

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, August 19, 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 were: City Manager Warren Bruns and Maintenance Worker Buck Russell.

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Peters 2nd to approve the July 8 minutes.* Motion Carried.
- *Peters motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the July 15 minutes.* Motion Carried.

4.) Winn-Worth Betco Representative Appointment

- Tad Miller was appointed as the primary representative. Mayor Russell was appointed as the alternate representative.
- *Renchin motioned and Peters 2nd to approve the appointments.* Motion Carried.

5.) NIMS Certification (National Incident Management System)

- Each Council Member, Mayor, City Maintenance Manager and City Clerk are required to become certified. Mayor Russell, Warren Bruns and Gail Shropshire are currently certified. May requested that as each person is certified, copies of their certification be kept at City Hall

6.) Mayor's Report

- Over 400 people were served at the Fertile Days dinner. The Fire Department ran out of eggs and bacon because of the great turn-out for breakfast the next morning! Thanks to everyone who helped out!!!!
- The current Fire Station is for sale. Check the sign for contact info.
- The new fire truck is fully registered, titled and insured.
- Mayor Russell has attended more than 7 FEMA meetings with the process still not complete.
- Yaggy-Colby has inspected the footbridge and park entrance bridge. The City expects a report from them within a couple of weeks.
- The City copier was repaired under warranty and is working again.
- 110 Housing Assistance Grant surveys were sent out, with 72 returned so far. We need 88 returned before the grant process can be continued.
- We will receive our grant award in Spring of 2009 with projects
- Eight residents have received notices to repair their buildings, remove rubbish and unlicensed vehicles. Residents have 3 months to respond.
- The City has a court date of September 10th to address a current resident's non-compliance.
- FEMA will be updating flood information for FEMA use. The core of engineers may be surveying Fertile over the next few months.

7.) City Clerk's Report

- May re-presented the 2008 year-end financials. Errors were corrected while filling out the DOT Street Finance Report.
- May presented the July financials.
- May presented the 2007-2008 DOT Street Finance Report (SFR).
- *Miller motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the DOT SFR.* Motion Carried.
- May presented the Outstanding Financial Obligations report – stating current loan balances. The City owes \$130,000 for a \$300,000 sewer loan issued 4/78. The City owes \$120,665.98 for a \$263,300 water loan issued 3/80. The City owes \$16,986.78 for a \$35,000 water loan issued on 10/80. The City owes \$192,000 for a \$200,000.00 sewer

loan issued on 11/06. Altogether, the city currently owes \$ 459,652.76 for our water and sewer systems.

- May and Mayor Russell met with the City's Bank and received verbal confirmation for a two year note in the amount of \$55,000.00 at 6.75% APR for the new Fire Station building. The note will be secured by anticipated casino revenue.
- May presented the July expenditures. \$44,366.74 of the expenses were to cover flood damage. FEMA is expected to reimburse the City for most of the expenses.
- *Renchin motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the July Expenditures.* Motion Carried.

8.) City Maintenance Report

- Buck cut down the thistles at the lagoon.
- Kenny and Buck sprayed weeds at the ball park
- The new Maintenance position has been posted around town. The position will be posted on the Workforce Development website as well as published in the Forest City and Northwood papers.

9.) Other Business

- Dwight Harlan and Evelyn Elthon asked the Council about the state of the ditches on the north side of West Washington Street. Mayor Russell stated that FEMA is in the process of determining the best approach to repairing the water run-off issues before approving the project. The City expects to fix the ditches before winter.

10.) Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, September 16, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of July 31, 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-350.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-629.91
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-46.55
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-490.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Ron's LP Gas	-305.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,822.84
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-126.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Advanced Door Systems	-256.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,209.87
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-183.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-1,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-202.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-15,863.20
Bill Pmt -Check	First Gabrielson Agency	-1,018.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-506.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-13.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-25.41
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-65.98
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-21.47
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-124.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	-516.17
Bill Pmt -Check	Ziegler CAT	-24,374.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Downtown Cafe' V	-27.78
Check	Russell, Joyce V	-63.18
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	Swanson, Rich	-228.73
Check	Downtown Cafe'	-42.30
Check	Security Cameras Direct	-412.00
Check	Staples	-248.40
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,339.50
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Deposit		9,887.24
Deposit		6,869.25
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,271.71
Deposit		1,668.95
Deposit		29.64
Liability Check	IRS	-1,732.91
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-168.00
Liability Check	IPERS	-1,017.78
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-274.19
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-899.88
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-1,001.51
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-561.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-355.65
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-491.91
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-540.15
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-802.61
	Sales Tax Payment Iowa Department of Revenue and Fin	-929.00
	Total General Fund Checking	-45,814.76
	Total General Fund Accounts	-45,814.76
	Roads Revenue Fund Savings	
	Deposit	33.11
	Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings	33.11
	Water Fund Accounts	
	Water Revenue Fund Checking	
	Deposit	1.52
	Total Water Revenue Fund Checking	1.52
	Total Water Fund Accounts	1.52
	Sewage Fund Accounts	
	Sewage Revenue Fund Checking	
	Deposit	2.73
	Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking	2.73
	Sewage Revenue Fund CD	
	Deposit	1,102.82
	Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD	1,102.82
	Total Sewage Fund Accounts	1,105.55
		-44,674.58