

July 20, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 07/20/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, Lowell Schleisman and Gary Stattler. Absent: Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch. 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.

Discussion with the Conrad Community Development Committee took place regarding housing development opportunities. There are currently 12 of the 25 lots left in Wolf Creek Estates Phase II. The lots are being advertised in several sources, and history shows that about 4 lots per year are sold. It was the consensus of the group that we are approximately 1 to 2 years out before we consider land acquisition for a new housing development.

Also discussed was the commercial/industrial site. A study was done a few years ago on how it could be made more marketable; it seemed to be cost prohibitive. The Development Committee will continue to seek and study possibilities for industrial site opportunities.

Carol Schmitz presented council with a Development Committee financial report. It was suggested that funds from future lot sale be set aside for new development. Council agreed to make a formal decision on this suggestion at the next regular council meeting.

Under Library Update, the council received a reference list of clients using EPDM low slope roofing system. City Clerk Hoy reported that sample warranty information on the roofing materials was received and passed on, by email, to council members. Mayor Sharp mentioned that the soil boring report was received and is being reviewed. Blythe reported that Nancy Olson is the official contact person from the Library Board for the project, with Kevin Barkema and Jamie Willett being first and second alternates.

Lowell Schleisman presented notes regarding Geo Thermal at the new library building. According to the information received a Geo Thermal application may be feasible, however, council would like to see energy consumption comparisons from Alliant Energy. Schleisman will continue to work with Structure Architects on the Geo Thermal information.

Discussion on the zoning regulations for front decks took place; however, action was deferred until the entire council can be present.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk