

**Mayor:**

David Cates

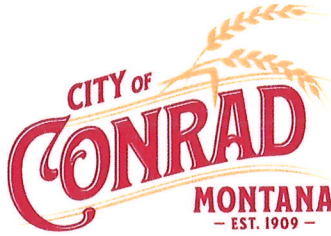
**City Council:**

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, COUNTY OF PONDERA, STATE OF MONTANA**  
**HELD AT CONRAD CITY HALL ON MARCH 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at Conrad City Hall on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Cates, Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Alderman Darryl Burditt, Alderman Karla Breeding, Library Director Tiffany Christensen, Finance Officer Jodi Rogers, City Clerk Jerad Walston, Alderman Carrie Doty (attended remotely).

Absent: None

Guests: Jerry Riewer, Karen Burditt, Roger Keith

Teleconference Guests: McKenzie Graye, Michael Doe

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

1. Action: Read and approve minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, regular council meeting.
  - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the minutes of the March 3rd, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously
2. Action on any Claims and Payroll:

Claims: 29595, 29620-29631, 29635-29644, 29646

Motion by Alderman Karla Breeding, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the claims and payroll as presented.

  - Motion Carried Unanimously
3. Action on Water Contracts: None
4. Correspondence: None
5. Public Comment (no action taken): None
6. Department Reports:
  - Public Library:

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- Library Director Tiffany Christensen reported on library activity for February, noting that they are planning to have the building tuckpointed beginning the week of April 13, and they are continuing to move forward with hazardous material cleanup.
- Finance Officer:
  - Finance Officer Jodi Rogers reported on the city finances for February, noting that the budget looked very good, commending the exceptional work of the city's department heads.
  - Jodi further reported that the city successfully completed its ARPA-funded stormwater project on time, avoiding the extensions many others required, and is now preparing for upcoming budgeting and a federal audit.
  - In closing, Jodi noted that the director of the League of Cities and Towns is stepping down in May, and that the mayor would be involved in the hiring process.
- 7. Discussion/Action: Approve the State auditor's contract.
  - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, to approve The Department of Administration Standard Audit Contract dated March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with Strom & Associates.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously
- 8. Discussion: Approve Logan Health's annual Whoop-up Run.
  - Motion by Alderman Karla Breeding, Second by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, to approve Logan Health's annual Whoop-up Run.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously
- 9. Discussion/Action: Distribution of the Genevieve Rieken Funds.
  - Alderman Karla Breeding referenced the Genevieve-Rieken-Anderson Trust agreement, noting that funds should be prioritized for projects with broad public access, focusing on community improvements within Conrad or Pondera County that benefit all residents.
  - Motion by Alderman Karla Breeding, Second by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, to distribute the Genevieve-Rieken-Anderson Funds by funding \$2,500.00 for the Disc Golf Course, and the remaining balance of \$8,609.58 be evenly distributed to the Conrad Depot Society, Pondera Historical Association and The Pondera Rec Association in the amount of \$2,869.86 for each entity.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously
- 10. Executive Session: None
- 11. Other Business: None
- 12. Items to Appear on the Next Agenda:
  - Chamber of Commerce request to use Norley Hall for annual meeting.

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There being no further business to come before the Council,

13. Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

- Motion Carried Unanimously

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Mayor, David Cates

Attest:

A blue ink signature of Amber Schoenrock, written over a horizontal line.

Council President, Amber Schoenrock

