

September 20, 2004

The Conrad City Council met in special session on 09/20/04 at the Conrad Municipal Building in council chambers. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Shauna Callaway, Bill Gearhart, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Also present was Library Board Members Kevin Barkema, Brian LaMothe, Jami Willett, Nancy, Olson, Dick Giese, Director Susan Blythe, Lowell Schleisman, Morris Langner, Jane Gallentine, City Clerk Denise Hoy, and correspondent Chuck Friend. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M

The Library Board discussed with Council the possibilities of a new Library Building. A needs assessment, performed by an outside party funded by grants, has shown that the current Library is four times too small to accommodate the current library programming. The Library Board has determined that a new building is the best way to address the library deficiencies. The Library Foundation has been named the recipient of a large private donation to purchase land and demolish existing buildings. The agreement in regards to the donation states that the Foundation has until 2010 to build a new library on the site, or the land will be either deeded to the City, or sold with proceeds going to the Library Foundation.

Council gave the Library Board permission to proceed with the acquisition of the property and to continue to study options for the new Library Building. A detailed report of structure and financing option is expected from the Library Board in the next couple of months.

With no further business evident, council adjourned the meeting in a motion at 8:30 pm.

Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk