

May 13, 2010

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/13/10 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Deb McAteer, Brad Murty, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Sue McLeland. 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. Murty moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 04/08/10 council meeting; April 2010 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$425,236.22; Beer /Liquor license renewals for RJ's Lounge, Hometown Foods, Casey's General Store #2802; Outdoor beer permit for June 4 & 5 for RJ's Lounge; Transfer resolution #21-2010.5; Street closing request for Grundy Avenue east from Main Street to the west edge of the parking lot in front of Fire Station for June 4th; Appointment of Jan Fiscus to the Museum Board for a three year term expiring 12/31/12; Building permit as follows: Casey's Marketing Corp, new store, \$1.2 million; Jeff Quinn, deck, \$500; Steven Frahm, deck, \$1000; Hanzelka Truck Service, addition, \$20,000; Ryan Callaway, garage, \$10,000; Max Gerber, storage shed, \$3,000; Anita Elmore, back porch, \$12,944; Craig Koonce, storage shed, \$2,440. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Iowa One Call, locates	39.60
Alliant, utilities	5,026.73	Iowa Wholesale, supplies	193.25
Alum-Line, grass rig	21,895.00	IPERS, W/H	1,518.84
Bank of America, gas/supplies	904.06	KB Underground, repairs	390.00
Bankers Trust, P & I	74,173.75	Ledford, tree service	75.00
Beaman Library, SLP	175.00	Petty Cash, library	197.24
Dave Blackburn, mowing	76.00	Micro-Marketing, audio books	116.22
Susan Blythe, mileage	48.95	Mid-Iowa Coop, fuel	209.29
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	255.91	Midwest Group, benefit admin	60.00
C & C Concrete, labor	250.00	MidwestOne Bank, P & I	67,640.84
Cessford, rock	499.07	Moler Sanitation, services	160.00
Computer Applications, service	98.90	Networking Solutions, technology	32.50
Conrad Auto, supplies	10.52	Premier Office, contract	154.00
CMG, user meeting	20.00	Radio Communications, equipment	102.04
EDC, books	152.89	The Record, publications	206.25
First National, library exp	746.62	Brent Reel, re-issue payroll	168.76
Sarah German, mileage	60.08	Ryken Engineering, services	374.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	S & J, rehab project	5,760.00
Grundy Co. Engineer, streets	129,095.90	Sandry Fire, SCBA test	920.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	State of Iowa, W/H	480.00
Grundy National Bank, Interest	1,047.12	State of Iowa, sales tax	10.00
Hawkins, chemicals	900.86	Test America, lab	265.97
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	371.43	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	105.00
Hometown Foods, supplies	134.70	Verizon Wireless, cell phones	70.45
Denise Hoy, mileage	85.50	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,106.95
Tiffany Husak, labor	20.00	Jennifer Yantis, reimbursement	25.00
Ingram, books	895.08	Wages, 04/09/10 to 05/13/10	11,523.26
IRS, federal W/H	3,074.44		
Iowa Finance Authority, P & I	85,469.50	Totals Claims	\$425,236.22

Expenses per fund: General \$169,008.40; Road Use Tax \$5,337.56; Employee Benefits \$1,991.50; LOST \$4,106.95; TIF \$74,173.75; Debt Service \$68,687.96; 08 Housing Rehab \$5,760.00; Water \$5,283.63; Sewer \$5,416.97; Sewer Sinking \$85,469.50. April 2010 receipts per fund: General \$232,653.04; RUT \$7,319.89; Employee Benefits \$20,144.49; LOST \$4,831.70; TIF \$55,640.54; Debt Service \$19,498.48; 08 Housing Rehab \$13,353.00; Water \$670.85; Sewer \$1,424.97; Storm Water Utility \$88.00. Total \$355,624.96.

Council member Stattler moved, Murty seconded, to approve the Museum Board to design a plan to place the bell that was previously located in front of the old library located on Grundy Avenue, on Municipal Building property, located at 204 East Center Street, contingent to them working with the Conrad Chamber-Main Street Board, and a final approval from council on the exact location before work commences. Ayes: 4.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding a strategic water plan prepared by LD McMullen from Snyder and Associates for Conrad, that was paid for by Central Iowa Rural Water Association (CIWA). The survey suggested a water rate structure if Conrad would choose to purchase water from CIWA. Council expressed concerns over a projected 36.83% difference in water that is currently being pumped compared to what is being billed. Mark Schoborg and Jim LaPlante, CIWA, discussed options in closing the gap on water loss and suggested that a 15% ratio is a more common factor.

Upon conclusion of the discussion council member Stattler moved, Lynch seconded, to hire Des Moines Water Works to conduct a master meter test at the quoted cost of \$484. Ayes: 4. Lynch then moved to additionally hire Des Moines Water Works to conduct a water leak survey of the entire town at the estimated cost of \$2,651, and further approving up to \$2,800 for follow-up and pinpointing that may need to be done. Ayes: 4.

Gary Sindelar and Chad Billings from Ryken Engineering updated council regarding the recent televising of city sewer lines. The tapes showed deteriorating lines and low grades in certain areas. From this information, Sindelar will put together design specifications for the sewer lining/replacement project and will present plans to council for approval and advertising at the June meeting.

Council member Murty moved, seconded by Stattler, to adopt resolution 22-2010.5 amending the City of Conrad Flexible Benefits Plan document. The amendment includes allowing Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and reflects the new annual employer contribution amount. Ayes: McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler.

Council member Lynch moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance #256 "REQUIRING THE MOWING OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONRAD". Sattler seconded and roll was as follows: Ayes- McAteer, Murty, Lynch, Stattler.

Mayor Sharp set a public hearing on the fiscal year 2010 budget amendment for June 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Brief discussion took place regarding placing a sidewalk from the south Main Street bridge to Duesenberg Drive. It was reported that the Sidewalk Committee appointed by the Navigating Our Future Committee is planning on submitting a letter to the Iowa DOT requesting a TEAP study of the area.

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

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk