

March 11, 2010

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 03/11/10 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Sue McLeland, Deb McAteer, Brad Murty (arrived at 7:03), and Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Stattler moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 02/11/10 council meeting; February 2010 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$81,382.44; Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Joan & Robert Klein, rent	350.00
Advanced Environmental, rehab	940.00	Ladehoff Lawn Care, snow removal	729.00
Alliant, utilities	5,917.85	Petty Cash, library	177.62
AmericInn, relocation exp	797.00	Michael Todd, sweeper parts	911.63
B & G HVAC, service	204.00	Micro Marketing, audio visual	97.87
Bank of America, gas/ postage	290.01	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	76.42
Susan Blythe, mileage	28.48	Mitinet, audio visual	199.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/trucking	1,300.64	Moler Sanitation, services	160.00
Book Look, books	174.88	Networking Solutions, tech	325.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	27.48	NEILS, audio visual	300.00
Chamber-Main Street, membership	50.00	Popular Mechanics, periodical	12.00
Conrad Tire & Auto, equipment	276.82	Popular Science, periodical	21.95
Cooking Light, periodical	24.00	Premier Office, contract	154.00
First National, library exp	315.02	Radio Communications, equipment	2,313.45
Garden Gate, periodical	22.00	The Record, publications	175.46
Gee Asphalt, cold patch	121.50	S & J, rehab contractor	8,928.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Jana Smith, mileage	63.19
Grundy Co. Recorder, fee	9.00	Southern Living, periodical	36.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	St. Lukes, DATA dues	66.00
Grundy Co. Memorial, service	21.00	State of Iowa, W/H	489.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	277.92	Teri Huntley, relocation exp	80.00
Ingram, books	535.03	Test America, lab	301.67
IRS, federal W/H	3,143.67	That Place, annual fire meeting	395.67
ICAP, annual insurance premium	28,361.52	Time, periodical	35.00
IA Dept Inspection, fee	70.00	Verizon Wireless, cell phones	70.32
Iowa Wholesale, parts	16.47	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,106.95
IPERS, W/H	1,530.44	Wages, 02/12/09 to 03/11/10	11,428.76
Kelley Smith, relocation exp	80.00	Totals Claims	\$81,382.44

Expenses per fund: General \$40,552.46; Road Use Tax \$10,117.07; Employee Benefits \$1,977.82; LOST \$4,106.95; 08 Housing Rehab \$10,834.00; Water \$5,519.93; Sewer \$8,274.21. February 2010 receipts per fund: General \$3,899.75; RUT \$8,541.72; Employee Benefits \$241.90; LOST \$5,903.81; TIF \$735.54; Debt Service \$237.70; Water \$625.18; Sewer \$1,140.42; Storm Water Utility \$121.01. Total \$21,447.03.

Kent Higgins, Assistant Chief for the Conrad Fire Department, informed council that engine repairs in the amount of around \$5500 had to be made to the pumper truck. He also reported that the Grass Rig unit should be complete by the end of March.

Mayor Sharp opened the public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget at 7:05 PM. The following announcements regarding the budget were made: certified tax levy \$12.36; projected revenues \$1,121,737; projected expenditures \$1,097,054; projected ending fund balance on 6/30/2011 \$1,134,955. Having no oral or written comments, the hearing was closed at 7:07 PM.

Council member Lynch moved, Stattler seconded to adopt resolution 18-2010.3 approving the FY2011 budget. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

Attorney Kirby Schmidt, representing MidWestOne Bank and trustees of the William H. Smith and Freda B. Smith Trust, addressed council concerning the possible sale of a parcel of land, located on the east edge of Conrad, to Alliant Energy for the purpose of building a new substation. After considering the location and the intended use, council expressed concerns regarding the aesthetics and safety of using the land for this purpose. Mr. Schmidt advised that the BCLUW School Board has also been informed of the proposal and will be meeting soon to discuss the matter. Because there are questions only Alliant Energy can answer about the project, Schmidt agreed to try to arrange and facilitate a joint meeting with the City, School Board, Alliant Energy, and Smith Trustee representatives.

Gary Sindelar, Ryken Engineering, submitted a timeline for the CDBG Sewer Project. Sindelar explained benefits to televising sewer lines prior to securing a slip lining contractor. Council agreed to allow televising work of sewer lines to be done under provisions in the engineering contract that was approved last month. Council Member Murty moved and Stattler seconded to approve Central Iowa Televising from Story City, Iowa, to televise, clean, and root-saw approximately 18,000 feet of sewer line at a cost not to exceed \$22,500. Ayes: 5.

An amendment to section 6.1 of the state contract, "Five-year Receding Forgivable Loan", was discussed but no action was taken.

Council Member Murty moved, Stattler seconded, to adopt resolution 19-2010.3 setting a public hearing on April 8, 2010 at 7:05 PM on a loan agreement in the principal amount not to exceed \$128,000 for Main Street improvements. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

With no further business evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk