

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

### 1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, August 21, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

### 2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Loren Hoffman, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May.

### 3.) Minutes Approval.

- *Renchin motioned and Berg 2nd to approve the July minutes.* Motion Carried.

### 4.) Public Hearing - Alliant Energy Franchise

- A public hearing was held in order to hear the public's opinion on the 25 year contract with Alliant Energy for the electric utility.
- There were no comments presented from the public.
- The Council thanked Alliant for their exceptional service.
- *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hearings.* Motion Carried.
- *Hoffman moved, Berg 2nd to approve the 25 year contract.* Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

### 5.) Sewer Project – Final Acceptance and Payment Approval

- Terry McCarthy from Yaggy Colby presented the final acceptance and payment information to the Council.
- The project has been completed. A 5% retainage fee is being held for 30 days for the completion of any known tasks. **If any resident has noticed any incomplete repairs, please notify Mayor Russell within the next 15 days.**
- The repairs to the system are covered the next two years. If any repair needs to be re-repaired, it is covered by the project guidelines.
- *Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the final acceptance and payment.* Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

### 6.) Utility Rates for Apartment Complexes

- Gary Michelson, the owner of the Church Apartments voiced his concerns about the utility rates for the apartments. The City has historically charged minimum fees for each apartment, no matter how many meters are installed. He is asking for a reduced rate, since he is paying for multiple residencies on one lot.
- The Council has asked May to report the average usage rates for each complex within the City limits.
- The City Council will address this issue at the next Council Meeting.

### 7.) Blacktopping City Streets

- The City received bids from Heartland Asphalt and North Iowa Sand & Gravel for blacktopping the remaining streets to the East of First Street.
- The City has \$20,000 budgeted for road repair. The extra road repairs made after the sewer project came to \$8400. This leaves \$11,600 remaining for additional road repairs. The bids came in around \$20,000. Because the City did not receive the entire Roads budget last year, the Council has decided to wait until spring to make the suggested road repairs.

~~Miller~~ <sup>Kery</sup> moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids. Motion Carried.

### 8.) Mayor's Report

- David, Dwight, Dick and Warren Bruns along with Buck Russell, pulled out the rotted tree which fell into the river.
- Titles for the Fire Trucks have been ordered by Mayor Russell.
- Larson Plumbing and Heating installed a new water fountain up at the ball fields.
- Most of Fertile Days was rained out, but a Big Thank You goes out to all who volunteered to make the events happen in spite of the rain.
- Work orders for mowing the bank-owned properties have been made. If the properties do not get mowed, the City will mow.
- Buck and Mayor Russell hung new flags down Main Street.

### 9.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the End of Fiscal Year financials with the Administrative Allocation. The end of the year financials will be submitted to the State with postings submitted to the Fertile Reminder and the Forest City Summit.
- May presented the notice of outstanding obligations (loan balances) that was reported to the State.
- May presented this fiscal year's budget by fund.
- May presented July's financials.
- May met with Electronic Engineering to discuss the security camera system for the City. They will present a bid before the next Council meeting.
- Denny and Sharon Ganz will be resigning as Meter Readers this fall. A Big Thank You to Denny and Sharon for all their hard work. Buck Russell has offered to read the Meters.
- *Shropshire moved, Miller 2nd to approve Buck Russell for the Meter Reader position.* Motion Carried.
- The Fire Department and the Library are working together to write a \$90,000 grant to the WCDA. The Fire Department will be requesting \$64,000 for a truck chassis. (They will be asking for another \$72,000 during the next grant application for the truck apparatus.) The Library will be asking for \$16,000 for new computers, desks, chairs, a copier, fax machine, and several mp3 players to be used with a new audio book program.
- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

### 10.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns reported that the fill from the burn pile and road repairs has been used up at the ball fields for a parking lot and at the park as the dike walls.
- Bruns requested the approval to purchase a tool set. The council approved of the purchase.

### 11.) Committee Reports

- **Community Center** – The committee is putting together an informational survey to send to in-town and area residents regarding the need for and ideas for the facility. They plan on presenting this survey to the Council next month

### 12.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, September 18, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

### 13.) Adjourn – Renchin moved, Shropshire 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

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## Expenditures and Revenues

As of July 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-460.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-209.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-114.94
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-98.51
Bill Pmt -Check	Bruns, Warren V	-131.58
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-13,218.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-3.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-25.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Watertower Paint & Repair	-1,250.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-3,750.00
Check	Voortek Auto Repair	-150.00
Check	Petty Cash	-50.00
Deposit		4,968.47
Deposit		2,639.15
Deposit		5,004.02
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,348.81
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	1,049.85
Deposit		35.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,458.20
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-675.24
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-804.89
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-532.54
		-12,008.45
Total General Fund Checking		-12,008.45
Total General Fund Accounts		-12,008.45
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		62.67
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		62.67
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		3.17
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.17
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		3.17
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>		
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		2.15
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.15
Total Water Revenue Accounts		2.15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-11,940.46</b>