

October 9, 2008

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 10/09/08 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Lowell Schleisman, Sue McLeland and Gary Stattler. Absent: Bill Gearhart. Also present: Mike Ashton, Robin Willets, JoAnn Klein, Gabe Stone, Rick Claassen, and Chuck Friend. 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. Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the following consent item: Minutes from the 9/11/08 & 9/25/08 council meetings; September 2008 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$64,594.13; Liquor License for Conrad Grove Recreation; Acknowledge building permits. Ayes: 4.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	39.50	IPERS, w/h	1,330.04
Alliant, utilities	7,377.47	Jesco, plow repairs	217.66
Alltel, cell phones	74.86	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mowing	410.00
American Red Cross, material	30.00	Library Petty Cash, misc.	135.40
Audio Adventures, audio books	107.98	Marshall Co. Extension, classes	110.00
Avnet LLC, web hosting	396.00	Van McKibben, dumpster	415.00
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	564.16	Michael Todd, supplies	400.73
Better Homes & Gardens, periodical	5.99	Mid-Iowa Coop, diesel	163.43
Susan Blythe, mileage	15.13	Midwest Group Benefits, flex	310.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel/ spray	2,661.83	Moler Sanitation, services	114.45
Book Look, books	132.90	Monkeytown, supplies	125.80
Center Point, books	149.56	NADA, periodical	78.00
Conrad Auto, supplies	95.20	National Geographics, periodical	19.95
Conrad Main Street, collected dues	1012.50	NE IA Inspection, pool	418.00
Country, periodical	10.00	PBS Home Video, library AV	185.71
Country Women, periodical	19.98	PC Magazine, periodical	29.97
Day Construction, repairs	15,320.72	Popular Woodworking, periodical	21.96
Demco, supplies	95.28	Premier Office Equipment, service	140.00
First National Bank, library items	382.07	Racom, battery	90.00
Follet Software, tech support	829.00	Radio Communications, radios	678.87
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	The Record, publication	326.39
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,568.33	Leah Runge, mowing	105.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	340.12	State of Iowa, w/h	460.00
HEG Painting, pool work	295.00	State of Iowa, tax & UP	1305.89
Denise Hoy, mileage	232.83	Taste of Home, periodical	18.00
Hygienic Lab, lab	30.00	Test America, lab	243.39
IMFOA, registration	65.00	Shane Tiernan, bldg permit	30.00
IMWCA, work comp adjustment	248.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,945.92
Ingram Book, books	1,423.57	Wages, 09/12/08 to 10/09/08	11,585.83
IRS, federal W/H	3,251.92		
IA Prison Industries, signs/filters	328.84	Totals Claims	\$64,594.13

Expenses per fund: General \$40,148.51; Road Use Tax \$5,781.48; Employee Benefits \$1,838.68; LOST \$4,945.92; Water \$6,065.01; Sewer \$5,814.53. September 2008 receipts per fund: General \$22,199.61; RUT \$7,682.59; Employee Benefits \$2,988.77; LOST \$5,818.73; Debt Service \$8,068.50; Debt Service \$7,263.40; Library Bldg Project \$999.00; Water \$12,881.13; Sewer \$32,893.23; Total \$100,794.96.

Mayor Sharp proclaimed the week of November 16 – 22, 2008, to be American Education week and urges all citizens to reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels and to translate this commitment into action by visiting our local schools.

Council discussed storm siren options for Conrad. Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, that Conrad consider using three sirens as a warning system for the community. Ayes: 4. Both RC Systems and Danko Emergency Equipment submitted bids regarding the storm siren request for proposal. Lynch moved, Stattler seconded, to approve the following bid from RC Systems: 1) the base bid of \$30,203.54 for a turn key operation on two new sirens to be installed in a location determined at a later date, 2) option 2, \$2568.67, converting the existing siren we now have to radio control, and 3) option 3, \$1250, to move the converted siren on the existing pole to a new location. Ayes: 4.

Stattler moved, McLeland seconded, to approve resolution #15-2008.10 supporting the State of Iowa City Finance Committee in applying for a Local Innovations Grant for a statewide internet reporting system for cities. Ayes: Schleisman, Lynch, Stattler, McLeland.

Council member Stattler moved and Schleisman seconded to designate an official leaf drop site in the fenced in area near the city maintenance shed to be in operation each year on Saturday's from 9 am to Noon, during the months of April, May, October, November, through the first Saturday in December. The open leaf burn policy shall also be amended to include the months of April, May, October, November, through the first Saturday in December each year. Ayes: 4.

Council discussed both a curfew for minors and implementing a storm sewer utility. No action was taken on these items. City Administrator/Clerk Hoy was instructed to research both topics and to report back to council at the next regular meeting in November.

Law enforcement in Conrad was discussed. Council reviewed the current 28E contract with Grundy County and will be addressing particular concerns with the Sheriff.

Council also discussed long-term capital planning projects. They were informed of possible financing options for each project. Council members were instructed to prioritize the list individually, keeping in mind Conrad's debt capacity, and financing options.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 9:05 PM

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk