

May 8, 2008

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/08/08 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Sue McLeland, Lowell Schleisman, 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. Gearhart moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 04/10/08 council meeting; April 2008 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$527,071.61; Liquor license renewal for RJ's Lounge; Appointment of Josh Christensen and Jeff Martin to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Acknowledge building permit from John Tremain; Re-schedule public hearing on the budget amendment for 06/12/08 at 7:00 PM. Ayes: 5

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	IA Wholesale, parts	66.48
ACS Firehouse, support	210.00	IPERS, w/h	1,367.24
Alliant, utilities	6,017.74	Kirk Gross Co., contract	500.00
Alltel, cell phones	74.99	Ladehoff Lawn Care, labor	1,595.00
Roger Aneweer, deposit refund	100.00	Ledford, tree removal	1,095.00
Apple, computers	6,136.00	Library Journal, periodical	125.00
ASI-Modulex, contract	4,584.00	Library Petty Cash, misc.	83.96
Bankers Trust, P & I	193,738.67	Marvel Comics, periodical	23.97
Jason Beeghly, reimburse	93.50	Mauer Supply, supplies	44.75
Bjelland Plumbing, repair leak	802.06	Sue McLeland, mileage	92.92
Bloomin Buddies, Reiman grant	1,000.00	Medtronics, supplies	49.52
Bob's Farm Center, diesel, spray	146.64	Mid Iowa Coop, batteries	223.43
The Book Farm, books	13.95	Moler Sanitation, services	135.00
Carl's Electric, labor	2,599.82	Moore Medical, supply	119.43
Casey's, gas	482.83	Nancy Olson, reimburse	118.68
CID, supplies	177.59	NUCARA Pharmacy, supply	78.75
Conrad Auto, supplies	50.85	Phelan's, contract	1,000.00
CMG, training	60.00	Premier, contract/service	273.08
Dimensions, contract	32,133.27	Mike Purvis, reimburse	214.00
First National Bank, library items	350.82	The Record, publications	327.35
First State Bank, P/I & W/H	137,176.18	Sandry Fire, supply	902.50
Flatland Farms, storage rent	150.00	Jana Smith, mileage	15.13
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	State of Iowa, w/h	511.00
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt/sand	2,893.32	Struxture, fees	1,373.31
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,436.08	Test America, lab	634.74
GTR, TIF grant	16,000.00	U.S. Postmaster, postage	120.64
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	338.03	Wells Fargo, P & I	88,240.70
Hometown Foods, supplies	93.98	Jami Willett, reimburse	478.34
Denise Hoy, mileage	275.74	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,472.33
Ingram, books & supplies	895.70	Woosley Construction, labor	60.00
Iowa Builders Supply, material	156.52	Wages, 04/10/08 to 05/08/08	11,187.33
IA Park & Rec, CPO class	240.00	Totals Claims	\$527,071.61

Expenses per fund: General \$20,772.99; Road Use Tax \$7,617.64; Employee Benefit \$1,615.14; LOST \$4,472.33; TIF \$307,164.98; Debt Service \$36,389.52; Library Bldg Project \$48,198.60; Water \$4,556.10; Sewer \$8,043.61; Sewer Sinking \$88,240.70. April 2008 receipts per fund: General \$96,180.35; RUT \$6,493.25; Employee Benefits \$17,275.19; LOST \$5,261.57; TIF \$51,670.24; Debt Service \$18,649.91; Library Building Project \$1,451.10; Water \$561.34; Sewer \$970.34. Total \$198,513.29.

Council discussed correspondence from a citizen requesting a city-wide clean-up day. The item will be placed on the January 2009 agenda to be considered for next spring.

The following action was taken on several requests presented by the Black Dirt Days Committee & Conrad Chamber-Main Street, for a celebration scheduled for June.

- Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to approve a request from Conrad Chamber-Main Street to close Main Street from Center Street to Maple Avenue on Thursday, June 5th from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, for the Motorloway 500 Tour. Ayes: 5.
- Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to authorize a fireworks display on June 7th in the NE corner of the softball complex starting at about 10:00 PM, pending adequate proof of insurance from the vendor. Ayes: 5.
- Stattler moved, Schleisman second to approve the following street closing requests: Main Street from Center Street intersection to Grundy Avenue Intersection on Friday, June 6th at 12:30 PM until June 8th at 2:00 AM; the parade route and line-up for Saturday, June 7th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; Main Street from Grundy to Maple on Saturday, June 7th from 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Council also granted permission for a tent to be erected on Main Street for the event. Ayes: 5.
- Stattler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve an application for an outdoor beer garden on Main Street from RJ'S Lounge, for June 6th and 7th, 2008. Ayes: 5.

The Museum Board reported on the time capsules that were recently removed from under the bell tower at the old library site because of a change in property ownership. The capsules were originally buried in 1976 by several local businesses. After the Board opened the capsules it was discovered that two of the capsules contents had been ruined by moisture and the others contained memorabilia. McLeland moved and Lynch seconded to have the Museum Board work with the Black Dirt Days Committee to display the contents of the capsules at the June celebration. Ayes: 5.

Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to approve the Mayors appointment of Jim Springer to the Museum Board to fill Don Hartwig's unexpired term. Ayes: 5.

Council agreed with the Park Board's recommendation to leave the Gier Park shelter lit. Because the shelter's electricity is connected to the old library building, NuCara Pharmacy has agreed to provide electricity at no charge to the city (installing a separate meter and pole for the park would have cost \$1400).

The following action was taken regarding the recent Housing Rehabilitation Grant the city was awarded.

- After reviewing submitted proposals from INRCOG and Simmering-Cory, Lynch moved and Stattler seconded, to select Simmering-Cory for technical administration services for the rehab program. Ayes: 5.
- Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve an Affirmative Fair Housing Policy. Ayes: 5.
- Schleisman moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the Equal Opportunity Policy Statement. Ayes: 5.

After some discussion, Lynch moved and Schleisman seconded to enter into a 28E Contract with the Grundy County Sheriff for law enforcement services for fiscal year 2009. Ayes: 5.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:25 PM.