

May 11, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/11/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Lowell Schleisman. Gary Stattler arrived at 7:02 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem LeAnn Lynch presided, and noted that Mayor Gregg Sharp was attending a Grundy County Landfill meeting. Lynch 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 4/13/06 & 4/17/06 council meetings; clerks financial report for April 2006; payment of claims totaling \$195,292.86; re-scheduling a public hearing for the amendment of the FY2006 budget to 06/08/06; acknowledged building permits for Jeff & Amy Drummer, Chad Callaway, John Dismore, and John Ehn. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Iowa League, workshop	15.00
Advanced Water Tech, chemical	810.34	Iowa Legal Aid, publication	8.00
Alliant, utilities	5108.52	Iowa P & R, CPO class	180.00
American Legion, flags	90.00	Jack & Jill, magazine	102.12
Apex, office supplies	255.14	John Lechner, deposit refund	59.70
Beeghly Seed, lawn mix	37.00	Martin Marietta, rock	549.98
Better Homes, magazine	22.00	Members 1 <sup>st</sup> CU, refund	60.00
Bob's Farm Center, fuel/lawn care	490.07	Michael Todd, supplies	104.16
Casey's, gas	313.31	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	84.19
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	30.13	Moler Sanitation, services	118.00
Conrad Foods, fire meeting exp	13.78	Municipal Supply, meter equip.	443.30
Conrad Pharmacy, supply	1.79	NADA, library material	60.00
Country Cobbler, sew flags	10.00	Platinum Plus, training	25.00
Creative Home, magazine	19.97	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	200.00
Nick Eckerman, mowing	105.00	The Record, publications	234.74
First National, library exp	351.87	Jana Smith, mileage	17.70
FSB, P & I payments	48,511.99	Strustructure Architects, design	25,212.79
Follet Software, library	2010.66	Test America, lab	358.00
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Those Ink Guys, ink	58.65
Grundy Co. Recorder, deed	17.00	Shane Tiernan, administration	60.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3929.33	U.S. Postmaster, postage	114.72
Hartwig Excavating, excavating	274.25	Upstart, library	36.35
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	454.71	Wells Fargo, P & I on loan	84,793.40
Denise Hoy, mileage	260.22	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	3674.13
IIMC, dues	100.00	Zehr Enterprises, labor	100.00
Ingram Book Co, books	860.45	Wages, 04-14-06 to 05-11-06	13,528.48
Iowa Builders, material	15.50		
		Totals Claims	\$195,292.86

Expenses per fund: General \$19,853.72; Road Use Tax \$3231.33; Employee Benefit \$1392.52; LOST \$3674.13; TIF \$12,122.47; Debt Service \$36,389.52; Library Building Project \$25,212.79; Water \$4467.00; Sewer \$4155.98; Sewer Sinking \$84,793.40.

April 2006 receipts per fund: General \$79,425.24; RUT \$6666.79; Employee Benefits \$7655.08; LOST \$4322.50; TIF \$69,237.46; Debt Service \$25,395.40; Library Building Project \$23,863.00; Water \$882.58; Sewer \$1052.09.

Katherine Ollendieck updated council on grants that have been submitted on behalf of the City of Conrad for the purpose of constructing a new library building. To date, the city has been awarded a total of \$238,500, with another \$69,000 pending. Ollendieck also explained that she has submitted a request to Senator Grassley for another \$200,500 in federal funds, which is under review.

Shane Tiernan announced that Main Street, Inc. would be celebrating their 15 year anniversary on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with a Main Street Block Party. For the celebration he requested: the closing of Main Street from Center Street to Grundy Avenue; the closing of Grundy Avenue from Main Street west one block; permission to set up tents on the vacant lot where the new library will be situated. Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to allow the street closings and use of the vacant lot. Ayes: 5.

Tiernan also requested the city clerk check into what is required to allow a vendor to have a wine tasting display, and to sell an Iowa based wine on site for the day.

Gearhart moved, Callaway seconded, to approve the following appointments: Dave Sharp to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill a term expiring 12/31/06 vacated by Lowell Schleisman, and Matthew Fox to the Board of Adjustments to fill a term expiring 12/31/07 vacated by Dave Sharp. Ayes: 5. It was also noted that Lowell Schleisman is appointed to the Property & Equipment

Shane Tiernan, Zoning Administrator, informed council of a letter being served to Sterling Clink for violations to City Ordinance 165.40 because of recently placed dwelling units that do not meet the minimum 800 square foot per unit requirement.

At 7:24 PM Lynch opened a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimates of cost for the construction of a sludge drying bed. Gary Sindelar, project engineer, explained the scope of the project and reviewed estimates. He also explained that the water line to the drying bed, and the guardrails on the back side of the 6' wall, are not included in the scope of the project but will be installed by the city upon completion of the project. Hearing no oral or written comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:26 PM.

Stattler moved and Gearhart seconded, to adopt resolution #111-5.06 "Approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimates of cost for the construction of the sludge drying bed project". Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman.

Sindelar then announced that two bids were received for the sludge drying bed project and are as follows: S.L. Baumeier \$76,800, and Con-Struct, Inc. \$105,800. Stattler moved, Gearhart seconded, to accept the S.L. Baumeier bid in the lump sum amount of \$76,500. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman.

In June, Sindelar will supply an engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$9200, and a formal construction contract with S.L. Baumeier. He also plans to deliver a letter to the IDNR explaining the scope of the project and obtaining any necessary construction permits.

Lynch stated that the Finance Committee determined the best way to finance the sludge drying bed project is to use sewer reserves and to borrow the remaining balance from the general fund.

Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to adopt the Main Street, Inc. designed logo for the City of Conrad. The logo consists of four differently colored square quadrants, each depicting an aspect of Conrad. There is not a slogan with this logo. Ayes: 5. Clerk Hoy was instructed to check into the cost of placing the logo on the city's web site.

Council discussed the option of a roll out stop sign at the intersection of Main Street and the swimming pool drive. It was suggested the sign be used only during pool operating hours. Gearhart raised questions about liability and asked the City Clerk to contact Gary Mauer, County Engineer, about specifications for a roll out stop sign.

Council considered Ordinance #238 "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING HEART OF IOWA COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA." Gearhart moved, Callaway seconded, to accept the first reading of Ordinance #238. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman. Gearhart then moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance #238, Stattler seconded. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman. Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to adopt Ordinance #238. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Lynch, Gearhart, Schleisman. The ordinance will become effective upon publication as required by law.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 7:55 PM.

