

September 13, 2007

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 09/13/07 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members Shauna Callaway, LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Bill Gearhart. Mayor Gregg Sharp called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved as posted. Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 08/09/07 & 08/23/07 council meetings; August 2007 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$204,438.29; An agreement between the Animal Rescue League and the City of Conrad; Resolution #118-2007.9 authorizing payment of regular monthly obligations; Native wine permit for Something to Share; Beer and wine permit for Carol's Restaurant; Acknowledged a building permit from Roger Aneweer. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	38.75	Iowa One Call, locates	26.10
Advanced Water Tech, chemicals	754.81	Logan Jackley, WSI reimburse	126.00
Alliant, utilities	7741.49	Dave Juchems, Aug mileage	15.52
Alltel, cell phones	74.70	LGI, lab	27.15
American Patchwork, periodical	24.97	Library Petty Cash, misc.	143.77
American Red Cross, fees	153.00	Anna Martin, WSI reimburse	51.00
Audio Adventures, audio books	30.00	Mary Engelbreits, periodical	19.95
Avenet, annual web hosting	360.00	Menards, supply	38.74
Beaman Library, SLP	39.40	Mid Iowa Coop, diesel	95.00
Andrea Benson, lifeguard cert	75.00	Modern Bride, periodical	9.95
Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13	Moler Sanitation, services	208.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	466.33	MES, BCERT supply	2312.00
Casey's, gas	207.18	Municipal Supply, meter wire	160.27
CID, supplies	199.00	National Geo, periodical	19.95
Central IA Lib., workshop	16.00	Newsweek, periodical	23.00
CNH Capital, parts	43.86	NEIL, seminar	20.00
Conrad Auto Supply, supplies	16.12	Pepsi, concession	102.06
Conrad Tire, tire & repairs	828.00	Petty Cash, misc.	20.68
Consumer Reports, periodical	26.00	Platinum Plus, training/supply	430.14
Country, periodical	19.98	Kurt Polley, refund	59.84
Chris Crawford, private lesson	1.00	Premier, library contract/supply	471.00
Demco, library supply	86.70	Public Safety Center, BCERT supply	145.40
Diamond Vogel, paint	166.05	Ranger Rick, periodical	19.95
Mary Eckerman, private lesson	1.00	The Record, publications	214.03
Nick Eckerman, mow	140.00	Rolling Stone, periodical	15.97
Electric Supply, bulbs	151.67	State Treasurer, sales tax	107.67
Everyday Food, periodical	33.00	Steve's Plumbing, labor	65.51
Shaelynn Farnsworth, private lesson	1.00	Taste of Home, periodical	18.00
First National Bank, library items	579.99	Terracon, soil test	540.50
Garling Const., library project	143,302.75	Test America, lab	302.09
Glamour, periodical	16.00	Katelin Tiernan, WSI reimburse	126.00
Grundy Co. Landfill, fees	962.67	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	30.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4436.08	US Postmaster, postage	188.94
Hawkins, chemical	292.30	Viasys, supply	12.76
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	332.23	Heather Webb, refund	52.09
Hometown Foods, supply	128.66	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4693.92
Denise Hoy, reimbursement	24.90	Betty Wood, reimburse	50.00
Sam Hoy, WSI reimbursement	50.00	Jennifer Yantis, clean	20.00
IMFOA, fall conference	50.00	Wages, 08-10-07 to 09-13-07	30,946.25
Ingram, books & supplies	276.37		
ILA, conference	347.00	Totals Claims	\$204,438.29

Expenses per fund: General \$33,960.42; Road Use Tax \$6986.39; Employee Benefit \$2603.79; LOST \$4693.92; Library Bldg Project \$143,843.25; Water \$5902.43; Sewer \$6448.09. August 2007 receipts per fund: General \$20,400.54; RUT \$7724.18; LOST \$5132.38; Library Building Project \$3694.58; Water \$3749.42; Sewer \$4292.33. Total \$44,993.43.

Stattler moved and Lynch seconded to table discussion on the proposal to develop a "Tree Board" until Kerry Carson, or someone from the Main Street Design Committee, can be present to make a presentation and answer questions. Ayes: 4.

After discussion Council member Lynch moved and Schleisman seconded to designate the Rural Iowa Waste Management Association as Conrad's official landfill. Ayes: 4.

Council member Stattler introduced resolution #119-2007.9 "A resolution adopting the proposed comprehensive plan update amendment as the comprehensive solid waste reduction plan of the City of Conrad". Schleisman seconded and roll was as follows: Ayes-Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway; Nays - none.

Engineer Gary Sindelar reported that he received an informal quote from Cessford Construction on the Comet Trail renovations. After discussion Council member Stattler moved and Callaway seconded to approve quote #2, in the amount of \$18,528.53, from Cessford Construction for the asphalt overlay on a small portion of the trail, subject to the Conrad Park Board's approval. Ayes: 4. City personnel will be doing the grade work for the project.

Council discussed the water line leak on Center Street in front of Casey's General Store. Due to the nature of the leak, and the fact that it could not be precisely identified, the existing line was abandoned. A new line from Alice Street running west to the rear of Casey's General Store was installed. The city incurred expenses from the tap at the main to, and including, a new curb stop. Casey's incurred expenses from the curb stop to their building, including re-routing interior plumbing. Because the new line was the best practical solution, the city agreed to reimburse Casey's General Store \$2100 for the right to abandon the leaking line on Center Street.

Council also discussed the current water ordinance regarding ownership of water lines. After discussion council agreed to leave the current ordinance as it is.

Council member Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to approve change order #8 for the Library Project, deducting \$1000 for signage. Ayes: 4.

Council member Lynch moved and Stattler seconded to approve resolution #120-2007.9 "Approving the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Street Finance Report". Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

Council reviewed ordinance 69.07 stating that parking shall be prohibited within, or within 10 feet of an intersection of any street or alley. After discussion council instructed city personal to paint the curbs on Center Street next to the alleyway by NuCara Pharmacy and First State Bank, prohibiting parking in those areas.

Council member Stattler moved to adopt resolution #121-2007.9 "Designating the first two parking spots north of the alleyway next to the Post Office as 10 minute parking zones". Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler, Callaway. Nays: none.

Council member Gary Stattler is desirous of attending a grant writing workshop at Hawkeye Community College on October 30 & 31, 2007. Council member Schleisman moved and Lynch seconded to pay \$99 towards the \$149 registration fee for Gary Stattler. Ayes: 3. Abstaining due to conflict: Stattler.

Council discussed and resolved to develop and Emergency Plan for the City of Conrad. A special work session to discuss the plan is scheduled for October 8 at 7 PM in Council Chambers. Persons interested in the process are encouraged to attend.

The Finance Committee for the City recommended obtaining the services of Ruan Securities to assist us in securing financing for the Library Project. City Clerk Hoy was instructed to contact Jeff Heil with Ruan to schedule the proceedings.

Mayor Sharp set Trick or Treat night for October 31, 2007 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

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