

February 23, 2004

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 02/23/04 in Council Chambers. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Bill Gearhart, and LeAnn Lynch. Absent: Al Stewart, and Shauna Callaway. Also present: Jane Katzer, Bob Hogle, Brad Murty, Chuck Friend, and Denise Hoy. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

After discussion Gearhart motioned and Barger seconded to resend resolution #114-12.03 "An Agreement with the Wolf Creek Child Care & Preschool and the City of Conrad laying out terms for the LOSST". Ayes: Barger, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none.

Jim Barger then introduced the new agreement with the Wolf Creek Child Care & Preschool and motion for its adoption as resolution #115-1.04. Gearhart seconded the motion and roll was as follows. Ayes: Barger, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none.

The Wolf Creek Child Care & Preschool then presented their 2004 budget. After sufficient question and answer time, they requested that the Council consider allowing 85% of the Local Option Sales and Service Tax to be allocated to the daycare through December 2004. At that time the financial budget would again be reviewed and the percent of allocation re-established. Council took the request under advisement and will act at the next regular city council meeting.

Council then considered fire contracts with Clay, Felix, Vienna and Melrose Townships. After discussion Lynch motioned to accept and enter into contract with Clay, Felix and Vienna Townships. Barger seconded the motion. Ayes: Barger, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none. Melrose contract was not accepted because the cost sharing terms were not equivalent to the terms of the other contracts.

The Finance Committee and City Clerk then reviewed the fiscal year 2005 budget with council. It was noted that the Library received a 3% increase for wages only, Main Street was funded at \$10,000, the museum's budget was cut to \$600 to reflect their actual expenses for the last several years, and other all allocations were funded as requested. A public hearing on the budget will be held March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. City Clerk Hoy updated council on the Housing Rehab Grant. The first three projects have had open houses, and bids will be opened on Thursday.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned by motion at 8:15 p.m.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk