

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

December, 19 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, December 19, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

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

3.) Minutes Approval

Miller moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the November minutes. Motion Carried.

4.) Public Hearing to Update Residents on the Improvements to the Sanitary Sewer System.

- The project involves the repair of sewer mains and sealing leaky manholes in order to minimize I/T in the system. The project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant.
- The goals of the project and project beneficiaries have not changed since the grant application was submitted to the State of Iowa in December 2005.
- Construction on collection system improvements began in October of 2006 and is approximately 75% complete. The grant is scheduled to close-out July 31, 2007.
- Project expenditures to-date include CDBG funds of \$85,390.00 and local funds of \$50,149.65.
- Oral comments were presented as follows:
 - Construction is completed for the winter. It will resume in the spring.
 - The roads will be graded through the winter.
 - Road repair and re-seeding will occur in the spring and as the project closes.
- Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the expenditures through CDBG draw #3.* Motion Carried.

5.) Public Hearing Regarding Utility Rates

- May presented figures related to the utility income and expenses, including the new loans for the sewer upgrades.
- Rate adjustments were voted in as follows:
 - Garbage rates raise from \$11.00 to \$11.50
 - Recycling rates raise from \$1.75 to \$2.25
 - Water Minimum will stay the same at \$19.50 (\$14.50 minimum plus \$5.00 maintenance fee)
 - Water usage will stay the same at \$0.15 per 100 gallons
 - Water usage rates will begin at 100 gallons of usage, rather than 2100 gallons
 - Sewer Minimum will stay the same at \$25.00
 - Sewer usage will rise from \$0.15 per 100 gallons to \$0.25 per 100 gallons
 - Sewer usage rates will begin at 100 gallons of usage, rather than 2100 gallons
- The approved rates will affect households in differing degrees. Low usage residents may see a \$2-3 increase per month. Higher usage residents may see a \$7-10 increase per month.
- An explanation of the new rates will appear on the back of bills for the next several months.
- A copy of the resolution is available for review at City Hall by appointment.

Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve Resolution 06-19-12 approving the new utility rates effective 1/1/2007. Role call vote was unanimous. Resolution Passed.

6.) Budget Hearing

- The Library and Fire Department will submit their budget during the January Council Meeting.
- No representative from the Little League was in attendance.
- All budgets must be submitted during the January Council Meeting.
- May submitted salary figures from the League of Cities.
- May presented a draft for a cafeteria plan for City employees.

7.) Mayor's Report

- The old City truck was sold.
- The City purchased a 1993 International plow truck. The new truck is 10 years newer than our previous truck. It also has a shaker box, upgraded spreader and a bottom blade that the old truck did not have. The City has attached the old plow blade to the new truck. The old truck will be placed for sale with sealed bids taken through January.
- All curb stops within the city limits are now functional. Nettleton will bill the city for the improvements. The city will bill each resident.

- The City Attorney has served papers to several residential properties who where not in compliance with safety and beautification ordinances. The property owners have until the end of December to comply with the ordinance before further legal action is taken.
- The FB&I committee has purchased the new street light decorations. Hare Electric donated their boom truck and labor to hang the decorations. Thank you Fred and Tom.
- The City will be writing a grant for new picnic tables, benches and playground equipment for the park and the ball fields.

8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the November financials. The City is on track with most budget line items. All out of order items have been explained to the Council.

9.) City Maintenance Report

- Nettleton and Bruns have been working to repair the lagoons. All repairs will be completed in December.
- Bruns has noticed a considerable difference in sewage intake since the project has begun.

10.) Approve General Expenditures

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

11.) Other Business

- The FB&I committee requested the organization of a committee for the Fertile Community Center. May will present a charter for the committee at the January Council Meeting.
- Loren Hoffman voiced his desire to fill the vacant Council seat.

12.) Next Meeting's Business Topics

- Budget Hearing.

13.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, January 17th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.

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

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

Type	Name	Paid Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-625.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Bob's Body Shop	-1,312.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Jetting	-546.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Larry Pump, CPA	-2,725.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-62.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Natural Plus	-289.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-70.39
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-21.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-26.77
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-17.04
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,905.96
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-116.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-8,940.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-290.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-354.44
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-409.53
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-699.55
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-763.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-36.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-938.64
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-286.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-80.84
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-7.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Simmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.20
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-26.50
Check	Intuit	-89.99
Check	Hanson, Jeremy	-150.00
Check	Book, Harold & Marlys	-150.00
Check	Bonwell, Dennis or Cheri	-150.00
Check	Bartleson, Lindsey	-150.00
Check	Ward, Dustin	-156.00
Deposit		2,949.03
Deposit		4,090.51
Deposit	Thompson, James	150.00
Deposit		16,198.94
Deposit		14,579.86
Deposit		3,620.06
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,278.82
Deposit		32.58
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,164.41
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-299.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-643.37
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-199.01
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