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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 SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2025

The City Council of the City of Conrad, County of Pondera, State of Montana, met in regular session at Conrad City Hall on Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Cates, Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Alderman Darryl Burditt, Alderman Carrie Doty, Alderman Karla Breeding, Administrative Clerk Julie Orcutt, Finance Officer Jodi Rogers, Library Director Tiffany Christensen, Police Chief Cory Smith, Sgt. Andy Lund, Public Works Director Dave Zimbelman

Absent:

Guests:

Teleconference Guests:

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

Action: Read and approve minutes of the August 18th, 2025, Budget Work Session and the minutes of the August 19th, 2025 regular council meeting

- Motion by Alderman Doty, Second by Alderman Breeding, to approve the minutes of the August 18th, 2025 Budget Work Session and August 19th regular meeting, as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

Action on any Claims and Payroll:

Claims: #29149, 29172, 29180-29207, August Payroll

- Motion by Alderman Breeding, Second by Alderman Doty, to approve the claims and payroll as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion carried unanimously

1. Public Hearing

- A. Discussion on FY 25/26 Municipal Budget
Resolution #25-1321, Municipal Budget FY 2025/2026

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Resolution #25-1322, Permissive Levy FY 2025/2026
Resolution #25-1325, Levying Special Assessment FY 2025/2026
Resolution #25-1323, Annual Tax Levies FY 2025/2026
Resolution #25-1324, Salary and Compensation FY 2025/2026

Some discussion with council and Finance Officer Jodi Rogers regarding mill amounts.

B. Public comment: none

2. Close Public Hearing

- Motion by Alderman Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Breeding, to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 25/26 Municipal Budget
 - Motion carried unanimously

3. Open Regular Council Meeting

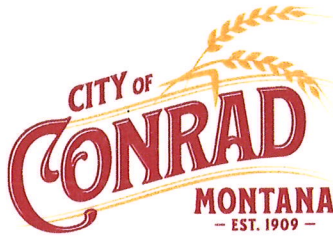
- Motion by Alderman Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Breeding, to re-open the regular meeting
 - Motion carried unanimously

4. Action:

- a. Adopt Resolution #25-1321, Municipal Budget FY 2025/2026
- b. Adopt Resolution #25-1322, Permissive Levy FY 2025/2026
- c. Adopt Resolution #25-1325, Levying Special Assessment FY 2025/2026
- d. Adopt Resolution #25-1323, Annual Tax Levies FY 2025/2026
- e. Adopt Resolution #25-1324, Salary and Compensation FY 2025/2026
- Motion by Alderman Breeding, Second by Alderman Doty, to adopt Resolution 25-1321 as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
- Motion by Alderman Breeding, Second by Alderman Doty, to adopt Resolution 25-1322 as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
- Motion by Alderman Breeding, Second by Alderman Schoenrock, to adopt Resolution 25-1323 as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
- Motion by Alderman Doty, Second by Alderman Breeding, to adopt Resolution 25-1324 as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

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- Motion by Alderman Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Doty, to adopt Resolution 25-1325 as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Action on Water Contracts: Western Serenity Realty, LLC at 3449 Business 15, Conrad, MT

- Motion to approve the rural water contract with Western Serenity Realty, LLC., by Alderman Breeding, second by Alderman Schoenrock.
 - Motion carried unanimously

Correspondence: none

Public Comment (no action taken): none

Departmental reports:

Police Chief Cory Smith gave his report for August. He went over the reports for calls, assists and citations. Details in the attached report. Getting positive feedback on security checks for businesses. Officers are doing training in several different areas. There are still 2 dogs in the city pound.

Public Works Director Dave Zimbelman reported for August. The storm water project has started, crew has been painting crosswalks. Getting information for new playground equipment and have applied for a grant to cover some of the costs. Ordered signs for splash park rules, looking into a new light but might have to replace the pole. See attached report for more details. Discussion regarding recycling cardboard in Conrad. A Tree Board is going to be appointed with DNRC help.

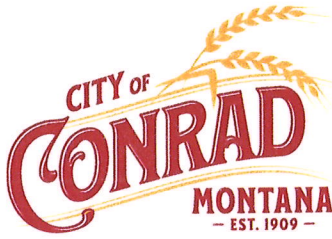
Library Director Tiffany Christensen reported library visits for August were down, but still above in digital presence. New Trustee Tim Lastowski received certification. See attached report for details of visits.

Finance Officer Jodi Rogers is working on balancing for July and August. Full numbers will be available at the next meeting.

Executive Session:

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Other Business:

Items to Appear on the Next Agenda: Public Hearing-Increase Rates of Solid Waste and Sewer Systems.

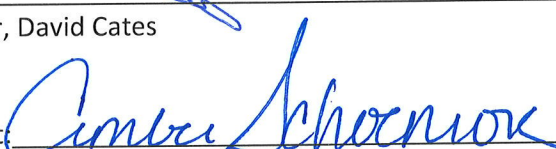
There being no further business to come before the Council,

- Motion by Alderman Doty, Second by Alderman Schoenrock, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously



Mayor, David Cates

Attest:



Council President, Amber Schoenrock

