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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 NOVEMBER 4TH, 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 November 4th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor David Cates, Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Alderman Darryl Burditt, Alderman Carrie Doty, Alderman Karla Breeding, Police Chief Cory Smith, Public Works Director Dave Zimbelman, Library Director Tiffany Christensen and City Clerk Jerad Walston.

Absent: None

Guests: None

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 21st, 2025, regular council meeting.
 - Motion by Alderman Carrie Doty, Second by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, to approve the minutes of the October 21st, 2025, regular meeting, as presented.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
2. Action on any Claims and Payroll:

Claims: 29289-29291, 29303-29304, 29315-29316, 29318-29349
Payroll for October: \$139,368.86

 - Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, 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:

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- Police Department –
 - Police Chief Cory Smith reported on police activity for October 2025 (see attached document) and briefly explained the features of the newly operational Axom body cameras.
 - Mayor David Cates discussed introducing an ordinance for electric scooters, referring to Montana Law, and Police Chief Cory Smith explained the current police procedure on citing offenders.
 - Public Works –
 - Public Works Director Dave Zimbelman reported on Public Works updates for October (see attached document).
 - Public Library –
 - Library Director Tiffany Christensen reported on library activity for October and elaborated on some of the activities they participated in (see attached document).
 - The Conrad Public Library was recognized by the State Librarian for their commitment to excellence (see attached letter).
7. Discussion/Action: Pondera County Council on Aging; Surrey funding.
- Mayor David Cates proposed that \$5,000.00 be allocated to the Pondera County Council on Aging to sustain the continued operation of the Surrey, and briefly discussed amounts brought in from the chili cook off and other fundraisers.
 - The council discussed options being investigated to keep the Surrey running, such as fundraising, grants or having Northern Transit taking charge of the program.
 - Motion by Alderman Karla Breeding, Second by Alderman Carrie Doty, to divert \$5,000.00 to the Pondera County Council on Aging to sustain the continued operation of the Surrey.
 - Motion Carried Unanimously
8. Discussion/Action: No Parking Zone at 300 Block of Illinois, on the west side of the street, between the high school and 4th Ave SW.
- Mayor David Cates discussed citizens' concerns about parking on the 300 blocks of Illinois, causing congestion and safety issues with emergency and maintenance vehicles having limited access. He further discussed invoking Code 9-2-8 (see attached document) as a temporary solution until an ordinance can be passed.
 - Police Chief Cory Smith further commented on the severity of parking congestion and frequency of accidents.
 - Motion by Alderman Carrie Doty, Second by Alderman Darryl Burditt, to approve a No Parking Zone at 300 Block of Illinois, on the west side of the street, between the high school and 4th Ave SW, as a temporary measure until an ordinance can be approved.

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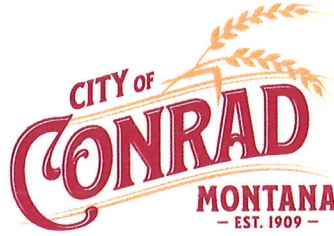
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- Motion Carried Unanimously

9. Discussion/Action: Resolution 25-1329, Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property, Street Sweeper and Trash Truck.

- Mayor David Cates discussed the sale of surplus property, as described by proposed Resolution 25-1329.
- Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, to authorize the sale or disposal of Surplus Property, Street Sweeper and Trash Truck, as outlined in Exhibit A (see attachment).

- Motion Carried Unanimously

10. Discussion/Action: Cascade County Bill for Landfill Search.

- Mayor David Cates provided an update on the issue and explained that City Attorney Daniel Jones has contacted the Cascade County attorney twice with no response and plans to follow up with a letter allowing them an opportunity to respond.

11. Executive Session: None

12. Other Business:

- Mayor David Cates provided an update on MDOT and the acquisition of one of the City's industrial lots.

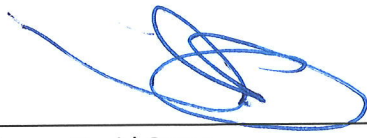
13. Items to Appear on the Next Agenda:

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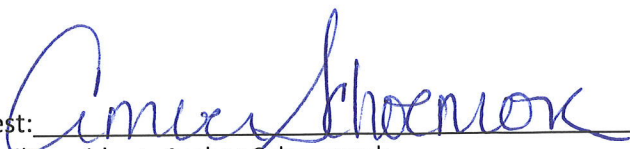
There being no further business to come before the Council,

14. Motion by Alderman Amber Schoenrock, Second by Alderman Karla Breeding, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33p.m.

- Motion Carried Unanimously



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Attest: 

Council President, Amber Schoenrock

