## City of Fertile

#### City Council Meeting Minutes June 16, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

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

#### **Minutes Approval**

• Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the May minutes. Motion Carried.

#### **Waste Management**

 Darrell Hokestrom is replacing Margo Underwood as the City's representative. The City will be looking into ways to lower the cost of landfill and recycling fees.

### **West Washington Ground Water Removal**

- Melanne Bang, Ron Rachut, and Virgil Lovik presented their concerns regarding the City's plans to dig out the ditches on the north side of the City right-away. They were concerned that it would still not be enough to handle the water coming from the north of their properties.
- The Council stated that the City does retain the right to remove the culverts, and dig out the ditches, according to recommendations by the County Engineers, a local excavator, and FEMA personnel.
- The Council requested that the home owners investigate the possibility of building a birm along the north side of their properties. They will also investigate the status of their culverts under the City right-of-way. Bang stated that she will report the findings of these two requests to the Council.

#### Mayor's Report

- Tracy & Tammy Hall signed papers granting the City the right to purchase their apartments next to the library. The offer is contingent upon the approval of this fall's WCDA grant.
- The Sherriff has been notified of the speeding issues in town. They will be patrolling throughout the summer. They have also set up a speed monitor to record infractions.
- All property line disputes must be settled at the homeowner's expense with the assistance of a Surveyor. The City does not maintain the official records.
- The City will be going to court in regards to Nuisance Ordinance infractions against the homeowner of 302 West Main Street.
- There have been several cases of vandalism this last month. The Sherriff has been notified. The Council is considering whether or not to install more security cameras. Public input is requested.
- A big thank you to Dan Miller for power washing the City Hall building.
- The Iowa Cattleman's Beef Association will be providing the community meal on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> for our Fertile Days Celebration.
- Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve Tad Miller and Cindy Peters as the City's representatives to Winn-Worth-Betco. Motion Passed.

#### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the May financials, but reported on the year-to-date numbers including all of the known data as of June 16.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-todate as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (through June 16)

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	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	103%	85%	96%	92%	91%
Expense	125%	45%	86%	67%	100%

- May reported that the Water Fund will have a considerable net loss due to emergency equipment replacement and repairs made following the floods of summer 2008. May requested Council approval to transfer surplus funds from the Sewer Fund to cover the loss in the Water Fund.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the allocation of excess Sewer Revenue Fund profit from the 2008-2009 fiscal year to the Water Revenue Fund in the amount of the actual loss at the close of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Resolution Passed.

• Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the May Expenses. Motion Carried.

#### **Maintenance Report**

- Yaggy-Colby has re-calibrated the pumps at the Water Plant as required by the DNR.
- Larsen Plumbing & Heating has ordered and will install a new well pump for the Water Plant. The cost of the pump and installation was quoted at \$3500.
- Haugen's Lawn Service sprayed thistles at the Sewer Plant as requested by the DNR.
- Craig has painted "No Parking Fire Lane" to the West of the Post Office.
   The lane going south out of the new station must never be blocked. Violators may be towed away at their own expense. The Fire Department will also be posting no-parking signs on their building.
- Craig took down the Fire Department sign, and the For Sale sign on the old building. The old building is now being used for maintenance and storage.
- The snow plow is leaking a lot of fluid. Miller Diesel will be repairing it.
- · Craig has cleaned out the Point to increase access for fishing.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Streets & Signs the rain and wind are making it difficult to maintain the signs after vandals have been hitting them with baseball bats.
- Weeds & Garbage one resident will have their lot mowed by the City. The City charges \$55 to mow.
- Building Projects & Permits Tad asked the Council to consider whether a
  resident who is delinquent on their utility bills should be awarded a building
  permit.
- Community Center May reported that the proposed community center is too
  big to be awarded a grant as a tornado safe room. The Council encouraged
  the committee to continue their research on alternate funding and to begin a
  capital campaign. It was also suggested that the project be broken down into
  phases, and to look into alternative building materials.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

• The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, July 21, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Jeff moved, Pat 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

# City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of May 31, 2009

Type	Name	Fund	Paid
General Fund Che	cking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	General	-60.07
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	Parks	-331.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	Parks	-41.85
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	Water	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	Sewer	-60.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	General & Parks	-135.14
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Landfill/Recycling	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	General	-129.15
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Split	-230.52
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer	-11,062.33
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	Water	-20.37
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	Sewer & Water	-34,188.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Split	-997.65
Bill Pmt -Check	IMWCA	Split	-1,917.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	Parks	-202.78
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept	-2,455.15
Check	US Post Office	General	-29.70
Check	US Post Office	Water & Sewer	-84.00
Check	Legler, Mark	Water & Sewer	-241.59
Check	First State Bank	General	-1.34
Deposit		Split	236.73
Deposit		Split	5,326.27
Deposit		Split	7,169.65
Deposit		Split	9,249.53
Deposit		Split	396.61
Deposit		Split	2,445.91
Deposit		Split	4,065.20
Deposit		Split	23.29
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	Split	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	Split	-1,550.35
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	Split	-777.25
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	General	-530.10
Total General Fund	Checking		-28,284.62
Roads Revenue Fo	und Savings		
Deposit	-	Roads	9.79
Water Revenue Fu	ınd Checking		
Deposit	_	Water	1.84
Total Water Reveni	ue Fund Checking		1.84
Sewage Revenue Deposit	Fund Checking	Sewer	4.10
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TOTAL			-28,268.89
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