

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, May 20, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, Pat Renchin, Gail Shropshire, and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was City Manager Warren Bruns.

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Peters 2nd to approve the March minutes. Motion Carried.*
- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the April minutes. Motion Carried.*

4.) Jay Langenbau – Worth County Sheriffs’ Department

- Deputy Sheriff Jay Langenbau introduced himself to the Council as the Democratic candidate running for the Sheriff’s office in the upcoming election. Jay stated that he would focus on increased education and training for the department. He stated that he would focus on crime prevention through awareness programs. He wants to keep an “open door” policy and states that he is available for questions and comments.

5.) Heartland Asphalt

- Travis presented a proposal for blacktopping West Washington Street. Heartland would scratch both sides of the road, lay 1” leveler, and a 2” overlay. They would also raise the manholes and shut-offs to the level of the new street. The estimate came to just over \$58,000. The Council asked Travis to also quote East Washington and 3rd Street.
- The City expects to write a grant to cover the costs. Construction would be scheduled for spring 2009.
- *Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to postpone bid approval until next meeting, after Heartland presents the complete bid and a second bid is made for comparison. Motion Carried.*

6.) Ditch Excavating and Water Issues

- Brian Nettleton has been digging ditches on West Washington. Haugen’s lawn service will be re-seeding soon. Nettleton has also placed a catch basin to catch run-off sand and gravel from the ball fields. The City is covering the cost of these projects.
- More ditch work is expected to take place later this summer.

7.) Fire Department Building

- We are waiting on bids for remodeling the Knapper building before finalizing our plans. Bids are expected soon.
- Mayor Russell is also in the process of receiving building appraisals for City Hall, the Library and the Fire Department.

8.) Mayor’s Report

- A new shelter house will be built this summer at the ball fields.
- Warren & Buck have installed the new street signs and posts.
- The City has purchased 4 new white tables – they are available to City residents for special events. Please make reservations with Joyce or Eddie.
- An ink-jet copier/printer has been placed in City Hall for use by organizations utilizing City Hall for activities.

- ICAP, our liability insurance company, has denied coverage to the proposed skate park equipment. The equipment was not built by a certified manufacturer. Therefore the skate park project has been put on hold.
- Alliant has been replacing burnt out street lights throughout town. Hare Electric will be fixing the lights on Main Street.
- WCDA gave 6 Worth County students scholarships in the amount of \$6,528.36 each. Joyce presented the scholarships.
- On Friday, July 11th, the Tractor Ride will be stopping in Fertile. The Library Friends will be serving lunch for the event.
- The park will also be used for a wedding and several family reunions. Please check with City Hall to reserve the shelter.

9.) City Clerk’s Report

- May presented April’s financials.
- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the April Expenditures. Motion Carried.*
- The City is right on budget for this year. The City expects to put \$15,000 into the savings for road re-surfacing and \$10,000 into the savings for painting the water tower.

10.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, June 17 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- Kristen Anderson, with NIACOG, will be present to explain the Housing Repair & Renovation Grant Program.

11.) Adjourn – Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Expenditures and Revenues		
Type	April 2008 Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	ICAP	-10,888.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-879.73
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-788.96
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-19.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-269.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	-75.38
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.32
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-115.66
Bill Pmt -Check	Bruns, Warren V	-71.42
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-3,375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Public Library V	-1,125.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-922.93
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-445.20
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-331.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-514.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-108.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-293.15
Bill Pmt -Check	NMC	-1,370.33
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-253.85
Bill Pmt -Check	Sears	-361.62
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-117.64
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.35
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-1,625.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-3,375.00
Check	US Post Office	-52.00
Deposit		155.82
Deposit		11,886.16
Deposit		46.55
Deposit		3,303.11
Deposit		3,990.15
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	17,873.21
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,334.39
Deposit		32.73
Liability Check	IRS	-1,617.34
Liability Check	IPERS	-919.36
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-92.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-397.58
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-997.09
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-897.00
Total General Fund Checking		4,164.80
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		31.42
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.30
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.92
TOTAL		4,199.44