

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Mayor's Report

- The City has been researching the cost of renting comparable rooms as the new community center. Kensett rents their center for \$275 per day including a \$100 refundable deposit. They also charge a \$100 fee for table and chair set-up and tear-down. Ventura charges \$495 per day and holds 250-300. The City will continue to research comparable rates before setting ours.
- The new community center is currently taking reservations for 2012 and 2013. Graduations, reunions and wedding receptions have already been booked.
- Sign Pro installed a new sign at City Hall and has changed the sign at the maintenance shed. Hare Electric will be installing lights for the new City Hall sign. Sign Pro will get us information on the cost of an electronic bulletin board.
- On 9/13 NIACOG awarded bids for the last two Housing Grant award recipients: 105 School St and 404 W Washington
- Alliant fixed the street light at corner of School St and W Washington. They hope to come through town before winter and trim trees near power lines. Storms have delayed them.
- There will be a Sheriff's sale for 103 W Washington on November 15th. Information about the sale is at the Post Office.
- We received \$102,805 from the Worth County Development Authority, charitable arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, from the spring grant for phase II of the Community Center project.
- Schoneman Realty owns the properties at 210 W Main and 501 W Washington. They have been notified that the City will be taking legal action against them for property nuisance. They have been asked to clean up the properties and have not.
- Cindy has taken a new job and cannot be the backup rep for Winn-Worth Betco. **Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to appoint Pat Renchin as the new Winn-Worth Betco backp rep.** Motion Carried
- Two Council seats, as well as the Mayor's seat, are up for election on November 8th. Joyce is running for re-election as Mayor, Jeff Berg, Cindy Peters and Julie Jessen are running for Council seats.
- Joyce interviewed 8 more candidates for the City Maintenance position. The Council will interview 2 candidates on Friday, September 30th.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August Financials (17% through the year)
- | | General | Roads | Water | Sewer | Landfill | Total (incl. non-budget items) |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Income | 6% | 17% | 27% | 30% | 30% | |
| Expense | 11% | 5% | 16% | 21% | 24% | |
| Net Income | -\$7,889 | \$3,678 | \$7,310 | \$8,041 | \$1,906 | -\$99,278 |

- Eddie explained that the large deficit was caused by checks written to community center contractors prior to cashing the check to cover the expenses from the WCDA grant. The grant money was cashed the first week of September, so the financials will balance out next month.
- **Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve Aug. bills.** Motion Carried.
- Eddie presented the Fall WCDA grant for the final phase of the Community Center and City Hall. The City is asking for \$115,377.90.
- Eddie presented the City's Annual Financial Report as well as the end of year report for the Library. The Library had a deficit last year, as it had been saving up in previous years, for the new "Beacon" automated reservation system.
- **Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the following liens: 403 1st St N for \$515.09; 405 W Main for \$425.79; 104 Mill for \$511.21; and 306 W Main for \$331.55.** Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- 100 new water meters have been ordered and Larsens have been installing them as they come in. The new meters will save time reading the meters and will be more accurate.
- Both generators, at the lagoon and water plant, are working.
- Roof at the lagoon pump house has been replaced. City is getting quotes for siding the building.
- Buck cleaned up the lagoon grounds in preparation for winter.
- Larsens will be looking at the furnaces in the maintenance building and the water plant in preparation for winter.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, October 18th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- **Pat moved and Cindy 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Motion Carried.

City of Fertile						3:27 PM
Bills Paid						09/21/2011
As of August 31, 2011						Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	
Checking						
Deposit	08/03/2011			Deposit	2,726.83	
Deposit	08/03/2011			Deposit	1,922.25	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5681	Bates Bros. Construction	Housing Grant	-4,606.00	
Deposit	08/03/2011			Deposit	1,772.31	
Check	08/03/2011	5682	Fertile Little League	Little League (Black Hills Energy Donation)	-250.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5683	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-11.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5684	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,431.09	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5685	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Garden Club	-128.30	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5686	Clapper Tree Service	Tree Trimming	-130.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5687	IDNR	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination	-210.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5688	Kramer Ace Hardware	Mower Oil / Grass Seed	-43.54	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5689	Mason City Rentals	Fertile Days	-1,265.66	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5690	NIACOG	House Grant	-300.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5691	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Porta-Poties	-215.00	
Bill Pmt -Check	08/03/2011	5692	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-142.88	
Paycheck	08/03/2011	5693	Bruns, Warren		-311.39	
Paycheck	08/03/2011	5696	May III, Edgar F.		-482.73	
Paycheck	08/03/2011	5694	Russell, Grant		-1,186.18	
Paycheck	08/03/2011	5695	Russell, Joyce		-715.79	
Deposit	08/04/2011			Deposit	498.86	
Deposit	08/09/2011			Deposit	511.80	

Check	08/09/2011	5698	Downtown Cafe'	Fertile Days Meals	-1,000.00
Check	08/09/2011	5697	Skretta, Etc.	Fertile Days Band	-400.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5699	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5700	Five Star CO-OP	Roundup	-65.53
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5701	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5702	Menards	Tank Sprayer	-8.88
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5703	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Porta-Poties	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/10/2011	5704	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Deposit	08/10/2011			Deposit	3,221.38
Deposit	08/15/2011			Deposit	1,960.57
Deposit	08/17/2011			Deposit	2,147.83
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2011	5705	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-104.80
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2011	5706	Pronto	Mower/Truck Gas	-122.24
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2011	5707	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.16
Bill Pmt -Check	08/17/2011	5708	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.87
Check	08/18/2011	5698	First Security Bank & Trust	Comm Ctr Loan Pmt	-2,500.00
Deposit	08/24/2011			Deposit	3,816.36
Check	08/24/2011	5709	Russell, Joyce	reimbursement / community center lights	-306.80
Check	08/24/2011	5710	Biretz, Kenneth & Deena	Utility Deposit	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2011	5712	Broka Construction, Inc.	Community Center	-47,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2011	5713	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Community Center Draw #2	-23,550.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/24/2011	5714	USA Blue Book	Water Testing Supplies	-90.07
Check	08/24/2011	5715	Fertile Fire Department	Diff in Qtrly Allocation not paid in July	-750.00
Check	08/24/2011	5716	Fertile Public Library	Diff in Qtrly Allocation not paid in July	-129.75
Liability Check	08/24/2011	iQue	IPERS		-394.70
Check	08/26/2011	5717	US Post Office	Postage	-1.48
Deposit	08/29/2011			Deposit	4,606.00
Check	08/30/2011		First Security Bank & Trust	Stop Payment Charge	-28.00
Deposit	08/31/2011			Deposit	3,157.79
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5718	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5719	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,308.52
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5720	Bates Bros. Construction	Housing Grant	-8,090.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5721	Hare Electric	Community Center	-30,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5722	Kramer Ace Hardware	New city hall keys & padlocks	-65.21
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5723	NIACOG	House Grant	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5724	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Porta-Poties	-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2011	5725	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-11.40
Check	08/31/2011	5726	Hall, Andrew	Utility Deposit minus stop payment charge	-122.00
Check	08/31/2011	5727	Petty Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	-39.03
Deposit	08/31/2011			Deposit	2,003.30
Deposit	08/31/2011			Interest	30.43
Total Checking					-102,799.87
Petty Cash					
Check	08/31/2011	Bomgaars	equipment - water plant		-22.06
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.22
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.08
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.15
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-3.64
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.39
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-5.71
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.39
Check	08/31/2011	USPS	postage		-1.39
Check	08/31/2011	5727	Petty Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	39.03
Total Petty Cash					0.00
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	08/31/2011			Interest	14.36
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					14.36
Deposit	08/31/2011			Interest	8.59
Total Water Revenue Accounts					8.59
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	08/31/2011			Interest	8.66
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					8.66
TOTAL					-102,768.26