

August 24, 2006

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 08/24/06 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Lowell Schleisman. Absent: Shauna Callaway, and Gary Stattler. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Library update was moved to the front of the agenda and the following topics were discussed:

- The Library Building Committee members are: Jami Willett, Nancy Olson, Dorothy King, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. It was agreed that the City Clerk, as the official record keeper, should be included on all correspondence, including e-mail messages.
- Work drawings on the new library building were presented to council and briefly reviewed. The Building Committee discussed a few details including the corridor extending to the east end of the building creating an exit, display case locations for revolving collections, and the door in the children's area being an emergency exit only.
- Funding being set aside for a donor wall. Cost of the wall has not yet been determined.
- It is desirable to bid the project this fall and to complete the foundation before winter. A phone conference scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 1:00 PM in the City Clerks Office with the Weidt Group and the building committee to discuss energy efficiencies in the new building will help council to determine whether to consider Geothermal for heating and cooling of the new building. Once that has been determined, final plans and specs can be approved, and bids sought.
- Bill Gearhart will be checking with Bruce Marble on the status of electrical outlets on the outside of the new library building.
- Nancy Olson reported that T.J. Johnsrud has contacted Tim Jones, Struxture Architects, about his adjoining roof line, and roofing details will be forwarded to SPF for their Board to review. Bill Gearhart has contacted Gary Sindelar regarding water run-off from the roof and storm sewer issues.

Council member Schleisman moved and Gearhart seconded to contract services with Jeff Obretch for a commercial appraisal on the existing library building. The appraisal is estimated to cost \$750-\$1000 and will take place the end of September-first of October. Ayes: 3.

Water meter swap out and a data base to track sump pumps, curb stops, etcetera was discussed. City personnel Nick Kitzman and Bruce Marble were asked to develop a plan to replace meters over a period of time. City Clerk Denise Hoy will be working with Kitzman and Marble to document the plan. The goal is to present preliminary ideas to the Water Committee for approval by September 6, and then present finalized plans to the entire council for approval at the September 14<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

Council member Gearhart informed council that he is working with contractors to get estimates on installing a water line, and electric service to the sludge drying bed. Handrails will be built and installed by city personnel.

Council member Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 240 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO U-TURNS". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch. Nays: none.

Because the Grundy County Landfill meetings are the same evening as City Council meetings, Mayor Sharp appointed David Juchems as the official Landfill Representative for Conrad. Council member Schleisman moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the appointment. Ayes: 3.

Mayor Sharp indicated that there are interested persons in filling the Board of Adjustment vacancies; however, appointments would not be made at this meeting. Clerk Hoy was instructed to research the Code of Iowa on the composition of the Board of Adjustments.

With no further business evident, Council adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk