

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in special session, July 8 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.) Bidding Requirements Resolution

Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to set a \$50,000 threshold for bidding requirements. Under \$50,000 requires one bid, over \$50,000 requires 3 bids. Roll Call vote: 4 yes, 1 no. Motion Carried.

4.) Knapper Building

Mayor Russell is to contact the City Attorney to draw up a purchase agreement according to last month's Council Meeting Minutes. May will contact Mr. Knapper about the agreement.

5.) Adjourn

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.

6.) Adjourn – Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned

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City Council Meeting Minutes

July 15, 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, City Manager Warren Bruns, and City Clerk Eddie May.

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the June minutes.* Motion Carried.

4.) Monte Topp – September party

- Mr. Topp asked for a permit to shoot fireworks off during their party in September. The Council approved a permit with the following stipulations: the fireworks must be stopped before 10:00 and the Worth County Sherriff's department must be notified.
- *Peters motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the Fireworks Permit.* Motion Carried.

5.) Snow Plow Driver

- A back-up Snow Plow Driver position will be open for next winter.

6.) Fire Department Building – Community Center Update

- Mr. Knapper accepted the purchase agreement.
- The City was informally approved for a short-term loan in the amount of \$55,000. It is proposed that the City will use \$40,000 of Casino money and \$20,000 General Fund money, along with the loan, to purchase the building. The sale of the current Fire Department building will pay off the short-term loan and reimburse the City's General Fund.
- A public hearing will be held on August 5th to approve the purchase. A Notice of Hearing will be published in the Northwood Anchor.

- The current Fire Department building will be placed on the real-estate market on Friday, July 18th.
- May presented a revised Community Center/Library/City Hall/Post Office/Storm Shelter floor plan. This plan eliminates the racquetball courts, theatre, Maintenance Garage, and Fire Department.
- The original plans were 43,504 sq ft, the current plans are 19,215 sq ft. The original cost estimate was \$3.9 - \$5.2 million. The current cost estimate is \$1.7 – \$2.3 million.
- Current plans are available for preview at City Hall – by appointment.
- The Community Center Committee is suggesting the purchase and relocation of Sandifer's home. After removing the current library, the new facility could be placed on both lots.
- *Miller motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the Community Building rough draft.* Motion Carried.
- The Community Center Committee will now let the plans out to contractors and/or architects to design a final draft. This draft will then be presented to the public for feedback.
- Once those plans are finalized, they will be released to contractors and grant agencies. A Capital Campaign will then be initialized.

7.) Mayor's Report

- The City Attorney is pressing charges against the owners of 115 West Main Street for non-compliance with City Nuisance Ordinances. Eight other residents will be receiving failure to comply notices within the next few weeks. They will have a certain amount of time to bring their properties up to regulations before charges would be pressed.
- The abstract and title for the current Fire Station is being updated.
- Mayor Russell has attended several meetings this month with FEMA, there is a lot of paper work involved in cleaning up after the flood.
- The State has adopted a new smoking ban for public areas and places of employment. New non-smoking signs have been posted.
- The Tractor Ride brought over 150 tractors through Fertile. They were parked 4 wide down Main Street and 3 wide on East Main. A big thanks to the Library, and those who assisted the Library, for providing a luncheon.
- A big thank you to Pam Stecker and the City of Mason City for providing bottled water during our water shortage!
- Yaggy Colby will be inspecting the footbridge footings in response to the flooding.
- A big thank you to Nettleton Excavating for removing the flood debris from the park! Haugen Lawn Service will finish cleaning the park once FEMA approves the funding.
- Aukes has been spraying extra due to the flood. Spraying will continue as scheduled during the rest of the summer.
- Fertile Days celebration will be on August 2nd and 3rd. Visit the website at www.fertileiowa.us for event details.

8.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the 2008 year-end financials.
- *Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to include bank balance adjustments to the 2008 year-end financials.* Motion Carried.
- *Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the June Expenditures.* Motion Carried.

9.) City Maintenance Report

- The water main broke July, 7th. A big thanks to Warren, Buck and Nettleton Excavating for timely repairs!
- Bruns suggested an early warning system be placed in the water plant to alert us when the level gets too low. Bids will be received.
- The chlorinator check valve malfunctioned during the main break. The City has a temporary valve while ours is being repaired.
- The City Snow Plow fuel tank is being repaired.
- Bruns announced his resignation as City Manager. He will stay on as the Water Superintendent, but needs more time to focus on his

**City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of June 30, 2008**

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-488.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-389.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-245.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-34.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-72.98
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-83.30
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.68
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-113.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Fastnal	-36.72
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-50.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LaHarv Construction Co., Inc.	-1,970.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-277.92
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair	-71,059.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-112.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	-34,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-267.94
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Citites	-258.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-53.82
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.76
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-42.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Advanced Door Systems	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-835.63
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-43.61
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-22.61
Bill Pmt -Check	Midwest Pipe Supply	-42.80
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-219.60
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.59
Check	US Post Office	-109.00
Check	Petty Cash	-26.61
Check	Tractor Supply	-89.05
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	City of Fertile Water Department	-10,000.00
Check	City of Fertile Streets Department	-13,500.00
Check	City of Fertile Sewer Department	-9,890.15
Deposit		2,686.35
Deposit		2,791.74
Deposit		5,158.96
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	671.78
Deposit		76,258.39
Deposit		2,779.38
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,303.98
Deposit		105.23
Deposit		32.34
Deposit		20,007.55
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-452.42
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-766.89
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-1,113.61
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
Total General Fund Checking		<u>-37,753.83</u>
Total General Fund Accounts		-37,753.83
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Check	City of Fertile	-12,333.41
Deposit		31.50
Deposit		<u>13,500.00</u>
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		1,198.09
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Check	City of Fertile	-7,674.14
Deposit		1.30
Deposit		<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2,327.16</u>
Total Water Fund Accounts		2,327.16
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.92
Deposit		<u>9,890.15</u>
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>9,892.07</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		9,892.07
TOTAL		<u><u>-24,336.51</u></u>

business and family. Be sure to give Warren a big pat on the back for his faithful years of service. The City will miss his expertise.

- The City is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance person to start before the harvest season begins. Job Description is available at City Hall. A drug screen and physical is required. A CDL and skid loader experience is preferred.

10.) Other Business

- A shelter house will be constructed late this summer or early fall at the ball diamonds.
- A housing committee was formed to administer the Iowa Housing Fund Grant application. Kilby and Shropshire will lead the committee.

11.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, August 5, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, August 19, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Fertile
will be flushing the Water Mains
during the month of August.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of Hearing before City Counsel of City of Fertile, Iowa.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on the 5th day of August, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. at the City Hall, Fertile, Iowa, to take into consideration the purchase of the following described real estate with building situated thereon, to-wit:

N. 66 feet of Lot 8 & N 66 of W 1/3rd of Lot 9, block 2, Original Town of Fertile, legal description to be verified per abstract of title.

For use by the City as a municipal fire department building for a purchase price in the sum of \$115,000.00 to be financed by application of existing city funds in the sum of \$60,000.00 and to finance the balance by securing a loan from the First State Bank in the sum of \$55,000.00 on terms and conditions to be negotiated by the City Council.

Eddie May, City Clerk
City of Fertile, Iowa