

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 MARCH, 21 2023

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at the Conrad City Hall on MARCH 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Miller; Aldermen David Cates, Alderman Nathan Hunsucker, Alderman Karla Breeding & Alderman Amber Schoenrock; PWD Zimbelman; Payroll Clerk Patti Hutton.

Absent: None

Guests present: 3

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Schoenrock, to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 regular meeting and March 13, 2023 special meeting, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Claims #27098 through #27117 (refer to the claims register).

Motion by Alderman Schoenrock, second by Alderman Cates to approve the claims, as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Water Contract: None

Public Comment: None

Discussion/Action: Pondera County 4-H Ambassador Request (Street Dance) Mr. Waldusky could not be here but provided correspondence with the request to host a street dance during whoop up (June 3rd, 2023 from 7pm to 11pm). The request is to have the dance in the same place as last year (6th avenue on the pool block) including a request for access to electricity from the pool. Dave will ask the Police Chief if there were any complaints last year. PWD Zimbelman reported that this 4-H group left the place clean last year, the dance was from 7pm to 11pm, and no problems were encountered.

Motion to approve the request for the 4-H street dance by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Cates.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Action: Conrad Chamber of Commerce Request for Norley Hall Use (4 days) for Annual Meeting and Banquet. April 20th thru April 23rd, 2023.

Motion by Alderman Schoenrock, second by Alderman Cates, to approve the use of Norley Hall by the Conrad Chamber of Commerce.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion/Action: Agreement for financial services. A clerk from another town shared with MMIA/Montana League of City and Towns that our clerk resigned. Montana League of City and Towns has provided an opportunity to contract some assistance with the clerk financial duties during the interim of finding a replacement. The priorities of focus are the Annual Financial Report (AFR), bringing balancing up to date, and assistance with the budget. The Agreement provides assistance at \$50.00 an hour with a cap of \$2,000.00. The Mayor asked if council could approve a higher cap amount as the amount of work to be done may use this capped amount quickly. Council asked several questions as to how this contract would work. The Mayor agreed there are many outstanding questions and all the details are yet to be determined. Alderman Cates and Alderman Breeding suggested that we do this first contract see how it goes and can look at another contract if needed.

Motion by Alderman Cates, second by Alderman Hunsucker to accept the financial services contract.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion: City water hook-up- Citizen Inquiry. Mr. Wheeler met with the Mayor last week. The Mayor directed him to tonight's Council Meeting to present his questions regarding access to city water at an out-of-town property. Mr. Wheeler informed council that 40 acres of land was purchased, by the Busch Ag Elevator, and he would like to know what is needed, and/or if possible, to place a 4-inch water line to the new location. PWD Zimbelman talked with the City Engineer he said a 4-inch pipe would not be a problem, theoretically. Although looping in by Russell and Johnson would be a longer distance, it would only require one right of way (Pondera County). The shortest way (by the elevator) would require three right-of-ways. Alderman Schoenrock asked about Sewer. Mr. Wheeler said it would be a septic and no city sewer would be requested. PWD Zimbelman informed all present that the upcoming storm water project, which will start next summer, would be near this water main. PWD Zimbelman will check with the City Engineer about the depths. Mayor Miller stated the first step would be to get a water contract, followed by verifying the plans with the Engineers, paying system development fees, etc. Mr. Wheeler was given a water contract application during the meeting.

Discussion/Action: Engineering Bid Received: The city received one Bid (Triple Tree Engineering).

Motion by Alderman Breeding second by Alderman Schoenrock to accept he Triple Tree Engineering bid proposal.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Executive Session: None

