

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November, 21 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, October 17, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

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

3.) Minutes Approval

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

4.) Worth County Board of Supervisors and Sheriff's Department

The Worth County Board of Supervisors and the Worth County Sheriff's Department are asking for a service rate increase for the next fiscal year. The last time they raised rates was in the 80's. The Council tentatively agreed to their request and will make the final decision during the budget hearings.

5.) Anne Jones

Property owner Anne Jones has filed a complaint against the City regarding the repairs to the Dam made in the Mill. Jones was not in attendance. Her complaint was presented to the City Attorney, John Greve.

6.) Appointment of a Council Member to fill Bang's Seat

No one has voiced their interest in filling the position vacated by Bang. This position will remain open. All interested residents may voice their interest, either in person or in writing, at the next Council meeting.

7.) I/I Reduction Project

Update on Progress

- As of 11/13/06 the first phase of the project is 28% completed. The estimated completion date of the first phase is 12/31/06. So far, they are on schedule.
- The second and final phase is projected to be completed June 2007.
- The contractors and the City will maintain the loose gravel sections of road that have been torn up during construction. These sections need to settle before re-surfacing in the spring. Please drive carefully through these sections.

Approval of Project Expenditures

- Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd, to approve project expenditures through CDBG draw #2.* Motion Carried.

8.) Public Hearing (1 of 2) Regarding Sewer, Water and Landfill/Recycling Rates

- Mayor Russell opened the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.
- May presented financial and utilization reports regarding the utilities. May also presented a sample rate structure from another City. May suggested using a rate structure that lowers the minimum charges and begins to charge usage with the first gallon. Utilization figures need to be double checked before finalizing the specific rates.
- The suggested rates for Garbage and Recycling are at a \$.50 per service increase starting January 1st.
- No comments were received from the public.
- The second hearing will be held at the next Council Meeting in December. It is projected that the rates will be finalized at that meeting.
- Mayor Russell closed the public hearing at 8:45 p.m.

9.) Mayor's Report

- Minor road repairs will be made in the next month. Most repairs will be held off until spring due to the construction project.
- The old grey City truck was sold for scrap.
- Forest City Ford will be trading a pickup blade for the City's skid loader snow blower attachment.
- All surface rust was removed from the new City truck.
- New Christmas decorations have been installed in the park. Check them out at night! The FB&I committee will also be installing new decorations soon.
- New lightweight tables have been purchased for City Hall.
- A number of Shut-off notices were returned to City Hall un-received. They were sent certified mail and will be kept at City Hall for proof of submission.

10.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the October financials.
- The City received the full amount requested from a grant through the Worth County Development Authority. The grant goes to cover the costs of repairing the dam. The City would like to thank the WCDA for this opportunity.

- Recycling will now be serviced every other Thursday instead of the 1st and the 3rd Thursday. This will add 4 more collections throughout the year and will not cost the City any extra.
- May presented pricing for security cameras. Due to the increased vandalism this past summer, the Council is considering the installation of security cameras in many public areas.
- May presented cost figures for accepting credit cards as an option for utility payments. The Council agreed that the cost is too high. Interested residents are encouraged to look into auto bill pay services from their banks.
- May presented the suggestion to have CPA Larry Pump's office review the financials on a quarterly basis. The Council would like to know who can and will perform a full audit. May will present the Council with options at the next Council meeting.
- May presented the 2006 Financial Report (The City's "tax return") for Council approval. It will now be published in the Forest City Summit. *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the 2006 Financial Report.* Motion Carried.

11.) Approve General Expenditures

Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.

12.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Public Hearing (2 of 2) Regarding Sewer, Water and Landfill/Recycling Rates.
- The 2nd Public Hearing to update the residents of the community on the improvements to the sanitary sewer system.
- Budget Hearings Begin - Budgets are due from all City Departments and Committees.
- Public Hearing Regarding Council Member Salaries, Mayoral Salaries and Reimbursements.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, December 19th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

14.) Adjourn - Miller moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile		
Expenditures and Revenues		
As of October 31, 2006		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-947.81
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-451.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-2,129.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-259.80
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-27.58
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-56.60
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-15.69
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-31.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-114.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-143.93
Bill Pmt -Check	Decker Electric, LLC	-163.27
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-175.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-45.05
Bill Pmt -Check	May, Eddie V	-34.98
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-89.40
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,625.00
Check	Fertile Library	-3,375.00
Check	US Post Office	-72.00
Check	Baxter, Jonathan	-131.82
Deposit		2,564.74
Deposit		2,756.27
Deposit		3,403.51
Deposit		5,528.99
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	1,973.84
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	17,545.07
Deposit		26.37
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	3,067.57
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,593.06
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-534.54
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-643.00
Total General Fund Checking		21,179.32
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		62.11
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		62.11
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.67
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.67
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.95
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		3.95
TOTAL		21,248.05