

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CONRAD, COUNTY OF PONDERA, STATE
OF MONTANA, HELD AT CONRAD CITY HALL
ON OCTOBER 4, 2022

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at the Conrad City Hall on October 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Aldermen Cates, Hunsucker, Breeding, and Schoenrock; Billing Clerk Cooney; PWD Zimbelman; Sergeant Smith.

Absent: Mayor Miller; Finance Officer Ritter, and Police Chief Padilla absent with permission. City Attorney Jones.

Present by Phone: None

Absent: None

Guests present: Patti Hutton

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Hunsucker at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Cates to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 regular meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Claims #26647 through #26704 (refer to the claims register).

Motion by Alderman Breeding and second by Alderman Schoenrock to approve the claims and payroll, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Water contracts: PWD Zimbelman reported that Rollie Schlepp is interested in hooking onto the Brady Line. The Canal Company doesn't want water shares leaving their service area, so they are in conversation with NCMRWA to see what else they can do. Brady is technically out of the Canal Company's service area, but NCMRWA has made exceptions for them. Right now, if you're in the Conrad area and closer to Brady, you can't hook on to NCMRWA's line to Brady.

Correspondence: Letter received for public comment re: Agenda Item #7

Public Comment: None

PWD Zimbelman presented the September 2022 Report. Chip sealing is complete and PWD Zimbelman is pleased with the new equipment purchased through Interlocal. Annual sewer line maintenance is complete and was done primarily on the east side of town. Seasonal maintenance on the recycle ponds at the water plant is complete. PWD Zimbelman is getting quotes to replace the fencing around the wastewater plant and gun range that was damaged by fire. MMIA said the City is covered. Trees at the ballfields have been trimmed. Trees that were removed will be replaced. PWD Zimbelman is looking into playground equipment grants to replace the little (Kiwaniis) playground by the swimming pool and replacing the equipment at the ballfields. The City will be starting to flush fire

hydrants soon so there will be more water in the gutters than normal depending on where flushing occurs at any given time. Fall alley cleanup is set for the week of the 17th and ads have been submitted to the paper, radio and Facebook. Trae Pruttis will be attending Bozeman's annual fall water school this month. Public Works is on various projects (i.e., splash park, stormwater project) as time allows. Public Works will be conducting inspections of Blue Sky Villa this week.

Sergeant Smith presented the September 2022 Activity report for the Police Department. The number of service calls was approximately 215 (corrected from 180) reported to PCSO Dispatch and/or Conrad Police Department. A total of 34 (corrected from 27) routine security checks for residential and business security requests were conducted. There were 6 arrests, 3 alarms, 2 assaults/harassments, 4 burglary/thefts/shoplifting reports, 1 criminal mischief/trespassing/vandalism reports, 5 domestic incidents, 5 lost/found property reports, 13 medical emergencies, 5 noise/nuisance complaints, 1 suicide/mental health call, 6 suspicious activity/vehicles, 3 wanted/missing persons (all wanted), 14 citizen assists, 3 civil standbys, 5 information only calls, 3 vehicle lockouts, 1 VIN inspection, 2 welfare checks, 1 utility complaint, 8 juvenile complaints, 8 disputes/disturbances, 4 accidents investigated, 7 traffic complaints reported, 1 hit and run, 12 traffic initiated reports, 2 sheriff's office assists, 13 ambulance assists, 3 fire department assists, 1 probation and parole assist, 2 Toole County SO assists, 20 animal calls (15 dogs, 4 cats, 1 bird, 1 horse, 1 cow).

Discussion on Fowler/Diedrich easement.

Alderman Hunsucker talked with Attorney Jones who said the only thing he changed in the new easement agreement was under the recitals ("whereas" statements). His goal was to explain why he did what he did so everything is together in one place. This was done instead of an amendment.

Alderman Breeding asked for clarification on the 32-page document. Alderman Hunsucker said he believed it was so long due to the "whereas" statements that were included for reference.

Alderman Hunsucker stated three options offered by Attorney Jones:

- 1) Proceed with the new easement agreement
- 2) Amend the existing easement agreement as requested by Agnes Fowler
- 3) Leave the existing easement agreement as is

Alderman Breeding suggested that Council sign the new easement agreement and give it to Fowlers/Diedrichs to sign.

Alderman Hunsucker was comfortable signing it because Attorney Jones told him the new easement agreement is in Agnes Fowler's best interest.

Alderman Breeding asked if the new easement agreement references the exhibits.

Alderman Schoenrock responded that Attorney Jones included "see MOU" and that only the MOU is attached. The MOU includes language stipulating who can make repairs when the City pays for it.

Alderman Breeding wanted clarification from Attorney Jones on whether the lights and everything else are included in the new agreement, or only the easement.

Alderman Breeding moved to approve signing the new easement agreement and present it to the Fowlers and Diedrichs to execute and record at the courthouse.

Alderman Cates seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Alderman Breeding noted that all four (Fowlers, Diedrichs) must sign in front of a notary.

No Executive session was necessary.

Other Business: None

Next agenda: Alderman Breeding will be absent and unable to call in.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Schoenrock to adjourn.

Motion Carried Unanimously

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Attest:


Finance Officer



Mayor


