

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Buck Russell and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.
- **Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the Feb. Minutes.** Motion Carried.

Fred Hare / Hare Electric

- Fred Hare purchased the old Fire Station and plans on connecting the building to his existing business building. Fred was wondering if the water and sewer were to be disconnected, would he need to pay two water/sewer bills.
- The Council agreed that precedence set by Larsen Plumbing, Sandifer Recycling, Fertile Lumber Company and Brcka Construction allows for only one water/sewer meter when buildings are combined into one connected location and utility connections are removed or combined into one system. Therefore, Hare Electric will only have one water/sewer connection and one minimum charge for each service (water and sewer).

Fertile Fire Department

- The Fertile Fire Department has contracted with Steve Meyer Consulting to write a grant for a new Fire Truck. Fire Chief Josh Miller and Mayor Russell have been gathering all the information necessary to fill out the grant. The grant will be submitted in April and could take up to 3 years for approval.
- The Fertile Fire Department will be using the new City Hall to host a series of First Responder's courses on Monday evenings from March 22nd – May 30th.
- The City has entered into a 28E Agreement with several cities in the North Iowa Area including Mason City. This agreement allows the sharing of resources between cities to help manage emergencies responses such as fires, natural disasters and hazardous material contaminations.

Mayor's Report

- Warren Bruns & Mayor Russell completed a Tier 2 report for the DNR regarding our inventory of hazardous materials.
- Mayor Russell spoke with the City's Attorney and he stated that the liens against 110 West Main Street need to stay on the property and that the purchaser of the property will be required to pay them. Kathryn Olson's estate should not be responsible for them.
- ICAP, the City's insurance provider completed their annual loss control report and found three areas the City needed to fix: two new stop signs at the corner of 1st and Main, securing of loose items in the Fire Department's pickup, and obtaining certificates of insurance by contractors working for the City. All issues are in the process of being brought into compliance.
- A big Thank You to Hare Electric, Buck and Mayor Russell for the hard work done in taking down the Christmas decorations on Main.
- A big Thank You to Randy Harms, Josh Miller, and Jeff Berg for cleaning up the salt and sand unfortunately dumped at 503 West Washington, Craig Koch and Kara Swingen, when the snow plow got stuck during a blizzard. The City will rake and seed the area this spring.

- The City of Fertile is the only town in Worth County to have an increase in population from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census. The City increase from 360 to 370. A big Thank You to everyone who filled out their Census papers. This will help with grant funding!
- Governor Branstad has proposed an increase in the Gaming Tax from 22% to 36% to help balance this year's state budget. For information regarding the increase, and how it may affect available grant funding, contact the Worth County Development Authority at 641-324-1618.
- The City has received several phone calls requesting information on renting the new Community Center, including a group who wanted to have a square dance and wedding reception. Unfortunately the building will not be available for large group rental for another year, if the grants go through as hoped. The City Hall portion of the building is available for small group rentals though. The rates for rental are: \$75 per day for non-residents and \$50 per day for residents. Both residents and non-residents must also submit a \$25 deposit for cleaning. If the room is reasonably clean after the event, the deposit will be returned. Chairs and tables can also be rented for use outside the building for \$25. This rental fee will go to purchasing new tables and chairs. **Cindy motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the new rental rates.** Motion Carried.

City Clerk's Report

- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (67% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	71%	77%	68%	70%	73%	
Expense	65%	41%	66%	64%	60%	
Net Income	\$4,537.25	\$10,900.65	\$1,484.62	\$4,079.53	\$3,331.87	\$25,808.46

- **Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve February's bills.** Motion Carried.
- The following liens were presented for approval:
207 E Main \$199.13 - 308 W Main \$159.57 - 605 W Washington \$353.91
108 W Washington \$253.48 - 501 W Washington \$325.20 - 405 W Main \$238.00
101 W Main \$229.80 - 403 N 1st \$384.82 - 302 E Main \$271.34 - 210 W Main \$202.94
- **Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve Liens.** Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Buck and Fred Hare contacted Kohler, the maker of the new backup generator at the water plant, to get a check list of troubleshooting tips to help with the automatic start-up feature of the generator. The tips have seemed to work as the generator is now working well.
- Denny Ganz has mentioned that he would be available as a backup for mowing this summer. The City is still looking for assistance with mowing and trimming for this year. Payment for services is available. Contact Buck if you are interested.

Committee Reports

- Fertile Days: Skreta is scheduled to return for an evening concert! The parade, a peddle pull, community meals and other activities are already in the planning, as well as a few food vendors. Fertile Days will be August 6th and 7th this year.
- The Community Center Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 at City Hall. We will know if we have received the WCDA grant by then. If all goes well, we will start finalizing the plans for the fall grant, and gathering information for the Library portion of the project. The public is welcome to attend and offer input.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 19th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- **Pat moved and J 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Motion Carried.

City of Fertile
Bills Paid - February 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001b · General Fund Accounts					
Paycheck	02/01/2011	5532	Berg, Jeffrey	Snow Removal	-121.71
Deposit	02/02/2011			Deposit	1,746.53
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5510	Bruns, Warren		-314.47
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5513	May III, Edgar F.		-858.02
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5511	Russell, Grant		-736.35
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5512	Russell, Joyce		-540.08
Deposit	02/02/2011			Deposit	1,914.61
Deposit	02/03/2011		Diamond Joe Casino	Casino Funds	2,179.28
Deposit	02/07/2011			Deposit	919.22
Deposit	02/08/2011			Deposit	245.74
Deposit	02/09/2011			Deposit	3,545.73
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5514	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,469.44
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5515	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Garden Club	-160.20
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5516	Hare Electric	light fixtures in new city hall	-191.65
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5517	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5518	Kramer Ace Hardware	picture hangers, keyblanks	-16.94
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5519	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	winterize upstairs	-116.25
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5520	North Iowa Media Group	maintenance position ad	-26.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5521	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	notice of public hearing for sale o	-13.80
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5522	Pronto	Gas - snow removal	-56.58
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5523	Staples	Office Supplies	-76.03
Bill Pmt -Check	02/09/2011	5524	WCTA	Telephone and Internet	-236.19
Deposit	02/15/2011			Deposit	1,669.18
Paycheck	02/15/2011	5525	Miller, Josh	Snow Removal	-133.98
Check	02/18/2011	5495	First Security Bank & Trust	Comm Ctr Loan Pmt	-2,500.00
Deposit	02/23/2011			Deposit	5,445.56
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2011	5526	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-796.59
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2011	5527	Fertile Reminder	Advertisement Costs	-20.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2011	5528	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.92
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2011	5529	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt -Check	02/23/2011	5530	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Agreement	-2,250.00
Deposit	02/28/2011			Deposit	399.59
Check	02/28/2011		Coralville Marriott	Continuing Ed - Warren	-235.20
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	77.42
Total 001b · General Fund Accounts					5,374.72
110b · Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	9.00
Total 110b · Roads Revenue Accounts					9.00
600b · Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	13.03
Total 600b · Water Revenue Accounts					13.03
610b · Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	9.71
Total 610b · Sewer Revenue Accounts					9.71
TOTAL					5,406.46