

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, April 4, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Melanne Bang, Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May.

3.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Renchin 2nd to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Central Disposal – Comprehensive Plan

Mike Wick from Central Disposal presented an updated comprehensive waste disposal plan for the Worth County Landfill. There were 4 changes from the previous plan including: amount of base tonnage annual allowance, the processing of construction and demolition materials for re-sale, the use of concrete waste to use as construction fill, and additional deposit bins for recycling drop-off added at the landfill.

Renchin Moved, Miller 2nd to renew the Comprehensive Plan as presented by Central Disposal. Motion Carried.

5.) Sewage System Repairs and the Community Development Block Grant

Marsha Cory from Simmering-Cory and Terry McCarthy from Yaggy-Colby presented the next steps for the project. The council renewed their decision to accept Yaggy-Colby as the engineers for the project. A tentative schedule was presented with possible construction starting in July and finishing in October.

6.) Discussion on the 150th Anniversary

- Mayor Russell presented information received from the Worth County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa Liquor & Gaming Commission, in regards to the Beer Garden proposed by the FB&I committee. Specific requirements will be presented directly to the committee.
- The FB&I committee requested the use of City Hall during the celebration. The request was granted.

7.) Discussion on the Old School Property

Due to complaints by citizens, the City addressed the condition of the property with the owner, Joe Elthon. The City re-stated the terms of the purchase contract between the City and Elthon. Elthon assured the Council that he is cleaning up the property and will make sure the building is secure and the property is safe. Elthon mentioned that he has a couple of parties interested in purchasing the property.

8.) Mayor's Report

- Tom Stephany from First Gabrielson Insurance presented the new Insurance Policy to Mayor Russell for evaluation. Everything was as expected. Policy was renewed.
- Nettleton Construction will be replacing tile, this spring, under the East bound section of Main Street as well as behind City Hall.
- Mayor Russell will be meeting with the Worth County Engineers and County Supervisors to begin investigation into the storm water run-off issues that the City has been experiencing.

9.) City Clerk's Report

- Billings are now being printed through QuickBooks.
- May requested that the Council meetings be moved to the 2nd Tuesday of the month in order to allow time for proper financial statements to be presented. A motion was made to move Council Meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month, because City Hall has already been reserved for the second Tuesday of the month by the Garden Club.

Bang moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the motion to move the City Council Meetings to the third Tuesday of the month. Berg abstained from approval, Motion Carried.

- May suggested a formal complaint form be implemented for the voicing of citizen's grievances. The form will include instructions on the proper avenues for grievances. The Council asked May to locate and/or draft a form for this use. This form will be presented at the next Council Meeting.

10.) City Maintenance Report

- The DNR has given the 2nd written warning concerning the content within the City Burn Pile. Discussion was made concerning the policies and enforcement for wrongful dumping. A new sign will be posted stating specifically what can and cannot be dumped. A fine will be imposed on violators of the policy. Details will be decided at the next council meeting.
- The DNR also stated concern about erosion of the ponds. Bruns has purchased materials to fix this issue. Bruns will continue to monitor this situation and add more fill as needed.

11.) Approve Expenditures

Bang moved, Shropsire 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

12.) No committee reports were presented

13.) New Business

- Concern about the Post-Office Box hours was presented. All inquiries were directed to the Postmaster.
- City Hall is reserved Thursday, April 13th for the County Fireman's Meeting.

14.) Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- 150th Anniversary
- Burn-Pile restrictions, penalties, and enforcement.
- Formal Citizen's Complaint form.

15.) Upcoming Meetings

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, May 16th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

16.) Adjourn

Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of March 31, 2006

	Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking	Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-925.36
	Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-555.55
	Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-5.99
	Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Jetting	-400.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
	Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-96.27
	Bill Pmt -Check	PSI	-63.17
	Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-104.76
	Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-101.25
	Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-575.60
	Bill Pmt -Check	BMC	-341.89
	Bill Pmt -Check	Holland Contracting	-409.48
	Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	-343.65
	Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-23.63
	Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-29.39
	Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-39.96
	Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-2,014.36
	Check	US Post Office	-34.80
	Check	Petty Cash	-30.72
	Check	Bruns, Warren	-152.59
	Check	ICAP	-10,628.35
	Deposit		4,975.97
	Deposit		2,408.73
	Deposit		2,962.58
	Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-136.00
	Liability Check	IRS	-1,180.59
	Liability Check	IPERS	-682.64
	Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,270.30
	Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.19
	Paycheck	Low, David	-300.41
	Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-302.30
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	Total General Fund Checking		-10,464.72
	Money Market Savings	Deposit	3,823.52
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