

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 19, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

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

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the May minutes.* Motion Carried.

4.) Sewer Project Update by Yaggy Colby

- Terry McCarthy presented an update on the sewer project. Nettleton has completed phase I and phase II of the project, other than the patching of the roads. Because of cost saving efforts of Nettleton, Yaggy Colby and the City, we will be able to repair 4 more manholes than what was originally in the plan. Nettleton will make the extra repairs within the next 2-3 weeks. Heartland Asphalt will then patch the roads. The project should be completed by July 31.

5.) Curfew Ordinance and Juvenile Delinquency

- A group of concerned citizens asked Mayor Russell to invite Sherriff Ganz to attend the meeting to discuss the issues we have had over the last few years regarding curfew and delinquency. Sherriff Ganz reviewed the city ordinance pertaining to the curfew and found it to be enforceable.
- The curfew applies to anyone under the age of 17 between the hours of 10:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. The complete ordinance can be reviewed at City Hall.
- Ganz encouraged the idea to initiate a Neighborhood Watch Program. He also stated that any citizen can perform a citizen's arrest.
- If a citizen witnesses any questionable behavior they are encouraged to call the Sherriff's office at 800-458-1234. Fertile has 2 Reserve Officers living in city limits. Under normal circumstances a Deputy or a Reserve Officer can be on site within 10 minutes.
- Sherriff Ganz encourages the use of video cameras, cell phone cameras or audio tape to capture the behavior. He also stated that if those are not available, eye witness testimony does still stand-up in court.
- Ganz also encouraged the idea of placing municipal video surveillance systems in all public areas. The video feed could be recorded at City Hall and/or piped directly to the Sherriff's Office. The Council is still discussing this option.

6.) Mayor's Report

- Alliant Energy has submitted a 25 year contract to the City for franchise rights. The council is considering a Franchise Fee option. The Fee would be charged to the utility customer and paid to the City.
- Mayor Russell presented the Fertile Emergency Operation Plan which provides a plan of action and evacuation in case of disaster.

- The DNR has approved the proposal to decrease the slope of the dike in the park. This will allow easier maintenance of the dike.
- Mayor Russell visited with the Humane Society about abandoned pets. The Humane Society cannot intervene unless the pets have noticeable signs of physical neglect.
- Mayor Russell confirmed with the Sherriff's Department that any liens placed on the property must be paid before the new owners can get clear title, no matter how the house is sold.
- The playground equipment, picnic tables and benches have been installed up at the ball fields.
- A BIG THANK YOU to Haugen Lawn Service for donating the time and materials for spraying the ball fields.
- The city will be sprayed for Mosquitoes three times this summer.
- Todd and Larry will receive a Governor's Award from Governor Chet Culver at the Iowa State Fair for pulling the boys from the river this winter.
- Fertile has put a bid in for the picnic tables from Hanlontown. If the City wins the bid, the tables will be place in the park.
- Three gravel alleys have been blacktopped. One more section of road remains to be done.
- The Worth County Development Authority has granted \$2000 to the FB&I committee for Fertile Days. Fertile Days will be August 4th and 5th.

7.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the May financials.
- May suggested that the council consider placing a Franchise Fee on the utility contracts the City has with Alliant. The Fee would allow the City to continue to progressively handle City issues such as the ailing city sewer system and prepare for future expansion of services such as the Community Center.
- *Hoffman moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

8.) Committee Reports

- Weeds & Garbage – solutions were suggested for the continual upkeep of the parks and recreational areas. Busy summer schedules, coupled with weather issues, have delayed trimming in several areas.
- Community Center – the committee has visited several area libraries, fire departments and community centers for ideas and suggestions. The committee is in the process of assembling an informational survey to be mailed to the residents of Fertile and the surrounding areas.

9.) Other Business

- Tom Kirshbaum re-voiced his opinion that City needs to dig out the culverts along the roadside and repair the storm water system. He has placed new tile in his culvert and re-covered it.

10.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, July 17, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

11.) Adjourn - Renchin moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of May 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-880.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-863.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-234.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-10.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-1,854.10
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-83.30
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-1,825.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-10.88
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-118.47
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-239.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-261.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-380.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-153.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-304.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-182.14
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Check	Fertile Little League	-600.00
Deposit		2,012.16
Deposit		3,763.98
Deposit		5,405.52
Deposit		3,347.44
Deposit		3,088.20
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,102.72
Deposit		41.51
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	907.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,332.64
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-642.37
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-259.92
Total General Fund Checking		<u>8,272.74</u>
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		<u>61.33</u>
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		61.33
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>2.14</u>
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		2.14
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>3.17</u>
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.17</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>8,339.38</u></u>