

December 11, 2008

The Conrad City Council met in regular session on 12/11/08 in Council Chambers. Officials present were, Council Members LeAnn Lynch, Bill Gearhart, Lowell Schleisman, Sue McLeland (arrived at 7:01 PM), and Gary Stattler (arrived at 7:15PM). Press members Chuck Carpenter, and Charles Friend were also present. 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. Lynch moved, Gearhart seconded, to approve the following consent item: Minutes from the 11/13/08 council meeting; November 2008 clerk's financial report; Payment of claims totaling \$77,615.71.

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

A-Kleen Towel, service	41.50	Jack & Jill, periodical	14.95
Alliant, utilities	4,761.95	Ladehoff Lawn Care, mowing	530.00
Alltel, cell phones	75.56	Library Petty Cash, misc.	156.40
Bank of America, gas/ misc.	136.43	Memory Makers, periodical	14.96
Dave Blackburn, mowing	117.00	Moler Sanitation, services	106.05
Bob's Farm Center, diesel	243.87	NuCara, batteries	3.23
CID, supplies	181.05	O The Oprah, periodical	32.07
Cessford, rock/hot mix	480.20	Premier Office Equipment, service	140.00
Computer Applications, service	60.00	Radio Communications, sirens	25,986.21
Conrad Auto, supplies	137.39	Ranger Rick, periodical	19.95
Conrad Main Street, dues/collection	7,012.50	The Record, publication	124.54
Day Construction, storm sewer repair	8,425.50	Scholastic, books	30.00
First National Bank, library items	498.96	St. Lukes, testing	36.00
Glo-Brite, window clean	75.00	State of Iowa, w/h	450.00
Grundy Co. Hospital, testing	19.00	State of Iowa, sales tax	1,195.07
Grundy Co. Sheriff, contract	4,568.33	Test America, lab	243.39
HW Wilson, reference material	410.00	Top Trumps, library programming	80.00
Heart of Iowa, phone/internet	332.07	Wolf Creek Childcare, LOST	4,990.14
Ingram Book Co., books	717.65	Wages, 11/14/08 to 12/11/08	10,733.46
IRS, federal W/H	3,069.21		
IPERS, W/H	1,366.12	Totals Claims	\$77,615.71

Expenses per fund: General \$51,385.04; Road Use Tax \$4,303.03; Employee Benefits \$1,791.16; LOST \$4,990.14; TIF \$6,000.00; Water \$4,453.09; Sewer \$4,693.25. November 2008 receipts per fund: General \$21,487.42; RUT \$8,504.05; Employee Benefits \$2,297.51; LOST \$11,042.98; TIF \$3,471.90; Debt Service \$4,711.70; 08 Housing Rehab \$4,800.00; Water \$10,946.17; Sewer \$28,467.28; Total \$95,729.01.

A letter from Sharon Dolphin, Something to Share business owner, addressing parking concerns in the 100 block of Main Street was discussed. The consensus of the Council was to take no action at this time and asked Mayor Sharp to discuss parking issues with Main Street businesses.

Council reviewed the results of a speed survey conducted in November on Washington Street by Grundy County. After discussion, council agreed to table the topic, and to review the issue in the spring. Clerk Hoy was instructed to research the cost of a speed display sign for the city.

Mayor Sharp informed council that both the snow removal ordinances for parking and sidewalks had been published in THE RECORD and it is the city's intent to enforce both ordinances. Council also discussed snow removal procedures. With the limited supply of salt/sand mixture available from the County, the city will not sand private parking for hire this year. It was determined that next winter, snow fence will be erected in the field north of Lillian Avenue.

Fiscal year 2010 budget requests received to-date was presented to council. Amy Drummer and Susan Blythe explained the Library's FY2010 revenue and expenditure predictions. The Finance Committee of the council will take each request under advisement as they work through the budget process. A public hearing on the final budget will take place prior to its adoption in March.

Council member Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to approve the second reading of an ordinance "ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland.

Council member Stattler moved, Schleisman seconded, to suspend the third reading and adopt the curfew ordinance. Ayes: Schleisman, Stattler, McLeland. Nays: Gearhart and Lynch. Suspension and adoption failed due to needing 3/4 council approval. The third reading will be placed on the January 2009 regular council agenda.

Council member Schleisman moved, Lynch seconded, to approve the second reading of an ordinance "ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER UTILITY IN THE CITY OF CONRAD". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland.

Council member Schleisman moved, Stattler seconded, to suspend the third reading and to adopt the ordinance "ESTABLISHING A STORM WATER UTILITY IN THE CITY OF CONRAD". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Council member Lynch moved, Stattler seconded, to adopt Resolution #21-2008.12 "A Resolution entering into an agreement to enforce and adopt the National Flood Insurance Plan". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland.

Council member Stattler moved, second by Schleisman, to accept the first reading of the "FLOOD PLAN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE". Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland. Schleisman moved to suspend the second and third reading of same ordinance and to adopt, second by Stattler. Ayes: Schleisman, Gearhart, Lynch, Stattler, and McLeland. The ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Long-term capital planning was discussed. Stattler moved, second by Lynch, to contact Ryken Engineering to develop plans for the water loop project south of town on Tucker Trail, and to determine the best plan of action to address sewer main concerns on Jennings Street. Ayes: 5.

It was reported that all three warning sirens had been installed and testing is tentatively scheduled for December 18. A siren testing policy is to be considered.

Lowell Schleisman announced his intent to resign from City Council effective in March 2009. Official action will be taken at the regular January council meeting.

With no further business evident, council adjourned at 8:43 PM

H. Gregg Sharp, Mayor

Denise L. Hoy, City Admin/Clerk