

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

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

Public Hearing – IDED Housing Fund

- Mayor Russell announced that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing, as per published notice, regarding authorization to submit a Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program in a target area of the community.
- Steve Wendt of NIACOG made several comments during the public hearing in order to inform the Council and Citizens in attendance, about the application and the grant program. This included:
 - how the need for a rehabilitation program was identified (starting with the City of Fertile Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment completed in 1999)
 - proposed budget, which identified sources and uses of funds, including the requested amount of the Housing Fund grant;
 - the date that the application needs to be submitted to IDED (by no later than November 21, 2008)
 - statement that 100% of the federal funds will benefit LMI Households (income limits based on family size were shown), discussion of the target area (a map was provided)
 - the nature of the proposed grant activity (examples of likely work to be completed for the assisted homeowners were given)
 - a statement no persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the proposed rehabilitation activity
- Steve Wendt also fielded questions from the Council and from Citizens in attendance.
- There were no written objections and no oral objectors at the hearing.
- The Mayor then declared the Hearing to be closed.
- **Miller motioned and Renchin 2nd to adopt Resolution #08-09-16 approving a 2009 Housing Fund grant application and committing local funds of \$12,000.** Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Resolution passed.

Community Development & Housing Needs Assessment

- Steve Wendt of NIACOG presented an updated assessment outlining community development and housing needs of low and moderate income persons, other community development and housing needs, planned or potential activities to address housing and community needs.
- **Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the assessment.** Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Tom Monson – Special Building Permit

- Mayor Russell presented a drawing detailing a requested security fence to be attached to Tom Monson's garage. The fence would be 8ft when the City Ordinances state that privacy fences cannot be higher than 6ft.

- **Peters motioned and Shropshire 2nd to approve the special building permitting an 8ft security fence.** Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Position Applications Review

- Mayor Russell presented two applications received by City Hall. After 2 formal interviews, Mayor Russell, Buck Russell, Warren Bruns and Eddie May suggest the hiring of Craig Koch.
- **Berg motioned and Renchin 2nd to approve the hiring of Craig Koch, contingent upon a clean background check, drug test and physical.** Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

Chris Anderson - Updates

- The FB&I committee is disbanding. The money in their savings will be turned over to City Hall for the funding of a shelter house at the ball fields.
- The Council will discuss the options for revising the committee.
- Little League has applied for a Minnesota Twins Foundation grant. If awarded, the grant could possibly pay for new bleachers, dug outs, back stops, fences and/or a new infield.

Mayor's Report

- Several vehicles were found running donuts in the ball fields. Four cars were apprehended by the Worth County Sheriff's Department for running donuts in the park.
- Clapper Tree Services took down a tree that had been struck by lightning over the veteran's memorial. He also trimmed up several trees in the park and at the ball fields.
- Waupaca is now taking brush. Please stop by the office before dumping.
- The City wants to thank the Rural Water Association for their continued support and service for our system.
- Three Coyotes have been seen in town. Please keep an eye out for your pets.
- Thompson's Garage has been purchased by Frank's Repair of Hanlontown.

City Clerk's Report

- May presented the August financials.
- **Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve a lien against the property at 605 West Washington for unpaid utility bills.** Motion Carried.
- **Berg motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the August Expenditures.** Motion Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- The regulatory controls at the water plant have not recovered from the shut-down caused by the water main break this spring. It is functioning, but is needing a lot of baby-sitting. The cost of a new system is \$16,280. If the system crashes, the City would be without any water for several days while a new system is being ordered and installed.
- **Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the purchase of a new regulatory system.** Motion Carried.
- A couple of fire hydrants will have their insides replaced due to seized up mechanisms.
- Bruns and Russell will help the new maintenance person assemble a procedures manual for the position.

Committee Reports

- The County will be maintaining 1st street where the new culvert was installed. This area will be blacktopped next spring after the ground has had time to settle.
- The owner of 501 West Washington has been asked, by the City, to mow his yard. If he does not, the City can mow his yard and charge him.
- The Community Center floor design is being reviewed by area architects who will be submitting proposals for services.

Other Business

- Brian Nettleton will be re-excavating the ditches along West Washington before winter. They will be smoothed and re-seeded.
- The trial between the City and the owners of 115 West Main Street, scheduled for Sept 10th has been postponed until Sept 22nd.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, October 21, 2008, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of August 31, 2008		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-2,700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-482.57
Bill Pmt -Check	HyVee	-2,700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-65.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-58.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Rentals	-296.66
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-20.29
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-112.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-12.15
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-245.87
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,821.75
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-132.02
Bill Pmt -Check	Elilot, Inc.	-108.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-300.68
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-242.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-612.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,034.06
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-170.36
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-316.34
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-296.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-288.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Recorder	-4.50
Check	Petty Cash	-74.34
Check	US Post Office	-138.00
Check	Cerro Gordo County Sheriffs' Depar	-31.85
Check	Hessel, Mike & Mary	-150.00
Check	Larsen, Jack	-150.00
Check	Haugen, William	-150.00
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Deposit		2,322.09
Deposit		208.53
Deposit		5,337.04
Deposit		8,485.01
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	42.82
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	3,018.73
Deposit	Staples	248.40
Deposit		20.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-615.54
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-765.07
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-1,270.58
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-559.73
Total General Fund Checking		3,157.70
Total General Fund Accounts		3,157.70
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		25.25
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		25.25
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.83
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.83
Water Revenue Fund CD2		
Total Water Revenue Fund CD2		
Water Revenue Fund CD		
Total Water Revenue Fund CD		
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.83
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		4.08
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		4.08
Sewage Revenue Fund CD		
Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD		
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		4.08
TOTAL		3,188.86