

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

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

2.) Roll Call

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

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the August minutes with the following corrections.* Motion Carried.
- A correction was noted in regards to blacktopping the streets. It was mentioned that *Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids.* The correct statement should have said: *Berg moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids.*

4.) Waste Management Resolution

- Mike Wick attended the meeting to request Fertile's permission to include the cities of Woden, Britt, Kanawah and Crystal Lake into the Comprehensive Plan.
- These cities currently bring their waste to the Kossuth County Landfill, but that landfill is scheduled to be closed per IDNR regulations.
- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the resolution to include Woden, Britt, Kanawah and Crystal Lake in the current Comprehensive plan. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.

5.) Little League Update

- David Bang and Tim Kleveland attended the meeting to give an update of this season's Little League activities.
- The Little League thanks the city for their support to this year's program in regards to concession stand and storage expansions, cement slabs for the stands and tables, playground equipment, water fountain, and cash for equipment.
- This year there were 94 Little Leaguers. This allowed for 7 teams. These numbers are recent records.
- Next year they hope to have at least one dedicated girls team and possibly add a peer pitching program (compared to coach pitching)
- The Little League requested the possible construction of dug outs. Mayor Russell mentioned the goals to add a shelter house, merry-go-round and swings to the area. The council also discussed options for a comprehensive tree and shade program for the recreation area.
- May requested summarized financials for the next budgeting period starting in October. May also requested pictures, schedules, and other information to be added to the city's website at: www.fertileiowa.us.

6.) Utility Charges for Apartment Complexes

- After reviewing the ordinances, resolutions and prior minutes regarding utility rates and charges, the council has agreed that there shall be one service fee for each service: water and sewer, per meter.
- Therefore, rental complexes with one meter shall be charged one service fee per meter, rather than per unit.

7.) Library Levy

- The Fertile Public Library presented a petition to the City Council to include a resolution on the November 6, 2007 general city election ballot. The petition included 20 signatures from local residents. (only 10 signatures were required).

- The resolution would add a Library Levy to our property taxes in the amount of 27 cents per \$1,000 valuation for the purpose of increasing the annual operating budget of the Library.
- The levy would commence July 1, 2008.

8.) Mayor's Report

- Russell has been working with the DOT to receive a new title for one of the fire trucks due to the loss of the original.
- Information for a NIACC sponsored Entrepreneurship event is posted at the post office and at the diner.
- Aukes sprayed for mosquitoes once this summer and will be spraying up to two more times if they return.
- The FB&I Committee has purchased new banners for the Main Street light poles. They are being installed within the next few weeks.
- Clapper Tree Service has removed several dead trees from the park. They have also been grinding the stumps.
- The City will be paying for the damage to personal property caused by the straight wind storms during Fertile Days. A hayrack the City was being used for the parade was pushed into a resident's vehicle and pick-up topper.

9.) City Clerk's Report

- Election information is due to the City Clerk by 5:00 Thursday September 20th. The 2 year Mayoral position is open as well as two 4 year Council positions.
- This fall's WCDA grant has been submitted. The grant will be for a fire engine chassis and several library technology upgrades.
- May, Russell and Bruns met with the City's water meter equipment provider and received a quote for a remote technology and computerized reading system. The council is considering this system for a future WCDA grant request. The system would lower data errors and streamline the reading and billing process. Manly, Forest City and several area cities have similar systems.
- Online Bill-Pay has been added to the City's website at www.fertileiowa.us.
- May presented the Year-To-Date financials.
- *Miller moved, Berg 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) City Maintenance Report

- Mayor Russell reported in Bruns' absence.
- Road fill was added at the ball diamonds, water plant and several other washed-out areas.
- Miller Diesel will now be servicing the City Snow Plow.

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, October 16, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn – *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues

As of August 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-27.36
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,057.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-325.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-24.99
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-550.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-32.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-202.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Recreation Creations, Inc.	-138.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-219.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-131.06
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-10.86
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-114.13
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-8.86
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-89.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-1,628.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-610.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-35.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-73.02
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-84.45
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-20.11
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-2.27
Check	Tractor Supply	-331.54
Deposit		2,608.99
Deposit		2,536.95
Deposit		3,239.00
Deposit		2,755.41
Deposit		2,239.47
Deposit		4,810.75
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,898.71
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	43.91
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,382.49
Deposit	PayPal	0.03
Deposit	PayPal	0.14
Deposit		23.93
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,962.42
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-819.29
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-604.15
Total General Fund Checking		<u>12,566.55</u>
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		<u>60.19</u>
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>60.19</u>
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>3.17</u>
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.17</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		<u>3.17</u>
Water Revenue Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>2.15</u>
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.15</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts		<u>2.15</u>
TOTAL		<u>12,632.06</u>