

May 14, 2009

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/14/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Bill Gearhart, Sue McLeland and Deb McAteer. Absent: Gary Sattler and Mayor Gregg Sharp. Mayor Pro-tem LeAnn Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 04/13/09 council meeting; April 2009 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$266,839.24; Revised committee appointments; Liquor license application for RJ's Lounge; Beer license for Casey's General Store; Acknowledgement/Settlement Agreement with Casey's General Store for a cigarette violation; Set the public hearing for the FY2009 budget amendment for June 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM; FY2010 Law Enforcement Agreement with Grundy County Sheriff; Acknowledge building permits from Mark Manning, 719 Circle Drive, garage (variance granted); Barry Kell, 315 N. Main, new front porch; Peg Brown, 702 Circle Drive, front entrance. Ayes: 4.

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	21.60
Advanced Environmental, rehab	3,380.00	IA Park & Rec, CPO CEU	100.00
Alliant, utilities	5,031.06	IPERS, W/H	1,423.11
Alltel, cell phones	74.84	Petty Cash, library	154.93
American Legion, flag	20.00	Martin-Marietta, rock	165.24
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	632.94	Terry Matney, refund	54.89
Banker's Trust, P & I	95,573.75	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel	154.89
Susan Blythe, mileage	57.40	MidwestOne Bank, P & I	36,389.52
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	278.84	Moler Sanitation, services	135.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	31.57	Monkeytown, supply	104.68
EDC, books	9.99	Municipal Pipe Tool, sewer jetting	2,720.41
Eulenspiegel, library programming	120.00	Municipal Supply, parts	424.50
Fire Service, training	50.00	Amanda Olsen, refund	54.10
Flatland Farms, rent/LP	176.25	Public Safety Center, supply	329.66
Sarah German, mileage	48.95	The Record, publication	250.94
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Jana Smith, mileage	18.47
Grundy Co. Engineer, salt/sand	3,267.45	Sports Page, BB rim/hoop	270.00
Grundy Co. Recorder, record	7.00	State of Iowa, W/H	478.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,568.33	State of Iowa, sales tax	19.00
H.W. Wilson, reference	10.00	Test America, lab	682.76
Hawkins, chemical	192.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	105.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	329.23	Verdin Company, clock repair	756.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	84.70	Wendling Quarries, rock	73.88
IRS, federal W/H	3,009.87	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,583.98
Iowa Finance Authority, P & I	88,873.90	Wages, 04/13/09 to 05/14/09	11,395.11
Iowa League, DATA dues	30.00	Totals Claims	\$266,839.24

Expenses per fund: General \$16,834.96; Road Use Tax \$7,472.76; Employee Benefits \$1,846.65; LOST \$4,583.98; TIF \$95,573.75; Debt Service \$36,389.52; 08 Housing Rehab \$3,380.00; Water \$4,066.92; Sewer \$7,816.80; Sewer Sinking \$88,873.90. April 2009 receipts per fund: General \$98,035.95; RUT \$6,684.39; Employee Benefits \$18,903.23; LOST \$5,392.91; TIF \$50,563.71 Debt Service \$19,704.22; 08 Housing Rehab \$28,814.00; Water \$492.47; Sewer \$1,198.23; Storm Water Utility \$360.00. Total \$230,149.11.

Rebecca Gall addressed council concerning a field tile that runs across her property. She believes the tile is not working properly and asked the city to help determine the cause. Bill Gearhart advised Rebecca that the city would attempt to locate the clean-out that may be on her property; however, the city does not own or maintain field tile. Any expenses to remedy the situation would be at the homeowner's expense.

Jeff and Angie Martin, Black Dirt Days Committee volunteers, presented a list of special requests for the June 5-7, 2009 celebration. Council member Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the following requests as presented: closing of Main Street from Center to Maple Avenue on Friday June 5th 12:30pm to Sunday, June 7th 8:00 am; Street closings for the parade route/line-up on Saturday June 6th from 10 am to 1 pm; the use of two tents on Main Street during the event; spraying of mosquitoes as needed to benefit the celebration. Ayes: 4.

Council member Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to approve the moving of RJ's Lounge outside service area, pending dram shop insurance coverage, on June 5-7, 2009, with the following terms and conditions: alcohol may be served from 5:00 PM to 1:30 AM on Friday, June 5, 2009; from 7:30 PM to 1:00 AM on Saturday & Sunday June 6-7, 2009; the east sidewalk is left open and unobstructed at all times during the event; plastic fencing be used up to designate the area of service with an opening that can be closed during alcohol permitted times; the regular service area in the back of RJ's may be operated only during times that the front is not permitted for use of alcohol. Ayes: 4.

Kerry Carson, representing the Navigating Our Future Conrad Welcome Signs Committee, presented council with information to install three new entrance signs, one on the east on Steckelberg property, one on the west on PCA property, and one at the intersection of Hwy 14 and D67 on Stone Sanitation property. The total cost of the three signs, site preparation, lighting and landscaping material is \$31,000. Carson expressed that the committee currently has outstanding grant applications in process that equal \$18,500. Council member Gearhart moved, McLeland seconded, to allocate \$31,000 of Catherine Farmer Estate funds, less any grant funds awarded, for the sign project. Ayes: 4. The Committee has targeted September 2009 for the sign installation.

Council discussed ideas spurred by the presentation made by the Walkways and Trails Committee at last month's council meeting. Council concurred that the alley off of Boyd Street just west of 601 N. Main would be a desirable place to direct bikes/walkers headed to the pool. The city council's Street, Alleys & Sidewalk Committee will study the area and make a recommendation for surfacing at the next regular meeting. They also discussed their desire to focus on the South side of town as a first phase for sidewalks, and the need for future developments to install sidewalks as the committee recommended. Council discussed several concerns with implementing alleys as walkways and is currently waiting an opinion from the city's insurance provider.

Gary Sindelar, City Engineer, discussed with council a project addressing Conrad's deteriorated sanitary sewers. The project scope includes installing new or repairing several feet of sanitary sewer to correct infiltration and inflow issues. The project is estimated to cost \$965,039; however, CDBG stimulus money to address these concerns is available through a competitive grant process. Council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to hire Simmering-Cory from Clear Lake, Iowa to submit an application for the CDBG on the city's behalf and to provide a 15% local match for this sanitary sewer project. Ayes: 4.

Council briefly discussed the concrete dump site which is nearly full. Council member Gearhart indicated that there is one strip of ground that can be filled and then council will need to make a decision on the future of the dump site.

Council member Gearhart moved, McAteer seconded, to adopt resolution #8-2009.5 setting a public hearing for 6/11/09 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers on a loan agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the purchase of a tractor. Ayes: McAteer, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Nays: none.

The review/consideration of the adult entertainment ordinance was tabled until the 6/11/09 meeting.

Council member McAteer moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the third reading and to adopt ordinance #252 "AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSTIAON FOR THE MAYOR". Ayes: McAteer, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Nays: none.

Council member McLeland moved, seconded by McAteer, to approve the third reading and to adopt ordinance #253 "AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSTIAON FOR THE COUNCIL". Ayes: McAteer, Gearhart, Lynch, McLeland. Nays: none.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:39 PM.