

August 22, 2005

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08/22/05 at the Conrad Municipal Building. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Shauna Callaway, Al Stewart, and LeAnn Lynch. Bill Gearhart arrived at 8:00 PM. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Brad Murty and Denny Lynch, Conrad Park Board, explained to council budget overages and revenue shortfall for Fiscal Year 2005. Murty indicated that a cool, wet summer last year contributed to low daily admission revenues. They also explained that staff wages and utility rates had increased causing impact on the expenses.

The Park Board asked council to consider changing the current city ordinance requiring that Park Board members be elected to appointed positions. Lynch motioned to have an ordinance drawn up changing the elected Park Board membership to an appointed membership. The board will remain a 7 member board with the option of having up to two rural Conrad members. The terms of the board will go from 4 years to 3 years. Stewart seconded the motion and roll was as follows. Ayes – Stewart, Callaway, Lynch. Nays – Barger.

Murty also expressed the Park Board desire to appoint Nathan Farnsworth to fill the unexpired term for Joel Danielson. Danielson moved from Conrad and can no longer serve on the Board. Barger motioned and Lynch seconded to appoint Nathan Farnsworth to the Park Board to fill Danielson's unexpired term, and instructed the city clerk to publish notice of this appointment and inform the citizens of their right to file a petition requesting a special election. Ayes – 4. Nays – none.

Katherine Ollendieck, Advance Development Services, Dysart, Iowa, presented council with an update on the Vision Iowa Grant application. The application is due by October 1, 2005 but she hopes to get it turned in mid September. She was very optimistic about the grant and indicated that the local donations and pledges being made to the Library Foundation will look very good on the application. She told council that they should receive an answer about being funded by the first of January. Council also discussed with Ollendieck the Carver and McElroy grants. Barger motioned and Lynch seconded to hire Ollendieck to write applications for both the Carver and McElroy grants at the cost of \$1500. Ayes – 4. Nays – none.

Council reviewed an Action and Implementation Plan for the 2005 Strategic Plan. They will study the Action & Implementation steps and consider it for adoption at the Sept 12, 2005 regular meeting.

Gearhart discussed the sewer plant and options for repairing or replacing the liner that is damaged in the sludge drying bed. Council referred to their action plan and set a target date for the engineer to submit written reports to council on the drying bed for December 12, 2005.

The equipment committee discussed equipment options. They are currently considering a second plow truck, and a dump box for the city's current truck. They asked Bruce to line up someone to take the street sweeper to Eddy Walker for repairs, and to make arrangements to haul the old Chevy pickup truck off for junk. Clerk Hoy was instructed to place an ad in the Cityscape for the maintainer.

Under other business council discussed the need for a four way stop at the intersection of Main Street and Grundy Avenue. It will be further discussed at the next regular meeting.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk