

September 10, 2009

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 09/10/09 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, Deb McAteer, Sue McLeland and 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 as posted. Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 08/13/09 council meeting; August 2009 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$58,346.73; Transfer resolution #15-2009.9; Resolution adopting FY2009 Street Finance Report #16-2009.9; Animal Rescue League Contract; Liquor permit for American Legion; Wine permit for Something to Share. Ayes: 5.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	40.50	Ingram, books	623.25
AEA 267, supplies	235.33	IRS, federal W/H	4,138.55
Alliant, utilities	8,867.13	Iowa Codification, code	217.50
Alltel, cell phones	75.10	Iowa DNR, permit	135.00
American Patchwork, periodical	24.97	IPERS, W/H	1,549.04
American Red Cross, fees	117.00	Ladehoff Lawn Care, lawn care	445.00
Avenet, annual web site hosting	396.00	Petty Cash, library	171.34
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	496.73	Micro-Marketing, AV	85.96
Better Homes & Gardens, periodical	12.84	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel/battery	390.05
Dave Blackburn, mowing	97.00	Modern Bride, periodical	9.95
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	317.64	Moler Sanitation, services	145.00
Brown Supply Co, supplies	1,479.50	Monkeytown, supply	44.86
Card Makers, periodical	17.95	Municipal Supply, meter parts	753.75
CID, supplies	257.30	Myers-Cox, concession	140.18
Cessford, cold patch	740.40	NE Iowa Inspections, pool inspection	418.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	368.43	NE Iowa Library, conference	20.00
Conrad Chamber-Main St, grant	2,500.00	Premier Office, contract	154.00
Conrad Tire & Auto, tires	390.50	Radio Communications, radios	223.62
Cuisine at Home, periodical	24.00	The Record, publication	501.34
Diamond Vogel, paint	82.45	Leah Runge, mowing	105.00
Dorsey & Whitney, legal	2,548.98	Spin, periodical	7.95
Electric Supply, supplies	67.79	St. Lukes, testing	36.00
Family Circle, periodical	19.98	State of Iowa, W/H	550.00
First National, library exp	458.22	State of Iowa, sales tax	61.56
Sarah German, travel	35.00	Test America, lab	274.89
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	Union Library, SLP	65.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,728.25	US Postmaster, rent	60.00
Grundy Co. Hospital, testing	21.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,905.89
Hanzelka Truck, battery	117.27	Wages, 08/14/09 to 09/10/09	17,170.67
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	331.12	Totals Claims	\$58,346.73

Expenses per fund: General \$33,694.32; Road Use Tax \$6,159.11; Employee Benefits \$2,484.14; LOST \$4,905.89; Water \$4,844.40; Sewer \$5,518.47; Storm Water \$740.40. August 2009 receipts per fund: General \$30,316.09; RUT \$7,881.46; Employee Benefits \$9.23; LOST \$5,867.32; Debt Service \$7.58; 08 Housing Rehab \$35,145.00 Water \$239.37; Sewer \$237.28; Storm Water Utility \$16.00. Total \$79,719.33.

Council member Gearhart moved, Lynch seconded, to appoint Dian Engle to the Museum Board to fill a vacancy - term to expire 12/31/2010. Ayes: 5.

Council member McLeland moved, McAteer seconded, to appoint Sharon Bruster to the Planning and Zoning Commission to fill a vacancy- term to expire 12/31/2011.

Council member Gearhart moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following housing rehabilitation contracts: 716 N. Main (Huntley) to S & J Installation in the amount of \$19,675.00; 210 N. Vernon (Smith) to S & J Installation in the amount of \$23,875.00; 204 N. Vernon (Frye) to A & B Construction in the amount of \$27,547.00 and Contract for same house for asbestos removal to Advanced Environmental in the amount of \$940.00. Ayes: 5.

Correspondence from Gary Sindelar, Ryken Engineering, regarding the storm water issue south of Duesenberg Drive informed council that surveys of the area are still being conducted, and a new intake grate that will allow a larger capacity of water flow will be installed in the retention area of the dike. Once the surveys are complete Sindelar will determine if further grading is necessary. The area will continue to be monitored to see if further solutions should be implemented.

Mayor Sharp reported that the area for the alleyway paving project had been measured and flagged, which lead to a price change from the last council meeting. Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to approve hiring C & C Concrete to complete the job based on their quote of \$13,197.50 (plus cost of a bike rack) for a 6 foot wide concrete path in the alleyway off Boyd Street between the properties of 108 Boyd and 601 N. Main. The path will lead to the bath house / bike rack and will provide a paved walkway to the shelter house. Ayes: 5.

Council reviewed a written summary regarding a new a new grass-fire attack unit that the Conrad Fire Department (CFD) is proposing to buy. Three options were discussed. Previously, leadership at the CFD indicated a preference for a new Ford F550 chassis and grass-fire attack unit at an estimated cost of \$97,800. Currently the CFD has raised funds through grants and donations of \$72,038. The Conrad City Finance Committee also recommended council contribute \$10,000 of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) funds towards the unit, making the available funds \$82,038. Further resources for grants and funding are being considered.

Council member Stattler moved, McLeland seconded, to begin cardboard recycling at the city's volunteer drop site. Moler Sanitation will provide a 4 yard container at the cost of \$40 per month and will dump it each Wednesday. Ayes: 5.

Mayor Sharp set Trick or Treat Night for October 31, 2009 from 5-7 pm.

With no further business evident, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk