues	220.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,990.14
Iowa Library Assoc, training	135.00	Wages, 01/09/09 to 02/12/09	14,149.49
Iowa One Call, locates	9.00	Totals Claims	\$86,777.28

Expenses per fund: General \$23,569.32; Road Use Tax \$11,632.18; Employee Benefits \$2,331.70; LOST \$4,990.14; TIF \$28,502.38; 08 Housing Rehab \$3,436.00; Water \$6,017.47; Sewer \$6,298.09. January 2009 receipts per fund: General \$13,527.48; RUT \$6,073.22; Employee Benefits \$203.55; LOST \$5,870.75; TIF \$148.22; Debt Service \$193.84; Water \$11,734.82; Sewer \$30,386.75; Total \$68,138.63.

A presentation on GIS mapping was given by Art Hutzler and Jim Petro from New Com Technologies. A live version of a city showing maps for water, sewer, streets, zoning and much more, introduced Council to the mapping system. Mr. Hutzler suggested that Conrad could purchase a similar system for between \$20,000 and \$25,000. Council discussed the benefits of the system, but took no action at this time.

Ordinance number 251 amending the Museum Board from 7 members to 5 members was considered. Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to accept the first reading of ordinance 251. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Lynch then moved to waive the second reading, Schleisman seconded. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Lynch moved again to waive the third reading, Schleisman seconded. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. McLeland moved to formally adopt Ordinance number 251 amending the Museum Board from 7 members to 5 members, Lynch seconded. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Mayor Sharp declared the Ordinance duly adopted and effective upon publication.

Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to adopt resolution number 2-2009.2 "Supporting the Wolf Creek Childcare and the BCLUW Community Schools Collaborated efforts for a preschool program for four-year-olds". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland.

Council discussed new tractor options, but took no formal action. Gearhart will meet with public works employees to secure prices and specifications. City Clerk will discuss financing options with the bond attorney and put the item back on the March agenda for further consideration.

Council agreed to collaborate with the City of Albion on renting their portable speed sign instead of purchasing one at this time.

Given the costs and options, Council agreed not to have a city wide clean-up day this year.

Mayor Sharp set the public hearing for the fiscal year 2010 budget for March 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM in council chambers.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:27 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk