

July 13, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 07/13/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman and Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted.

Schleisman moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the following consent items: minutes from the 06/08/06 & 06/27/06 council meetings; clerks financial report for June 2006; payment of claims totaling \$108,531.15; contract with the Animal Rescue League for the purpose of confining stray animals; acceptance/settlement agreement for cigarette violations; award contract to ABC Seamless for Moeller rehab project. 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	Landmark, audio books	223.00
ADI Internet, tech work	75.00	Lee Mowing, mow	1558.50
Advanced Water Tech, chemical	544.14	Library Petty Cash, misc.	116.96
Alliant, utilities	8574.00	Mary Engelbreits, subscription	19.95
Apex, supplies	247.97	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	84.19
BDL, labor	712.50	Joan Mohr, refund	17.91
Bob's Farm Center, fuel/lawn care	911.50	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Jordan Case, reimburse	3.72	Myers-Cox, concession exp	1073.62
Casey's, gas	256.20	Operation Threshold, allocation	250.00
Central IA Library Services, workshop	36.00	Josh Overstake, refund	22.10
Cessford, rock	67.40	Oxmoor House, book	34.56
Chemical Dependency, allocation	750.00	Chad Palmer, refund	37.73
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	74.02	Pepsi, concession exp	127.75
Conrad Cemetery, allocation	1000.00	Platinum Plus, misc.	437.69
Conrad Foods, supplies	153.53	Premier Office Equip., maintenance	115.00
Consumer Reports, subscription	26.00	Psychology Today, subscription	15.96
Des Moines Register, subscription	195.00	The Record, publications	300.30
Diamond Vogel, paint	162.34	State Library, EBSCO host	56.65
Nick Eckerman, mowing	105.00	State of Iowa Treasurer, sales tax	614.49
Shaelynn Farnsworth, reimburse	127.73	Al Stewart, mileage reimburse	14.24
First National, library exp	327.96	Strustructure Architects, library project	36,078.72
Follet Software, barcodes	85.76	Test America, lab	295.92
Grundy County Landfill, fees	962.67	Times-Republican, subscription	144.20
Grundy Co. Library Assoc., dues	30.00	Toyne, fire truck repairs	2151.60
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4125.83	Turkle, consulting work	153.00
Chris Harris, reimburse	50.00	US Postmaster, postage	113.76
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	315.53	Diane Vanderlinden, refund	3.81
Hygienic Labs, lab	45.00	Wartburg College, workshop	20.50
Ingram Books, books	1600.73	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4442.20
INRCOG, dues	1943.10	Brett Wood, refund	2.20
IA DNR, annual fee	127.93	Woosley Construction, concrete work	4050.00
Iowa League, dues	513.00	Sam Wright, refund	3.57
Iowa One Call, locates	24.30	Wages, 06-09-06 to 07-13-06	30,547.16
Kibby Service, service	633.30		
Ladehoff Lawn Care, mow	350.00	Totals Claims	\$108,531.15

Expenses per fund: General \$48,097.29; Road Use Tax \$5042.17; Employee Benefit \$2643.63; LOST \$4442.20; Library Project \$36,078.72; Water \$5015.45; Sewer \$7211.69.

June 2006 receipts per fund: General \$24,394.06; RUT \$6514.22; Employee Benefits \$158.54; LOST \$5226.12; TIF \$1290.69; Debt Service \$3921.02; Library Building Project \$900.00; Water \$966.46; Sewer \$1045.05.

Dorothy King reported that the Library Foundation was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Alexander Trust. With this grant, the \$20,000 McElroy grant, and another \$10,871 in private donations, the challenge by Vision Iowa to raise \$75,000 by August has been met. King also noted that they had not yet received a response from the Carver Foundation application in the amount of \$60,000. Total library contributions stand at \$961,433 and they are currently \$39,000 from meeting their \$1,000,000 match.

An update on the design of the new library building was presented by Dan Channer and Mike Brocka, Strustructure Architects. The design work is approximately 60% complete with a few details to be resolved. Points of discussion were as follows:

- The building is being designed with a sloped rubber roof. The fall is approximately 1/4" – 3/8" for every 1 foot span. The specifications will call for a 60 mil membrane with a 20 year warranty; however, an alternate will be included to bid a 90 mil membrane with a 30 year warranty. After discussion council asked Dan Channer to look at increasing the slope. They also discussed the warranty details.
- Council requested that outlets be installed on the exterior of the building. Architects will work with Bruce Marble on the specific locations and sizes.
- Soil tests indicate that the site may need to be excavated to remove the fill and replace with compacted soil. It is councils desire to hire an independent soil engineer to make this determination.
- How to meet the existing roof lines on the buildings to the north and south of the new library

was discussed.

- Much discussion revolved around the heating and cooling system. Lennox Industries have donated units from their “scratch and dent” stock. These units would not carry warranty, but Lennox will typically replace the units if the new pieces fail. The units must be bid and installed by an authorized Lennox dealer. The option of using geothermal cooling and heating in the new facility was also discussed. Mike Brocka explained different options available to install a geothermal system. Brocka indicated that in his opinion there was not enough land to use the most favorable option; however, he will be contacting other sources, including Alliant Energy, to discuss potential possibilities.
- Mayor Sharp requested that Structure Architects provide a timeline for the project.

Dan Channer brought up the question of who would be in charge of making decisions during the project construction. After discussion Council agreed that a representative from the Library Board and a representative from the City Council would make joint decision on the library project. Gary Stattler moved to appoint Lowell Schleisman as the Council’s representative with authority to approve minor change orders up to \$5000. Gary Stattler is the alternate if Lowell is not available. Lynch seconded the motion; carried unanimously. Mayor Sharp requested the Library Board be prepared to give the name of their representative at the July 20, 2006 special council meeting.

Concerns on the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended size restrictions for front entrances were heard. Council tabled setting a public hearing on the recommendation and agreed to a joint discussion with the Planning and Zoning Commission at the July 20th, 2006 special council meeting.

Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance #239 Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Callaway, Stattler. Nays: none. (Note: Bill Gearhart stepped out for a short time)

Stattler then moved to waive the third reading of Ordinance #239, Schleisman seconded. Ayes: Stattler, Callaway, Schleisman, Lynch. Nays: none.

Schleisman moved to adopt Ordinance #239 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 114 OF THE CONRAD CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERTAINING TO CABLE TELEVISION REGULATIONS”. Stattler seconded the motion. Ayes: Callaway, Stattler, Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none.

Under City Departments Gearhart reported that street repair estimates were being solicited. He also mentioned that consideration needs to be given to the storm sewer in the alleyway by the Pharmacy. The potential storm water from the new library may require an additional storm sewer intake.

In the essence of time Items 8b and 9 were tabled until a meeting tentatively scheduled for 8/24/06.

Mayor Sharp and Council Member Stattler briefed council on their meeting with Sheriff Rick Penning. Sheriff Penning indicated that he was willing to have extra patrol in Conrad, at varied times of the day, especially when school was back in session. A portable speed sign will be placed at the pool and other area’s as requested. They also discussed a device that can be placed in the street that would record traffic patterns, type of vehicles, speed of traffic, and other information.

It was reported that the sheriff’s office would enforce the J-turn violations on Main Street as long as double yellow lines were painted, signage was installed alerting motorist of the law, and there was a public campaign to let people know that it was our intent to enforce the law. He also suggested that cones be temporarily placed down the center of Main Street to help educate motorists that they should not cross the double yellow lines.

Stattler moved to adopt Resolution # 115-7.08 “A Resolution adding a roll-out Stop Sign near the elementary school at approximately the intersection of Dwight and Lillian Street, while school is in session, between the hours of 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM”. Lynch seconded the motion. Ayes: Stattler, Lynch, Schleisman. Nays: Callaway, Gearhart. Motion carried. Stattler reported that school personnel would be responsible for placing the sign each day.

Mayor Sharp reminded council of the required NIMS training, and about the joint meeting with the Community Development Committee, Thursday, July 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk