

April 12, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 04/12/07 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. Schleisman moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 03/08/07 council meeting; March 2007 clerk's financial report; payment of claims totaling \$65,948.38; transfer resolution #109-07.04; acknowledge building permits from Kelley Hebrink and Josh Christensen. Ayes- 4.

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

A & B Construction, rehab	7438.19	Iowa One Call, locates	19.80
A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Dave Juchems, mileage	14.55
Advanced Water, chemicals	157.10	Kibby Service, repair	55.00
Alliant, utilities	5910.23	Chuck & Lois Kruse, reimbursement	220.59
Aqua-Aerobics, parts	246.16	Ladehoff Lawn Care, labor	590.00
Audio Adventures, audio visual	96.95	Library Petty Cash, misc.	111.22
Beeghly Seed, grass seed	37.00	Jo Love, mileage	61.86
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	155.07	Marshalltown Water Works, test	20.00
Body + Soul, periodical	14.95	Medtronics, battery	427.54
Book Farm, books	513.07	Mid-States Supply, chart paper	138.21
C & C Concrete, concrete repairs	200.00	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Casey's, gas	286.46	Moler Sanitation, services	90.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	327.29	Monkeytown, office supply	267.21
Dana Cooper, reimbursement	16.04	Platinum Plus, misc.	235.92
Country Living, periodical	20.97	Popular mechanics, periodical	12.00
Demco, supplies	351.02	Racom, battery	14.00
Electric Supply, parts	67.57	The Record, publications	125.99
Family Handyman, periodical	24.98	Sandry Fire Supply, flow test	722.00
First National, library exp	404.59	Scholastic, books	247.40
Garling Construction, library project	2850.00	Service Master, carpet cleaning	220.30
Gehrke Quarries, rock	59.78	Gregg Sharp, reimbursement	169.38
Granger, motor WWTP	286.16	Roy Sharp, snow blowing	340.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Jana Smith, mileage	15.58
Grundy Co. Hospital, lab test	34.00	St. Lukes, test results	72.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	State Treasurer, sales tax	1325.84
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	273.55	Test America, lab	243.39
Home Cooking, periodical	5.97	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	30.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	43.65	U.S. Postmaster, postage	63.00
Hygienic Labs, lab	45.00	Wellmark BC/BS, insurance premium	21.80
IIMC, dues	115.00	Wolf Creek, fiscal year final	11790.46
IMFOA, spring meeting	50.00	Wages, 03-08-07 to 04-12-07	22414.99
Ingram Books, books	640.07		
		Totals Claims	\$65,948.38

Expenses per fund: General \$20,418.43; Road Use Tax \$7406.43; Employee Benefit \$1947.42; LOST \$11,790.46; Housing Rehab \$7438.19; Library Bldg Project \$2850.00; Water \$7099.25; Sewer \$6998.20. March 2007 receipts per fund: General \$13,292.56; RUT \$9163.23; Employee Benefits \$403.23; LOST \$5706.25; TIF 3079.92; Debt Service \$1855.49; Housing Rehab \$22462.00; Library Building Project \$39,143.99; Water \$12334.13; Sewer \$34668.11; Sludge drying bed 1321.55. Total \$143,430.46.

The Oak Estates Landscape Committee presented updated information on the "Friendship Garden". The garden will be located on the Oak Estates/Oakview Nursing Home property. Using a local contractor the total project cost is estimated at \$40,302.00. The committee informed council that the ongoing maintenance of the garden will be the responsibility of the Oakview Board. The committee asked council to consider granting money for the project from the Catherine Farmer Estate funds, remembering that Catherine spent nearly thirty years of her life at Oakview Nursing Home.

Council member Stattler moved to grant \$40,300 from Catherine Farmer Estate funds to the garden project, Lynch seconded the motion. After discussion, Lynch moved to amend the motion by striking the amount of \$40,300 and inserting \$34,000, Stattler seconded the amendment. Mayor Sharp asked for a roll call vote as to whether the amendment should be considered; Ayes – Stattler, Lynch, Schleisman; Nays – Gearhart. Mayor Sharp then asked for a roll call vote on the amended motion: Ayes – Stattler, Lynch, Schleisman; Nays-Gearhart. Motion approved.

City Department reports:

- Schleisman moved and Stattler seconded to approve the appointment of Robert Yates to fill the unexpired term of Dick Geise on the Library Board. Ayes 4.
- Stattler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve a request from the Library Board to increase the library budget, line item wages, by \$400. The money will come from the library reserve fund and is due to minimum wage adjustments. Ayes- Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman.
- Gearhart reported that he was waiting on city engineer Gary Sindelar to provide information on the bike trail paving.
- Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to hire Ladehoff Lawn Care & Landscaping to trim and replace landscaping at city hall that was damaged by the recent ice storm. Project cost is estimated at \$2105.00. Ayes- Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman
- Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to set the hourly rate for recycling employees at \$7.05 per hour. The increase is due to minimum wage adjustments. Ayes- Stattler, Gearhart, Schleisman. Abstaining – Lynch, due to conflict of interest. Motion approved.

Council member Gearhart informed council that installing a permanent generator at the new library was probably not cost effective; however, he was exploring the option of installing a permanent switch to the facility so that a generator could be quickly hooked up to the building in an emergency situation. He also stated that the city wells were being updated to include plugs for a generator, and that he would like to see the lift stations equipped the same.

Council reviewed quotes from four dealers on a new city pickup. Gearhart moved, Schleisman seconded, to purchase a new 2007 Ford F-150 pickup including the trailer towing package, from Union Auto, Inc. in the amount of \$13,086. Ayes- 4.

Council discussed the possible need for temporary part-time summer help. Bruce and Nick are to compile a list of items that a third person could help with this summer.

Council member Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to accept the second reading of Ordinance 243 “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 member Stattler then moved to waive the third reading of the same ordinance, Schleisman seconded. Ayes- Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler; Nays- none. After waiving the third reading, Lynch moved to adopt Ordinance #243, Gearhart seconded. Ayes- Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler; Nays- none. Ordinance #243 will become law upon publication requirements.

Council discussed briefly the amendment to the landfill agreement. No action was taken. Mayor Sharp asked council to consider whether Conrad should look at the option of contracting garbage services or continue to keep it private. The item will be placed on the May regular council agenda.

Discussion took place regarding Emergency Operating Procedures. Mayor Sharp will be drafting a letter to send to individuals that may be interested in serving on a committee to develop a written plan of action.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:40 PM.