

April 12 2004

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04/12/04 at the Conrad Municipal Building in council chambers. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Absent: Shauna Callaway. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the 03/08/04 & 3/30/04 meetings were approved as published. Gearhart motioned and Stewart seconded to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes: 4. Lynch motioned and Stewart seconded to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes: 4. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department and B-CERTS)

A-Kleen Towel, service	\$74.50	IMFOA, spring meeting	50.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	449.64	Ingram Book Co., books	509.69
Alliant, utilities	5318.45	Iowa Codifications, zoning book	15.00
Apex, office supply	9.99	ICAP, insurance	20179.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/trucking	277.41	IA Dept of Public Health, pool lic	60.00
Book Look, books	147.87	Iowa Fireman's Assoc., dues	210.00
Casey's, gas/pizzas	279.62	IA Park & Rec, CPO training	180.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	94.92	Kibby Service, repairs	212.85
Conrad Foods, fire expenses	38.85	Ladehoff Lawn Care, snow removal	385.00
Conrad Main St, sponsor	20.00	Library Petty Cash	135.90
Conrad Pharmacy, batteries	6.14	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	64.43
Conrad Tire & Auto, maint	109.00	MIW, recycling	39.60
Crazy for Cross Stitch, periodical	19.97	Moler Sanitation, recycling	150.00
Crossings, periodical	17.98	National Water Works, water parts	641.00
Visa Card, sewer plant exp	54.81	Premier Office, service agreement	580.00
Fireguard, payment on jaw unit	2000.00	The Record, publications	94.17
First National Bank, library exp	240.49	Scherr's General Maint, pay requests	14640.00
Good Housekeeping, periodical	21.97	Roy Sharp, snow blowing	595.00
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt/sand	133.60	Connie Speicher, relocation	2080.00
Grundy Co. Landfill, fees	962.67	State of Iowa, sales tax	779.60
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3740.00	Rita Stewart, reimburse pizzas	17.79
Grundy Co. Recorder, fees	112.00	Test America, lab exp	287.30
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	535.98	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	45.00
Home Rental, tanker maintenance	96.00	Wolf Creek Child Care, allocation	3911.91
Denise Hoy, mileage	24.38	Wages, 03-09-04 to 04-12-04	<u>12917.39</u>
Hygienic Labs, lab	75.00	Total Expenses	\$73,641.87

Expenses per fund: General \$39,689.96, Road Use Tax \$4102.90, Employee Benefit \$1150.05, LOSST \$3911.91, 2004 Housing Rehab \$16,832.00, Water \$4320.58, Sewer \$3634.47.

March 2004 receipts per fund: General \$11,355.69, RUT \$9008.19, Employee Benefits \$215.71, LOSST \$4602.25, TIF \$1238.47, Debt Service \$1131.17, Water \$10,255.90, Sewer \$21,675.71. Total revenues: \$59,483.09.

Building permits were as follows: Dan Kearney, garage, \$31,000; David Curren, storage shed, \$300.

The American Legion was present requesting that the City grant permission to allow them to run a grant application, and if awarded, the grant the money through the cities books. The grant must run through a non-profit agency. The money would be used to construct a permanent memorial to Veterans. Barger motioned and Gearhart seconded to allow the Legion to apply for the grant in the cities name. Ayes: 4.

The Conrad Development Corporation was present to give a position statement on the Catherine Farmer Trust monies. They stated, "We believe that the most beneficial use of the funds is to INVEST into a project or projects that enhance and promote the economic development of Conrad". Council will take the statement into consideration.

Dorothy King and Lois Kruse informed Council of the need to dissolve the current community center. The owner of the building needs the room to expand his business. Discussion took place as to what should be done with the furniture and equipment that is in the community center. The tables, chairs, and dishes will be put into temporary storage in the bank basement until a decision can be made as to whether a new community center will be established. Other items will be advertised and sold to the highest sealed bid.

Bill Leskee, Strategic Insights Company, presented his Plan-It software to council. The software would help to develop and maintain a Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Barger motioned and Stewart seconded to purchase the software for the price of \$750 with an annual renewal fee of \$375. Ayes 4.

Mayor Sanderson proclaimed the week of May 3-9, 2004 as National Historic Preservation Week, and calls upon the people of Conrad to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Gearhart motioned and Barger seconded to adopt resolution #118-4.04 "Authorizing the Clerk, Mayor and Finance Chair to exercise powers to sign checks at the First State Bank on behalf of the City of Conrad". Ayes- Gearhart, Stewart, Barger, Lynch. Nays- none.

Gearhart motioned and Stewart seconded to approve fire protection contracts with Melrose and Palermo Townships. Ayes 4.

Council briefly discussed the options of a city wide clean up day. No action was taken.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 9:17 p.m.