

October 10, 2013

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 10/10/13 in Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members Ryan Callaway, Brad Murty, Todd Schnathorst, and Gary Stattler. Absent: Peg Brown. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Martin welcomed Orion Gunderson to the meeting, a scout working on his communications badge. The agenda was approved as presented.

Council member Callaway moved, second by Murty, to approve the following consent items: Minutes from the 09/12/13 & 09/26/13 council meeting; September 2013 clerk's financial reports; Payment of claims totaling \$193,287.60; Approval of a liquor license renewal for Conrad Grove Recreation & the American Legion. Ayes 4.

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

Alliant, utilities	7,252.79	Injectsom, haul sludge	5,110.00
American Legion, flags	45.00	IRS, Fed/FICA tax	3,735.47
Arnold Motor Supply, tool	89.99	Iowa Codification, service	155.00
Avenet, annual web hosting	450.00	IPERS, benefit	2,271.09
Bank of America, fuel/supplies	647.08	Koch LP, fuel	85.60
Bankers Leasing, copier lease	115.00	Ledford Tree Service, tree work	800.00
BCLUW School, reimbursement	793.00	Lerner Publications, books	31.66
Bergman Lawn Care, services	1,530.73	Library Petty Cash	110.02
Bob's Farm Center, fuel/rock	121.87	Mid America Publishing	228.41
Book Look, books	174.88	Mid Iowa Coop, fuel	296.72
Book Page, periodicals	300.00	Moler Sanitation, services	165.00
Brown Supply Co, supplies	467.04	Monkeytown, supply	55.19
CID, supply	429.70	Mother Earth, periodical	14.95
CIWA, water	10,758.00	NEII, inspection	418.00
Conrad CMS, Facade reimburse	118,653.54	Premier Office, technology	68.23
Conrad Tire & Auto, repair	15.00	Radio Communications, service	151.43
Dave Blackburn, mowing	48.00	Ross Hartwig, service	2,500.00
Denise Hoy, mileage	98.97	Scholastic, books	152.10
Dorsey & Whitney, services	650.00	SEBCO, books	595.20
First National Bank, library	468.50	Soap Opera Digest, periodical	79.96
Follett Software, service	1,160.00	State Treasurer, tax	5,153.71
Glo-Brite, services	75.00	Test America, lab	962.01
Gloria Owings, sidewalk	96.00	Verizon, cell phone	103.64
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	5,198.83	Wellmark BCBS, premiums	1,722.20
Grundy Co. Treasurer, land exp	390.00	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOSST	5,471.87
GNB, HSA	704.39	Payroll, 09/13-10/10/2013	10,860.74
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	281.30		
Ingram, books	974.79	Totals Claims	\$193,287.60

September 2013 expenses per fund: General \$27,994; Road Use Tax \$16,568; Employee Benefit \$3,869; LOSST \$5,472; TIF \$1,384; CDBG Façade \$5,746; Water \$16,439; Sewer \$17,086. Total \$94,559.

September 2013 receipts per fund: General \$21,895; RUT \$9,975; Employee Benefits \$4,663; Local Option \$6,437; TIF \$20,745; Debt Service \$3,659; CDBG \$7,635; Water \$36,845; Sewer \$34,707; Sewer Sinking \$8,512 Storm Water Utility \$4,301. Total \$159,374.

Under Citizens Forum Nile Dielschneider presented Todd Schnathorst, Park Board Chair, a check for \$1000 from the annual Dash and Splash event. The funds will be used to enhance and improve city parks and trail.

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Carol Altenhein and Dave Blackburn announced that Conrad had been secured as the Grundy County site for the "Freedom Rock". Altenhein and Blackburn presented several options for the placement of the rock and council agreed on Gier Park. Altenhein will begin fundraising efforts in the near future.

A public hearing on the CDBG Façade Grant was opened at 7:17 PM. Mayor Martin made the following announcements:

- This public hearing is being held to update residents on the Downtown Façade Improvement Project. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant. The scope of work and goals of the project have not changed since the grant application was submitted to the State of Iowa in 2012.
- Cornerstone Commercial Contractors, Inc. is the contractor for the Façade Improvement Project. Work is approximately 28% complete.
- The grant is scheduled to close-out November 30, 2013. An extension will be necessary to extend this close-out date.
- To date, \$99,572.00 in CDBG funds have been requested and \$53,615.42 in matching funds have been expended.
- Mayor Martin asked for public comments and the two were heard. One comment raised concerns about the awning type windows at RJ's Lounge being a hazard for persons walking on the sidewalk. One person commended the progress and was very impressed by the work.
- With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:19 PM.

City Clerk Hoy outlined the process to annex the "Hartwig" land that was purchased by the City of Conrad. The council agreed to continue working with bonding attorney John Danos to walk us through the legal steps necessary.

Mayor Martin proclaimed November 18-22, 2013 as 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 schools. School Superintendent Ben Petty, Legion member Jerry Miller, and Legion Auxiliary member Janice Tranbarger were present to receive the proclamation.

With no further business evident, meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, Clerk/Administrator