

August 09, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08/09/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Shauna Callaway, Lowell Schleisman. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as amended by pulling item 3d, Animal Rescue League contract, off the consent agenda and tabling it until the September meeting. Stattler moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 07/12/07 & 07/27/07 council meetings; July 2007 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$204,464.42; Appointment of Sherry Hughes to the Board of Adjustment to fill an unexpired term; Street closing request by LeAnn Lynch for 8/10/07.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Kibby Service, repair	94.00
Alliant, utilities	13,546.48	Ladehoff Landscaping, lawn care	2195.00
Dustin Blackburn, mowing	156.00	Lerner Publications, books	117.93
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	422.67	Library Petty Cash, misc.	198.98
Book Look, books	89.85	Martin Marietta Ag, sand	467.72
Capstone Press, books	423.60	Micro Marketing, books	72.95
Car & Driver, periodical	16.00	Midwest Breathing, annual air test	395.33
Carroll Distributing, ADA pavers	740.00	Midwest Living, periodical	19.97
Casey's, gas	326.29	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	70.28
Cessford, cold patch	219.60	Moler Sanitation, services	90.00
Concrete Inc., concrete	1036.58	Monkeytown, supply	117.98
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	38.76	Myers-Cox, candy	626.19
Conrad Tire, tire	24.70	Nevada Monument, giving wall	4575.00
Nick Eckerman, mow	105.00	NE Iowa Inspections, pool	418.00
First National Bank, library items	285.27	NE Iowa Library, NEIBORS project	275.00
Thomas Gale, reference	328.25	Oak Estates, Farmer grant	34000.00
Garling Construction, library project	82,840.00	Paper Made Easy, periodical	19.97
Gearhart Co, repairs	681.33	Pepsi America, pool	305.60
Gehrke Quarries, lime	106.93	Petty Cash, misc.	18.93
Glamour, periodical	18.00	Pizza Ranch, concessions	72.49
Grundy Co. Landfill, fees	962.67	Platinum Plus, training/supply	235.99
Grundy Co. Library Assoc., dues	30.00	Premier, library contract/supply	130.85
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4436.08	Psychology Today, periodical	15.95
Hanzelka Service, repairs	637.08	The Record, publications	161.33
Hauser Implement, parts	160.71	Ryken Engineering, engineering	320.00
Hawkins, chemical	1160.25	Jana Smith, mileage	21.36
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	328.61	State Treasurer, sales tax	1568.54
Hometown Foods, supply	90.63	Terracon, soil test	5200.50
Ingram, books & supplies	721.49	Test America, lab	258.30
Innovative Communication, maintenance	420.00	US Postmaster, postage	73.60
INRCOG, dues	1953.65	Union Auto, mud flaps	52.50
Iowa DNR, NPDES permit	210.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4362.52
Iowa One Call, locates	12.60	Wosley Construction, labor	634.00
Dave Juchems, July mileage	17.46	Wages, 06-15-07 to 07-12-07	31,806.37
KB Underground, repairs	2886.00	Totals Claims	\$204,464.42

Expenses per fund: General \$75,728.60; Road Use Tax \$8372.20; Employee Benefit \$2672.61; LOST \$4362.52; Library Bldg Project \$97,513.18; Water \$8522.43; Sewer \$7292.88. July 2007 receipts per fund: General \$56,289.62; RUT \$7223.64; Employee Benefits \$193.73; LOST \$5132.37; TIF \$1499.04; Debt Service \$578.47; 04 Housing Rehab \$9964.00; Library Building Project \$26,334.00; Water \$12,734.54; Sewer \$33,197.34. Total \$153,146.75.

Due to an illness in Dan Aastrup's family, the Rural Iowa Waste Management landfill discussion was tabled until the September 2007 meeting.

Council member Gearhart moved and Stattler seconded to authorize Mayor Gregg Sharp to enter into an amended and substituted landfill agreement with Grundy County Landfill dated 08/09/07. Ayes – 3.

Department Reports:

- Gary Sindelar, City Engineer, and Brad Murty, Park Board Member, presented plans to renovate and blacktop a portion of the Comet Trail near the pool area. Estimates to do the work were \$25,000, unless city personnel did some of the excavating of rock and dirt. Council member Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to authorize Gary Sindelar to obtain two quotes from Cessford Construction for the work – one with the city doing the excavating, and one with Cessford doing the entire project including the excavating.

Ayes – 3.

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- Sindelar reported that a sand wedge has been built in the drying bed to help with the drainage of sludge. City personnel reported that it appears the bed is drying better, and they will continue to monitor the drainage.
- After a speaker phone conversation with Tim Jones from Struxture Architects, council approved two change orders for the library project. Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to approve a change order authorizing the cost to camera two existing sewer laterals at the new library site. Ayes – 3. Council members Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to approve a change order in the amount of \$883 to route the 6” overflow roof drain above the janitor’s closet through the ceiling to the northeast corner of the Genealogy room, and to install an interior chase and discharge at exterior grade of the building. Ayes – 3.
- The City Finance Committee recommended granting the Fire Department \$10,000 towards the purchase of the “grass quick attack unit”. After applying the Alexander Charitable Trust grant, city’s contribution, and fire reserves, the department will need to raise an additional \$8460 to purchase the unit.

Council reviewed and discussed the agreement for exchange of real estate between the City, GTR Inc, and the Conrad Development Corporation Inc. After discussion Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to adopt resolution 116-07.08 setting a public hearing on the intent to dispose of the current library building for August 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM in council chambers. Ayes- Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler. Nays- none.

Council authorized City Clerk Hoy to contact Simmering-Cory about applying for a new round of housing rehab funds.

Council member Gearhart moved, seconded by Lynch, to terminate the cash rent agreement with the renter of city owned farm ground for 2008, and to properly notify the renter of the termination on or before 8/31/07. Ayes – 3.

Gregg Sharp, LeAnn Lynch, and Bill Gearhart reported that they had contacted BCLUW, Oakwood Golf Course, and the American Legion about the possibilities of using their facilities for emergency shelters. Further agreements will be discussed in the future.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:50 PM.

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk