

July 13, 2009

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 07/13/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Deb McAteer, and Sue McLeland. Absent: Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved upon removing item 3d from the consent agenda. McLeland moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 06/11/09 council meeting; June 2009 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$177,186.35; Cigarette permit for RJ's Lounge. Ayes: 4.

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

A & B Construction, rehab contract	19,650.00	Kiplinger's, periodical	23.95
A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Ladies Home Journal	16.97
Alliant, utilities	6,767.90	Ledford Tree, removal	275.00
Alltel, cell phones	74.69	Lee Mowing, mowing	1,773.00
American Girl, periodical	22.95	Dustin Lenz, sidewalk incentive	352.00
Atlantic, periodical	29.95	Library Journal, periodical	157.99
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	697.80	Petty Cash, library	198.83
Beautiful Cards, periodical	24.95	Marvel Comics, periodical	24.97
Jason Beeghly, reimburse	355.78	Men's Fitness, periodical	10.00
Birds & Bloom, periodical	16.98	Micro Marketing, audio visual	85.46
Dave Blackburn, mowing	117.00	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel	61.57
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	1,179.25	Midwest Breathing, inspection	423.87
Carl's Electric, repairs	357.89	Midwest Group Benefits, fee	250.00
CID, supplies	203.05	Moler Sanitation, services	135.00
CJ Thompson, programming	11.82	Money, periodical	39.95
Conrad Auto, supplies	51.96	Monkeytown, supply	69.98
Conrad Cemetery, allocation	2,000.00	Municipal Pipe Tool, jetting	2,077.69
Chamber-Main Street, dues	50.00	Municipal Street, seal coat	25,216.05
Conrad Tire & Auto, repairs	129.20	Myers-Cox, concession	722.44
Consumer Reports, periodical	26.00	NADA, periodical	72.00
Country, periodical	10.96	NEILA, neighbors database	300.00
David Daugherty, SLP	130.00	Operation Threshold, allocation	500.00
Des Moines Stamp, ink	9.00	Penworthy, books	499.87
Diamond Vogel, street paint	265.38	People Weekly, periodical	49.95
Discover, periodical	24.95	Pool Tech, parts	81.34
Electric Supply, supplies	177.13	Premier Office, contract	154.00
Family Fun, periodical	16.95	Psychology Today, periodical	15.97
Family Handyman, periodical	24.98	Real Simple, periodical	23.94
Farm & Ranch, periodical	14.98	The Record, publication	163.05
First National, library exp	758.89	Red Book, periodical	21.37
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Leah Runge, mowing	315.00
Grundy Co. Library Assoc., dues	30.00	Ryken Engineering, deck design	880.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	Scrapbooking & Beyond, periodical	19.97
Hanzelka Truck, battery	107.52	Seventeen, periodical	14.97
Hawkins, chemical	1,139.52	Inez Slinker, reimbursement	55.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	374.32	Soap Opera Digest, periodical	20.48
Hobart Sales, supplies	54.58	Sports Ill, periodical	35.96
Home Rental, trash pumps	3,230.00	State Library, database	56.65
Hometown Foods, pool exp	369.39	State of Iowa, W/H	636.00
Hot Rod Magazine, periodical	14.97	State of Iowa, sales tax	781.50
Denise Hoy, mileage	112.30	Test America, lab	266.49
Hygienic Lab, lab	54.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	15.00
Ingram, books	1,271.37	Times Republican, periodical	155.60
IRS, federal W/H	5,577.90	Titan Machinery, tractor	57,798.00
Iowa DNR, permit	127.45	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,987.22
Iowa League of Cities, dues	579.00	Zehr Enterprises, services	65.00
Iowa One Call, locates	44.10	Wages, 06/12/09 to 07/13/09	24,659.50
IPERS, W/H	1,497.24	Totals Claims	\$177,186.35

Expenses per fund: General \$103,912.18; Road Use Tax \$30,838.10; Employee Benefits \$3,024.85; LOST \$4,987.22; Designated Grants \$3,230.00; 08 Housing Project \$19,705.00; Water \$4,544.05; Sewer \$6,944.95. June 2009 receipts per fund: General \$21,085.92; RUT \$6,926.34; Employee Benefits \$361.20; LOST \$5,867.32; TIF \$324.11; Debt Service \$1,558.64; Water \$850.29; Sewer \$1,532.89; Storm Water Utility \$151.64. Total \$38,658.35.

Gary Boyle, 113 Duesenberg Drive, Conrad, voiced concerns about water run off from the field north of his home that has caused damage to his garden and yard on four different occasions this year. Council discussed that the waterways in the field had recently been reshaped and seeded; however, the continued rains have wash the seed away. Council instructed Clerk Hoy to contact city engineer, Gary Sindelar, to examine the area and provide possible solutions to correct the problem.

Gearhart moved, second by McAteer, to appoint Audrey Kuhl and John Matney to the Library Board of Trustees, terms expiring 6/30/2013. Ayes: 4.

An email from Gary Mauer, Grundy County Engineer, indicated that the Grundy County Board of Supervisors denied council's request to include the paving of Center Street to the South Main Street Bridge in this year's North Main Street Paving Project. The south section of road will be considered in the County's two to three year plan. City Public Works will properly patch the worst sections until it can be repaved.

Gearhart presented a quote from C & C Concrete to pour an 8 foot concrete path in the alleyway off of Boyd Street between the properties of 108 Boyd and 601 N. Main. The path will lead to the shelter house and continue from the shelter house to the bath house. This is a result of the Navigating Conrad Sidewalk Committee recommendation and will provide a safer route for bikes and walkers going to and from Reunion Park and the Family Aquatic Center. After discussion it was determined that a 6 foot path would be sufficient and that a new quote should be secured. Council also instructed Clerk Hoy to contact the Park Board for comments/recommendations on the sidewalk layout.

Council agreed to proceed with plans for a yard waste composting site. Residents will be encouraged to bring loose (no bags) grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste to the fenced in area near the city maintenance building for composting. The site will be open from 9 am to Noon on Saturday mornings, in conjunction with the volunteer recycling center, or by appointment by calling City Hall. The site is tentatively scheduled to be open beginning Saturday, August 1.

Council discussed the current street closing ordinance 60.08. It was determined that because timing is often an issue, the Mayor and/or City Administrator should have the authority to grant street closing request rather than by formal action of the City Council. An amendment to the ordinance will be presented at the regular August council meeting.

Lynch moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 254 entitled "Adult-Oriented Establishment Regulations". Gearhart seconded to approve the reading and Mayor Sharp called for roll. Ayes: McLeland, Lynch, Gearhart, McAteer. Citizens can read the ordinance by requesting a copy from the City Clerk or by logging onto www.conrad.govoffice.org and clicking on New/Pending Ordinances. The second reading of the ordinance will be placed on the August council meeting agenda.

With no further business evident, meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk