

November 8, 2004

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 11/08/04 at the Conrad Municipal Building in council chambers. Answering roll call was Jim Barger, Shauna Callaway, LeAnn Lynch, and Al Stewart. Bill Gearhart arrived at 8 p.m. Several citizens, Library Board and Foundation Members were also present. Mayor Sanderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from the 10/11/04 meeting were approved as published. Lynch motioned and Barger seconded to approve the clerks report and place on file for audit. Ayes 4. Lynch motioned and Stewart seconded to allow bills and order drawn on the Treasurer for the same. Ayes 4. (List includes expenses for City, Park Board, Library, Museum, Fire Department and B-CERTS)

A-Kleen Towel, service	37.25	IMWCA, work comp	785.00
Advanced Water, chemical	457.64	Ingram Book Co., library exp	965.34
Alliant, utilities	4534.90	ITC, B-Cert shirts	367.50
Anderson-Bierman, rehab project	10806.40	Iowa League, registration	27.00
Apex, office supply	1.09	Whitney Jackley, reimbursement	60.00
Bankcard, conference/supply	208.84	Kids Discover, library periodical	19.95
Susan Blythe, mileage	10.20	Lee Mowing, parks	798.00
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	185.53	Library Petty Cash	109.58
Book Look, library books	11.98	Jo Love, mileage	127.50
Book Wholesalers, library books	9.54	Marshall Co Extension, training	60.00
Bound to Stay Bound, library books	254.47	Martha Stewart Living, library periodical	40.00
Carl's Electric, lights @ park	5200.00	Menards, Fire exp	38.36
Casey's, gas	145.89	Michael Todd, street signs	246.85
Conrad Auto, supplies	139.48	Midwest Wireless, cell phones	73.01
Conrad Foods, misc.	13.63	Moler Sanitation, recycling	118.00
Conrad Pharmacy, batteries	4.60	Money, library periodical	39.95
Delta Arms, sidewalk incentive	152.00	Milissa Morris, reimbursement	60.00
Nick Eckerman, mowing	60.00	NEI Pool Inspections, inspection	400.50
Electric Pump, lift station repair	13309.17	Polk Directories, library material	228.00
EMP, B-CERT supply	58.26	Radio Communications, batteries	46.43
First National, library exp	609.17	Ranger Rick, library periodical	17.00
First State Bank, P & I payments	116849.49	The Record, publications	201.51
Flatland Farms, storage rent	150.00	Jana Smith, mileage	18.00
Follet Software, library software	180.00	Soap Opera Digest, library periodical	73.40
Gale Thomson, library material	287.58	Test America, lab	304.30
Galls Inc, equipment	36.96	Shane Tiernan, bldg permits	60.00
Deposit refund	16.19	Postmaster, postage/rent	263.00
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	3833.50	Wells Fargo, principal payment	23402.42
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	501.82	Randi Williams, relocations exp	2210.00
Amy Hines, reimbursement	60.00	Wolf Creek Child Care, allocation	3940.52
Denise Hoy, mileage	172.50	YM, library periodical	15.97
Denise Hoy, printer/camera	499.89	Wages, 10-12-04 to 11-08-04	<u>12978.33</u>
Zach Hutchens, reimbursement	60.00		
Hydro-Klean, clean lift station	778.88	Total Expenses	\$207,732.27

Expenses per fund: General \$25,286.55, Road Use Tax \$2,889.32, Employee Benefit \$1,357.88, LOSST \$3,940.52, TIF \$62,122.47, Debt Service \$54,727.02, Housing Rehab \$13,016.40, Water \$3,323.93, Sewer \$41,068.18.

October 2004 receipts per fund: General \$95,567.73, RUT \$7,564.42, Employee Benefits \$8,077.38, LOSST \$9,271.81, TIF \$72,077.29, Debt Service \$23,517.23, Duesenberg Drive \$1,565.00, Water \$658.10, Sewer \$632.05. Total revenues: \$218,931.01.

Building permits were as follows: 1. Ritchie Industries, bulk storage pad & silo, \$5000. 2. Jim & Chris Springer, screened porch, \$7000. 3. Mel Koch, deck, \$2200.

Tom Street addressed council about extending the contract with Water Tower Paint and Repair for routine cleaning and maintenance on the city's water tower. Council agreed to extend the contract and will approve the document at the next regular meeting.

Council member Stewart motioned to grant an easement to Ritchie Industries for the placement of a second silo structure along the south side of their building. Barger seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Council granted permission to Main Street, Inc. to use the council chambers for the annual "Festival of Trees". They will occupy chambers from December 1 through December 22nd, therefore making it necessary for council to move the location of the December 13th council meeting. City Clerk Hoy will be making arrangement to meet at Oak Estates for this December meeting.

Lynch motioned and Callaway seconded to approve a liquor license for Conrad Grove Recreation Club. Ayes 4.

After discussion Council agreed to leave reimbursement fee's for the Zoning Administrator at \$15 per permit issued.

Shane Tiernan gave a presentation discussing Tax Increment Financing. Shane discussed the impact that TIF has had in Conrad over the past 15 years. Shane also stated that the Development Corporation totally supports the use of TIF for a possible new library building.

Jami Willett, Library Board President, and other Library Board Members addressed Council in regards to a new library building. They discussed the benefits of being located on Main Street, and had conceptual drawing available. Jim White, library building consultant, and Tim Jones, Stuxture Architects were also present to answer any question about the building project. The project estimated cost is \$1,659,470 and includes an approximately 10,000 square foot building, and furnishings. The Board asked council to support the project financially through the Catherine Farmer Estate funds, and TIF financing. Council will study the options available, and then meet in a special session on November 29th at 7 pm in Council chambers to determine the best tools to use.

With no further business evident, council adjourned by motion at 9:10 PM.

Kenny Sanderson, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Clerk