

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, May 16, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council members Melanne Bang and Patrick Renchin.

3.) Minutes Approval

Berg moved and Miller 2nd to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) New Electronic Voting Machines

Kay Clark, Worth County Auditor, presented the new electronic voting machines. The new machines are required as part of the Federal "Help America Vote" Act. The new machines will be utilized in the Governor's Primary Election on June 6th.

5.) 28E Agreement Disbursement from Diamond Joe Casino.

- Kim Miller, from the Worth County Development Authority, presented the City with its first disbursement on behalf of Diamond Joe Casino. The monies received through this program will be utilized at the discretion of the City Council. Suggestions from residents for various Community and/or Economic Development projects are encouraged. A formal request application will be required for consideration by the Council.
- Scholarships for students in 11th and 12th grades who live with their parents in Worth County will also be made available through the Worth County Development Authority. Applications for the scholarships will be made available through the individual school districts. The graduating class of 2007 will be the first class eligible for the scholarship.

6.) Resident's Forum

- Keith & Julie Jessen requested a street light be placed on the corner of 2nd Street and the ally. The affected residents had been contacted and approve of the addition.

Berg moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the addition of a street light on the corner of 2nd and ally. Motion Carried.

- Questions were raised by residents as follows:

Citizens: Is the bridge being professionally inspected?

Council: Yes, it is inspected annually.

Citizens: Will the "Rhodes Park" sign be replaced?

Council: No, it was beyond repair and is no longer necessary due to the newer brick sign.

Citizens: Will the trees be trimmed in the park soon, and can we focus "park clean-up day" around that date?

Council: A tree-trimming service has been contacted. We will notify the FB&I as to the anticipated date.

Citizens: Since we cannot use the burning site for a compost pile (see below), can we burn year round?

Council: No, you may not burn year round, the City burn ordinance is still in affect. You may burn through the end of May, then again in the fall. You may purchase the proper bags from Waste Management and set them out on garbage days. You may also choose to take your yard waste to the landfill yourself. Complaints or concerns can be directed to the DNR.

Citizens: Can we have a city wide clean-up day?

Council: It is too cost prohibitive for the City to organize that event. It may be something the FB&I could organize.

Citizens: What about the properties that are currently hazardous or contain junked cars or construction materials. What can the City do about that?

Council: We have sent the residents notices giving them 30 days to clean their properties up. After that period, it will be turned over to the City Attorney.

7.) Discussion on the 150th Anniversary

- Power will be connected within the park by June 20th.
- A tentative schedule has been presented. The final version will be available soon.
- The FB&I is looking for volunteers to help with the many events taking place. You may call Kristen Anderson at 797-2615 if you would like to help out.

8.) Burning Site Ordinance

- A new burning site ordinance was presented. The ordinance was adopted in response to requirements placed by the DNR. The operating hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to Noon. The only acceptable materials for the burn site are tree trimmings 6" in diameter or less. Any dumping of any other material or dumping outside the operational hours is punishable by civil penalty up to \$750.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. A copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall. Signs are posted at the burn site stating the above mentioned regulations.

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the burning site

ordinance. Role call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Berg moved and Shropshire 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearings on the ordinance. Role call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

9.) Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell informed the public that the tile lines used for draining ground water were originally placed by individual property owners and are the responsibility of the property owners. Maps of the tile lines are available for review at City Hall.
- It has been discovered that several homes have non-functioning curb stops (water shut-off valves located in the City right-of ways) are no longer functioning. Notices will be mailed out the last part of May to residents who are affected. It is the responsibility of the home-owner to maintain the curb stop.

10.) City Clerk's Report

- Presented a YTD profit and loss budget comparison report.
- Requested a motion to hold a public hearing in regards to the SRF loan the City is requesting. The loan will consolidated the existing water and sewer loans as well as the finances needed for the repair project slated for this fall.

Miller moved and Berg 2nd to approve the public hearing for the SRF loan to be held June 20th, 2006. Motion Carried.

- Presented a detailed breakout of next fiscal year's City budget.

11.) City Maintenance Report

- The City would like to commend Buck Russell for the superb job he does on grounds keeping. Warren will act as back-up this summer when requested by Buck.
- The flag holders for the street lights have been restored and painted to match the new street lights. The flags will be hung as soon as the holders have been mounted to the poles.

12.) Approve Expenditures

Bang moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 20th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn

Berg moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of April 30, 2006

Type	Name	Paid Amount
0001110 - General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-101.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,020.47
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC	-1,004.83
Bill Pmt -Check	Eliot, Inc.	-204.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-6,281.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-8.37
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Red Power	-26.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-57.44
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-17.95
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-112.47
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,375.00
Check	Fertile Library	-2,250.00
Check	US Post Office	-96.00
Check	Rachut, Ron & Becky	-62.75
Deposit		15,562.46
Deposit		3,392.35
Deposit		4,708.06
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	15,967.21
Deposit		32.42
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,411.05
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.41
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-470.38
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-478.00
Total 0001110 - General Fund Checking		<u>24,321.30</u>
0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.43
Total 0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.43</u>
0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.32
Total 0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.32</u>
0001160 - Money Market Savings		
Deposit		-3,823.52
Deposit		31.58
Total 0001160 - Money Market Savings		<u>-3,791.94</u>
TOTAL		<u>20,535.11</u>