

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 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, Patrick Renchin – 2nd half of the meeting, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.

3.) Minutes Approval

- **Berg motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the June minutes.** Motion Carried.

4.) Alliant Energy – Franchise Fee Options

- May reported that a number of the metro cities in Iowa have opted to impose a Franchise Fee on non-city owned utilities. The fees are placed against utility usage and collected by the utility company. The fees are then used by the cities to subsidize their General Fund – *Library, Little League, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, Police Service, Parks, etc.*
- The City's 25 year contract with Alliant Energy is currently up for renewal. May suggested that the council consider placing a small fee (.0025) in this year's contract so that the option can be available anytime within the next 25 years.
- Rich Mengas and Rebecca Gisel from Alliant Energy attended the council meeting to offer their advice. They mentioned that one city within our area has opted to add the fees.
- The consensus of the council was to keep the contract as it is now, without the Franchise Fee option.
- **The City will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:00 at City Hall in regards to the 25 year contract with Alliant Energy.**

5.) City Security Cameras

- At the request of the Council, May presented two initial proposals for camera and security equipment. The proposed equipment would monitor the ball fields, Rhodes Island Park, and Main Street. The video from the feeds would be maintained for up to 2 months and would feed directly to City Hall and to the Worth County Sherriff's Department. Any illegal activity captured though the system would be burned to DVD and used if legal action were to be taken.
- The system would be funded through grant monies.
- The council requested that May investigate additional equipment vendors, the installation costs and to verify maintenance costs and warranty information.

6.) Tom Kirschbaum

- Tom requested that the City investigate why the water he drains from his spring is backing uphill into his neighbor's property.
- Warren will investigate and notify Tom and the Council.

7.) Mayor's Report

- Within the first two weeks after installation, a giraffe leg has been stolen from the kids' playground. The City is replacing the leg as it exists to protect kids from the bolts below.

- 2nd Street, River Street, State Street and Park Street will receive all new black top with monies from the sewer project. Heartland asphalt will be moving in their equipment and starting the road repairs this week.
- The city is receiving two more bids for the blacktopping of the remaining roads in town. The City expects to be able to replace 3-4 roads per year over the next 3-4 years.
- Two homes within City Limits have been turned over to the attorney for failure to comply with safety ordinances. The homes had previously received letters requesting their compliance to the ordinance by June of 2007.
- The City is garnishing the wages of one resident for failure to pay past water bills.
- This fall, two 4 year Council seats and the Mayor's 2 year seat are up for election. Interested candidates may register and receive information at City Hall between August 27th and September 30th.
- The City purchased 8 picnic tables from the City of Hanlontown. The tables are currently in the Park.
- A BIG THANKS TO HAUGEN LAWN SERVICE for donating the time and materials to spray the ball fields, and along the north river bank!
- Buck and Joyce Russell trimmed the trees and weed whacked at the water plant and in the park.

8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the End of Fiscal Year financials.
- May suggested the creation of a new "Administrative Allocation" account in order to allocate shared expenses that are too time consuming to allocate during the year between funds. May assured the Council that this is a typical, and legal, accounting tool.
- **Hoffman moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the creation of an Administrative Allocation Account.** Motion Carried
- The final report will be published in the Forest City Summit as well as posted at the Library, Post Office and the Downtown Café. The full report will be available at City Hall.
- **Hoffman moved, Berg 2nd to approve the expenditures.** Motion Carried.

9.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns reported that the burn pile has been completely cleaned up at the lagoon. He also mentioned that Waupaca Woods is in the process of offering branch shredding – more will be announced when it is ready.
- The dike in the Park is in the process of being sloped by Bruns and Nettleton Excavating. This will allow for easier maintenance. Dave Haugen has agreed to seed the dike once it has been completed.
- Bruns requested the approval to purchase a set of forks for the skid loader. These will allow the City to move picnic tables and other large objects as necessary.
- **Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve up to \$500 for the purchase of forks for the skid loader.** Motion Carried.

10.) Committee Reports

- **Parks** – The tree stumps in the center of the park are going to be pulled out and/or ground. The stumps along the river bank cannot be removed as they are part of the system holding the river bank in place.

- **Weeds & Garbage** – The County Weed Inspectors are presently working with residents to clean up the noxious weeds within City Limits.

11.) **Next Meeting**

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, August 14, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

12.) **Adjourn** – *Hoffman moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn.*
Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of June 30, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-719.39
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-242.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Decker Sports	-51.98
Bill Pmt -Check	DNR/Operator Certification	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-8.07
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-302.13
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	-1,903.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-767.25
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-83.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-180.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-266.37
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-62.41
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-18.58
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	-35,188.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-112.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-140.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-287.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-4,980.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Citites	-239.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-19.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-96.35
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Sand & Gravel, Inc.	-2,160.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-27.41
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-85.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Yaggy Colby Associates	-2,671.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-20.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-809.44
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-295.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-208.87
Bill Pmt -Check	Recreation Creations, Inc.	-19,208.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-190.43
Bill Pmt -Check	City of Hanlontown	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-758.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-86,419.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Simmering-Cory, Inc.	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Burtness-Lundgren Plumbing & Heating, Inc	-24.08
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-242.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-43.86
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-46.55

Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-416.40
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-1,825.00
Check	Iowa Finance Authority	-8,747.54
Check	Appel, Jerry & Paula	-150.00
Check	US Post Office	-131.20
Check	Cherry Tree Builders V	-3,274.00
Check	Premier Polysteel	-6,116.40
Check	Vorland Masonry & Concrete	-11,055.00
Check	Bidne, Kevin	-87.00
Check	US Post Office	-41.86
Deposit		1,663.27
Deposit	Worth County Development Authority	34,124.00
Deposit		9,964.60
Deposit	IFACWSRF	7,221.72
Deposit		67,054.55
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,851.56
Deposit	IFACWSRF	27,232.97
Deposit		38.79
Liability Check	IRS	-1,526.46
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-163.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-868.94
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,274.32
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-735.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-454.94
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-636.00
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-626.00
Total General Fund Checking		<u><u>-53,868.83</u></u>
Total General Fund Accounts		-53,868.83
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		<u>57.74</u>
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		57.74
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>3.07</u>
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.07</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		3.07
Water Revenue Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		<u>2.08</u>
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.08</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts		<u>2.08</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>-53,805.94</u></u>