

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, October 21, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, and Gail Shropshire, City Clerk Eddie May, and City Maintenance Manager Craig Koch. Absent were: Council Members: Jeff Berg and Tad Miller.

Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the September minutes.* Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- On 9/22 a Judge ordered the owners of 115 West Main Street to comply with nuisance ordinances pertaining to debris, weeds, and the state of the building. A \$750 fee was imposed with a December 16th compliance date.
- Several other property owners have been notified to comply with the same ordinances. To date, only three have not responded to the City's request. Legal action will be taken against those who do not respond.
- FEMA has provided the specs for a new emergency siren for the City of Fertile. The siren will cost \$17,688. The City will be applying for a grant to cover the costs. The siren will be triggered by the Worth County Sheriff's department. The current siren will still be used for the "noon bell."
- Craig passed the drug test and physical and has a clean background check. Craig started his position three weeks ago.
- The Fire Department has been putting their new doors into their new building. Once the construction is done, an open-house fundraiser will be scheduled.
- Yaggy-Colby has inspected the park bridges to insure safety following this year's floods. Both the drive-in bridge and the footbridge have passed inspections.
- FEMA has presented the City with a new map outlining the flood plain for FEMA purposes. This new map does not supersede the current flood plain maps created for insurance purposes.
- On 10/11 a wedding was held in the park.
- The Senior Citizens group is looking into the possibility of replacing the steps to the park bandstand.
- Mayor Russell closed the meeting for 15 minutes.
- Mayor Russell re-opened the meeting.
- Mayor Russell met with Forest City leaders to discuss opportunities for future partnerships. Forest City provides emergency evacuation services for the City of Fertile in the case of disasters.
- If a building, which has both water and sewer hook-ups, is empty, the owners of the building are still responsible for the minimum water and sewer rates.
- Halloween will be observed on 10/31 from 5:00 to 8:00 in the City of Fertile.
- The Library will hold their annual Halloween party on Monday, 10/27 with a special haunted trolley ride.

City Clerk's Report

- May presented the September financials.
- May presented the annual reports for the sewer and water systems required by the USDA.
- May presented the first draft of an Identity Theft Policy. The policy will be presented for adoption next month.
- *Peters motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the September Expenditures.* Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- Warren and Buck have been helping to train Craig.
- Craig is now maintaining the parks and watching the numbers at the water and sewer plants.
- The new computer monitoring system is being installed by Hare Electric this week.

Committee Reports

- No Committee reports were presented.

Other Business

- Shropshire asked for letters of recommendation from the Council, Mayor and City Clerk in regards to the IDED Housing Fund Grant.
- A big thanks to the Fertile Garden Club for fall decorations on Main Street - Looks great!

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, November 18, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- Budget discussions will begin at the next meeting.

Adjourn – Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of September 30, 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	-7.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-1,890.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-534.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Reminder	-12.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-37.93
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-0.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-1,059.54
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-299.01
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-22.09
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-233.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-177.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-3,010.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Greve Law Office	-162.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-202.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Greve Law Office	-12.00
Check	John Greve Attny Trust Acct	-115,000.00
Check	US Post Office	-81.00
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	ClickBank.com	-49.90
Check	ClickBank.com	-14.95
Deposit		176.78
Deposit	First State Bank	55,000.00
Deposit		85.15
Deposit		1,904.99
Deposit		26,759.54
Deposit		11,776.72
Deposit		6,325.05
Deposit		2,338.92
Deposit		13.73
Liability Check	IPERS	-1,326.32
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-178.23
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-842.76
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-532.54
Total General Fund Checking		<u>-23,964.91</u>
Total General Fund Accounts		-23,964.91
Community Center Fund CD		
Total Community Center Fund CD		
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		14.06
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>14.06</u>
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.78
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>1.78</u>
Water Revenue Fund CD2		
Deposit		355.24
Total Water Revenue Fund CD2		<u>355.24</u>
Water Revenue Fund CD		
Deposit		353.33
Total Water Revenue Fund CD		<u>353.33</u>
Total Water Fund Accounts		<u>710.35</u>
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.95
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.95</u>
Sewage Revenue Fund CD		
Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD		
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		<u>3.95</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>-23,236.55</u></u>

City Announcement:

Tis the season: please keep alleys, City right of ways, and streets free of vehicles and obstructions to facilitate snow removal. Thanks!

Happy Halloween!