

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, June 17, 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

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

4.) Iowa Housing Fund Grant

- Steve Wendt and Myrtle Nelson from NIACOG presented information on a program that could gain up to \$24,999 per owner-occupied home – up to 6 homes per grant period.
- The City will need to target approximately 90 homes in Fertile and receive an 80% survey response from those 90 homes.
- Awards are granted according to income levels & project need.
- Council will form a housing committee at the next meeting.

5.) Fertile Lutheran Church

- Bill Price asked if the City could install a more defined parking lot to the east of the Church. The City owns the land in between the Church and the old school. Water lines from the tower pass under this area.
- Mayor Russell and Buck Russell will meet with Bill to plot out the lot lines to verify the available space.

6.) Fire Department Building

- May presented a bid for remodeling the Knapper building.
- Mayor Russell presented market value appraisals for City Hall, the Library and the Fire Department.
- *Peters motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the purchase of the Knapper building – contingent on the sale of the current building Berg abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion Carried.*

7.) Girl Scout Troup Projects

- Troup 115 has voiced interest in completing a community service project for the City of Fertile.
- The Council proposes picnic table painting and memorial planters

8.) Mayor's Report

- **FLOOD THANK YOU'S TO:**
Brian Nettleton and Basic Materials for the use of equipment and materials to create our temporary dike.
Everyone who helped sandbag – that was awesome!
Ray Heflin – Emergency Management - for your support.
- 17 homes reported flood damage to City Hall.
- FEMA has declared Worth County a disaster area.
- The City has purchased a 6' water pump to help avoid pump rental for any future floods. The pump will cost \$24,272.00.
- The City expects to receive FEMA funding to cover the cost of the pump, the necessary repairs to the park, the re-digging and seeding of Washington Street ditches, and repairs to a few other flood damaged areas.
- Aukes will be heavily spraying for mosquitos due to the flood.
- **THANK YOU** to Dick Worsley for installing the new lights on the footbridge.
- **THANK YOU** to Kenny Strohman for helping weed whacking and cleaning the ball diamond road.
- Mayor Russell presented two bids for blacktopping all of Washington Street and 3rd Street.

- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve Heartland Construction's bid of \$83,068.30. Motion Carried.(Details of the bids are available at City Hall)*

- The City will be writing a WCDA grant to raise the necessary funding. If awarded, the project will begin next spring. **THERE WILL BE NO COST TO RESIDENTS!!! ☺**

9.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented May's financials.
- The City is right on budget for this year. The City expects to put \$10,000-\$15,000 into the savings for road re-surfacing and \$10,000 into the savings for painting the water tower.
- The water and sewer rates will not raise for the July 2008-June 2009 fiscal year! ☺
- *Miller motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the May Expenditures. Motion Carried.*
- *Miller motioned and Shropshire 2nd to Place a \$789.98 lien against 501 West Washington for unpaid utility bills. Motion Carried.*
- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to Place a \$877.56 lien against 605 West Washington for unpaid utility bills. Motion Carried.*

10.) City Maintenance Report

- New speed limit signs and stop signs have been installed. The speed limit on Main is now 15 mph. A new stop sign has been installed on the corner of Washington and Hill.

11.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, July 15, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Housing Committee will be formed.

12.) Adjourn – Renchin moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of May 31, 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-80.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-131.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-1,005.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Forest City Ford	-917.51
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	-2,150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Finance Authority	-11,167.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-151.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-46.55
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	-335.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Municipal Supply, Inc.	-1,485.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-117.95
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-102.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-136.88
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.52
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-71.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-116.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-356.93
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-486.64
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.68
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-924.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-179.95
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.51
Check	Fertile Little League	-700.00
Check	Greve Law Office	-1,000.00
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Deposit		8,030.09
Deposit		5,080.00
Deposit		2,935.74
Deposit		62.81
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	2,311.77
Deposit		3,212.00
Deposit		33.85
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-589.53
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-864.88
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
Total General Fund Checking		-4,702.54
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		32.51
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		32.51
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.34
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.34
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.98
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		1.98
TOTAL		-4,666.71