

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the Jan. minutes.* Motion Carried.

Tom Quinten

- Tom voiced concern about his recent meter readings. The City estimated one bill, since the actual reading showed negative usage. The estimate was less than his average usage. Tom brought in a current reading which showed an increase from last month's reading. Warren and Craig said they would go the next day and investigate.

Worth County Sheriff's Department

- Chief Deputy Sheriff Dan Fank announced that the department recently confiscated \$104,000 from a drug case. He also mentioned that they have a new canine unit provided by donations. He re-iterated the open door policy that the new Sheriff has and encourages input from citizens. He then opened the floor up for questions.
- One citizen asked about stop sign enforcement throughout the city. Sheriff Fank said they would patrol more often. He also stated that the department has a new speed trailer that records vehicle speeds and can alert a nearby officer of that speed. He said that the officer can write a ticket without alerting the driver.
- Another question was raised as to the number of available officers. He stated that there are 7 active reserve officers in the county, with 2 of them residing in Fertile.
- Another question was raised regarding the Federal Stimulus package. Sheriff Fank stated that the department was financially fine and that the department hopes the package will allow unemployed residents to return to work.

Terry McCarthy – Yaggy Colby – Community Center/Library

- Eddie met with Yaggy Colby this morning to present the research and tentative plans drawn up by the Community Center Committee, approved by the Library Board Monday night's board meeting and by the City Council at December's council meeting. The tentative plans include a new building for the library and community center. In this plan, the current library would be renovated for use as a city hall and the previous fire station would be renovated for use as the city maintenance shed.
- Terry presented a proposal to offer Architectural services for the new Community Center/Library. The services would include a building program assessment (a study of what the city needs for space), a schematic site plan (overhead view), basic building floor plans, exterior 3D model and renderings (with the ability to rotate and "walk through" the design), and a construction cost

estimate. The services would be billed at an hourly rate not to exceed \$9,500.

- The architectural renderings need to be created before any fundraising and grant writing could commence. The Community Center Fund and the Library currently have the funding available, in non-tax money, to cover the costs for the architectural renderings.
- A question was raised regarding the financing of the project. If the city would need to receive loan monies or would need to raise taxes, the city would need to approve the actions. (Neither of these actions are being considered at this time.) The City plans to raise the necessary funds through capital campaigns and grant writing.
- A question was also raised as to the cost of maintaining the new building. This question cannot be specifically answered until the plans have been finalized. At that point, a thorough assessment can be made.
- *Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to approve Yaggy-Colby's proposal for architectural services.* Role Call Vote – four yes, one abstain. Motion Carried.
- Once the plans have been finalized, they will be presented to the public for input. All comments are welcome.

Penny Miller – Celebration Community Church

- Penny requested the ability to replace one week's worth of room rent with cleaning.
- *Peters motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the substitution of one week's worth of room rent with one cleaning of City Hall per month.* Motion Carried.

Public Hearing: City Budget

- A public hearing was held to approve the City's 2009-2010 budget. The budget was published in the Northwood Anchor and is available online at: www.fertileiowa.us
- No comments were presented
- *Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the 2009-2010 City Budget.* Role Call Vote – unanimous. Motion Carried

Public Hearing: Water Supply Wellhead Protection Regulation Ordinance

- A public hearing was held to approve the Ordinance. The ordinance outlines regulations regarding the protection of the City's wellhead, and drinking water source, from contamination.
- *Berg motioned to hold the 2nd and 3rd hearings.* Motion Failed.
- *Renchin motioned & Miller 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearings.* Motion Carried.
- *Peters motioned & Miller 2nd to approve the ordinance.* Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Alliant Energy – Street Light Resolution

- The fire department requested that two new street lights be installed, one on the East side and one on the West side of their new building at 101 State Street.
- *Shropshire motioned & Renchin 2nd to approve the addition of two new street lights.* Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell and Craig helped Hare Electric take down the Christmas decorations on Main Street.
- The WCDA will present their spring grant awards on April 15th. The city applied for \$63,280 to replace two pumps at the well house, replace two manholes, and to equip the well house with a natural gas powered generator. The city was awarded a total of \$167,661.86 during 2008 from the WCDA!
- The Fire Department officially moved to their new building on February 8th. An open-house will be held once the weather warms up.
- Four properties have been turned over to the attorney for non-compliance with city ordinances. The attorney has given the residents till June 1st to begin remediation.
- The City has renewed their water supply permit.
- A rabid opossum was disposed of in City limits. Please report any animal that appears to be acting odd to the Worth County Sheriff's Department. (800-458-1234)

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the January financials.
 - The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date: (we are 58% of the way through the year)
- | | General | Roads | Landfill | Sewer | Water |
|---------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Income | 59% | 49% | 61% | 57% | 56% |
| Expense | 75% | 26% | 50% | 17% | 53% |
- **Renchin motioned & Shropshire 2nd to approve the Jan. Expenses.** Motion Carried.
 - Liens were placed on 4 residents for non-payment of utility bills. Addresses are as follows: 302 West Main, 210 East Washington, 108 West Washington and 501 West Washington. If you find yourself behind on payments and receive a notice, please contact the City Clerk to make arrangements to avoid the placement of a lien.
 - **Miller motioned & Renchin 2nd to approve the liens.** Roll Call Vote – Unanimous. Motion Carried

City Maintenance Report

- Craig replaced defective locks at the lagoon building.
- The County put up "bump" signs surrounding the culvert on 1st Street. Please remember that the speed limit is only 25 in that area. The road is scheduled to be blacktopped this summer.
- As spring approaches, please help keep your culverts and ditches free of obstacles.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, March 3, 2009, at Fertile City Hall to discuss the Community Center/Library architectural renderings
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, March 17, 2009, at Fertile City Hall. The architectural renderings will be approved at this meeting.

Adjourn - Renchin moved, Berg 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of January 31, 2009

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-905.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-735.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-6,641.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-33.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Forest City Ford	-695.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hygienic Laboratory	-45.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Department of Transportation	-92.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-9.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-19.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-361.65
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-139.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-152.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-26.22
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-131.35
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-272.91
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-58.48
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	-39.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-180.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	-40.70
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-86.60
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-13.38
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,339.50
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	USPS	-150.00
Check	Legler, Mark	-166.87
Deposit		69.61
Deposit		2,901.85
Deposit		5,064.50
Deposit		7,603.87
Deposit		97.47
Deposit		246.85
Deposit		2,157.51
Deposit		221.76
Deposit		18.92
Total General Fund Checking		<u>-4,209.28</u>
Total General Fund Accounts		<u>-4,209.28</u>
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		10.78
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>10.78</u>
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>1.84</u>
Total Water Fund Accounts		<u>1.84</u>
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		4.09
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>4.09</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		<u>4.09</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>-4,192.57</u></u>