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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 OCTOBER 20th, 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, October 20th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Cates, Alderman Darryl Burditt, Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Alderman Carrie Doty (remotely), Finance Officer Jodi Rogers, Administrative Clerk Julie Orcutt, City Clerk Jerad Walston.

Absent: Alderman Karla Breding (with permission).

Guests: McKenzie Graye, Miesha Mazeerkiewicz

Teleconference Guests: None

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

1. Action: Read and approve minutes of October 6th, 2026, regular council meeting.
    - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the minutes of the October 6th, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.
        - Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Action on any Claims and Payroll:
    Claims: 30138-30156
    Total: $15,069.97
    - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the claims as presented.
        - Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Action on Water Contracts: None

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Comment (no action taken): None

6. Department Reports:
    - Finance Officer

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- Finance Officer Jodi Rogers reported on financial expenditures and revenue for September, noting the near completion of the closing entries of the annual financial report.

7. Discussion/Action: First reading of Ordinance #430, Adoption of 2024 International Building Code.
   - Mayor David Cates read the proposed Ordinance #430, regarding the adoption of the 2024 International Building Codes.
   - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve the publication and second reading of Ordinance #430, as presented.
     - Motion Carried Unanimously

8. Discussion/Action: Pool and other fee increases.
   - Administrative Clerk Julie Orcutt presented a proposal to raise pool and other administrative fees to help offset the heavy losses the pool incurs annually and bring pricing more in line with other municipalities.
   - The council discussed different pricing models and suggestions but ultimately decided to table discussion for the time being
   - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to table discussion regarding moving forward with increasing certain municipal fees.
     - Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Discussion/Action: Cascade County Lawsuit.
   - Mayor David Cates informed the council that the MMIA is assigning attorneys to this case and was advised that discussion be tabled while they review it.
   - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to table discussion regarding the Cascade County lawsuit.
     - Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Executive Session: None

11. Other Business:
    - NCMRWA – We are still fielding questions.
    - Mayor David Cates provided updates regarding the appraisal of the city's industrial lot, which now meets the requirements set forth by MDOT.
    - Alderman Amber Schoenrock reported a citizen's frustration after receiving a water curb stop repair letter postmarked October 8th but not delivered until October 14th, leaving only four days of the ten-day compliance window to make repair arrangements. The council discussed looking into ordinance adjustments down the road to extend future deadlines and agreed to forward the specific complaint to the public works department for review.

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12. Items to Appear on the Next Agenda:
    - Next Regular Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 4, 2026, to account for the election on Tuesday.
    - The second reading of Ordinance #430 will be held during the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

    There being no further business to come before the Council,

13. Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.
    - Motion Carried Unanimously

Mayor, David Cates

Attest: Amber Schoenrock
Council President, Amber Schoenrock

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