

May 23, 2005

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 05/23/05 at the Conrad Municipal Building. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gearhart motioned and Lynch seconded to approve a liquor license for E & E Properties LLC, D/B/A - RJ's Lounge. Ayes – 5. Gearhart motioned and Callaway seconded to approve an outdoor service area for this same liquor license application. Ayes – 4; Nays – 1.

Council discussed the comparison between the revolving loan fund that the Grundy County Development Alliance is applying for and the Business Interest Buy-Down Program that the Conrad Development Corporation has adopted. It was determined that they are two different programs, governed by two different bodies, and that it could be possible for a business in Conrad to apply for both programs. After this discussion Lynch motioned, Gearhart seconded, that if the grant was awarded the city would commit a one time \$1000 contribution, from Local Option Sales Tax, to the Grundy County Development Alliance as matching funds toward the revolving loan program. Ayes – 5.

Doug Benjamin and Brad Murty were present to discuss with Council the 125th Celebration scheduled for June 10-12, 2005. They discussed the financial status for the celebration, and asked council to consider a donation of \$5000 toward the event. Council expressed their desire to become a “sponsor” of the event and to make a donation. Gearhart motioned and Lynch seconded to become a major sponsor of the 125th Celebration with a financial contribution from Local Option Sales Tax funds of \$3750. Ayes – 5.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk