

March 8, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/08/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Shauna Callaway. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Gearhart moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 02/08/07 council meeting; February 2007 clerk's financial report; payment of claims totaling \$134,532.51. Ayes: 4.

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

A & B Construction, rehab	37854.81	Koch LP, LP	797.79
A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Kurt Polley, refund	60.52
Advanced Water, chemicals	1104.04	Ladehoff Lawn Care, labor	575.00
Alliant, utilities	7237.38	Library Petty Cash, misc.	84.30
Bjelland Plumbing, repairs	412.50	Jo Love, mileage	15.13
Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13	Matt Parrott, forms	238.37
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	1860.62	Michael Todd, signs	42.73
Carl's Electric, repairs	719.80	Mid Iowa Coop, diesel/snow hauling	467.80
Casey's, gas	156.81	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Central Power, repairs	311.10	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	70.84	Monkeytown, office supply	106.59
Conrad General Store, supplies	33.75	Mother Earth, periodical	14.95
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	MES, fire equipment	128.27
Country Women, periodical	19.98	National Geographic, periodical	34.00
Electric Supply, well house	199.34	National SPF, reimbursement	304.66
Farm & Ranch, periodical	14.98	O'Halloran, parts	83.01
First National, library exp	433.25	Platinum Plus, misc.	638.75
Jane Gallentine, reimbursement	440.41	Premier, maintenance	115.00
Garling Construction, library project	17625.35	The Record, publications	281.73
Good Housekeeping, periodical	20.97	S.L. Baumeier, final on sludge bed	10340.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Seventeen, periodical	14.97
Grundy Co. Recorder, record lien	66.00	Jana Smith, mileage	36.94
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Southern Living, periodical	29.97
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	276.12	Test America, lab	190.86
Denise Hoy, mileage	66.85	That Place, fire meeting exp.	194.90
Ingram Books, books	1147.67	Shane Tiernan, bldg permit	15.00
Injectsom, sludge injection	1350.00	Tri-Anim, BCERT exp	220.01
ICAP, insurance	27820.00	U.S. Postmaster, postage	112.80
Iowa Dept Health, registration	70.00	Wages, 02-09-07 to 03-08-07	14096.23
Joshua Christensen, relocate	400.00		
Robert & Joann Klein, lease	225.00	Totals Claims	\$134,532.51

Expenses per fund: General \$38,677.07; Road Use Tax \$8733.90; Employee Benefit \$1302.76; LOST \$440.41; Housing Rehab \$38,320.81; Library Bldg Project \$17,930.01; Water \$7998.41; Sewer \$10,789.14; Sludge Bed Project \$10,340.00. February 2007 receipts per fund: General \$7132.81; RUT \$8104.65; Employee Benefits \$30.71; LOST \$6081.27; Debt Service \$74.78; Housing Rehab \$2000.00; Library Building Project \$1182.25; Water \$727.99; Sewer \$1022.32; Total \$26,356.78.

Mayor Sharp opened a public hearing on both the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment and the Fiscal Year 2008 City Budget. It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and submitted to council the opinion that the proposed Urban Renewal Plan Amendment was not in conflict with Conrad's comprehensive plan. With no other oral, written comments, or objections, the public hearing was closed.

Council member Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to adopt resolution #106-07.03 "A resolution to approve the urban renewal plan amendment for the Conrad Urban Renewal Area". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none.

Council member Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to adopt resolution 107-07.03 “A resolution approving Development Agreement with Conrad Main Street Inc, authorizing annual appropriation Tax Increment payments and pledging certain Tax Increment revenues to the payment of the agreement”. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none.

Council member Lynch moved, Stattler seconded, to adopt resolution #108-07.03 “Adopting the FY2008 Budget and authorizing the City Clerk to certify taxes to the County Auditor”. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none.

City Department reports:

- Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to approve change order #1 on the Conrad Public Library Project by deducting alternate #3 in the amount of \$11,000. Ayes: 4.
- Bill Gearhart will be checking with Gary Sindelar for suggestions on how to prevent the bike trail from washing out. Gary Stattler will follow-up with the Park Board on possible grant opportunities for paving of the trail.
- There was no update on the second city vehicle purchase.

Council member Gearhart moved, Schleisman seconded, to accept the first reading of Ordinance 243-2 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION FOR FRONT ENTRANCE AND BY ADDING A NEW SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATION” Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays: none.

Council discussed community projects that BCLUW high and middle school students could help with on their community service day set for Wednesday, May 9th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The list will be compiled and passed onto Mr. Jim Moeller at BCLUW High School.

Council discussed at length the city’s response to the ice storm that hit Central Iowa the week of February 25, 2007. The storm left much of Iowa, including Conrad, with out electric for several days. Mayor Sharp and Council Members commended city maintenance personnel Bruce Marble and Nick Kitzman for the efforts made in keeping the water and sewer in operation during the outage. Council agreed that an emergency plan needs to be developed addressing concerns including: shelter for citizens, calling on citizens during a emergency, communication, and transportation. Mayor Sharp will be appointing a committee to develop this plan. Also discussed was the idea of placing a permanent generator at the new Library so that the facility could be used for a shelter in an emergency situation.

The Grundy County Landfill is scheduled to stop accepting garbage in October 2007. Conrad must designate a landfill before that date. Mayor Sharp will be appointing a committee to meet with local haulers to get their input regarding the most feasible place to take refuse.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:16 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk