

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

July 21, 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, Tad 2nd to approve the June minutes.* Motion Carried.

### Pat Hyde – Curb Stop & Utility Bills

- The curb stop at 308 West Main Street has been damaged and the water meter has been removed. It is the property owner's responsibility to fix the curb stop and the resident's responsibility to pay the past-due utility bills.

### Mark Davis – Letter from Attorney

- Davis received a letter from the City Attorney in regards to non-conformance with the City's nuisance ordinances. Davis questioned how the property was a nuisance. Tad mentioned that the uncovered foam insulation was a fire hazard. Mayor Russell also stated that the unfinished building and grounds were deemed "unsightly structures" according to the State Code.
- Davis questioned if the Council was going to address other properties in town.
- The Council assured him that they have, are in the process of, and will continue to address issues as time and resources permit.
- Davis agreed to clean up the grounds within 21 days and to side the home within six months.

### Tim Tuttle – 1<sup>st</sup> Street Drainage Issues

- Tuttle brought drainage issues along 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the attention of the Council. Tuttle stated that the sides of the drainage ditches are higher than the road, therefore they not allowing water to run off the road into the ditch. The water is running off via their driveway and thereby washing out the driveway.
- Mayor Russell stated that she would investigate various possibilities for fixing the situation suggested by Tuttle and the Council.

### Water Tower Paint & Repair – Service Contract

- *Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve a contract with Watertower Paint & Repair in the amount of \$1550.* Motion Passed.

### Mayor's Report

- On July 8<sup>th</sup>, City Attorney John Greve attended a final hearing with the owners of 115 West Main Street in regards to non-compliance with the City Nuisance Ordinances. The owners have started work on all areas of the agreement and will be completing work this summer. As long as the work is completed on time, the case against the owners has been resolved.
- Mayor Russell and City Attorney John Greve will be going to court against the owner of 302 West Main Street in regards to non-compliance with the City Nuisance Ordinances.
- Heartland has completed this year's road construction. The City anticipates the re-surfacing of 1<sup>st</sup> Street later this summer by the County. The City will continue to re-surface the remaining streets as soon as financing allows.
- Larsen Plumbing has installed a new well pump at the water plant.
- As part of a WCDA grant, Hare Electric has installed a natural gas powered generator at the water plant. Two manholes have been replaced by Nettleton Excavating, and two pumps in the water plant will be replaced as part of the same grant.
- A BIG THANK YOU to Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) for sponsoring a Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to inclement weather, the event was held in the new Fire Department building rather than on Main Street.
- Fertile Days is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda is online at [www.fertileiowa.us](http://www.fertileiowa.us) and on cable channel 2.
- The City will be spraying for mosquitoes on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July.
- There were 12 shut off notices sent out for un-paid utility bills. Five have made arrangements for payment, the rest are scheduled to be shut-off. If you

receive a shut-off notice, please contact City Hall to make arrangements to avoid shut-off.

- Heavy trucks, fully loaded, have been entering the park. New weight limit signs are being posted. They can potentially damage the road and bridge.

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the Fiscal Year-End financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (through June 30)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	104%	85%	99%	94%	93%
Expense	100%	53%	96%	78%	114%

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the June Expenses.* Motion Carried.
- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a \$460.25 lien against the property at 501 West Washington for un-paid utility bills.* Resolution Passed.
- *Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a \$1550.99 lien against the property at 302 West Main for un-paid utility & maintenance bills.* Resolution Passed.
- *Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the filing of a small court claim against the resident at 308 West Main in the amount of \$295.62 for un-paid utility bills.* Resolution Passed.

### Maintenance Report

- The transmission in the truck had issues after doing a lot of towing. The issues have been resolved.
- A bracket on the mower broke and was repaired as part of our service agreement
- Craig has been doing a lot of mowing, spraying and trimming. He has cleaned out the point, to allow for more fishing and better surveillance.
- Craig has found cars parked too far down the point; please do not park below the rock line.

### Other Business

- The Fertile Garden Club requested permission to install apparatus for hanging flowers near the street lights on Main Street. The Council requested that they submit pictures and specifications for the apparatus in order to verify that they will be compatible with our street lights.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, August 18, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of June 30, 2009		
Type	Name	Paid
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Altel	-55.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	-101.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-2,950.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-331.00
Bill Pmt -Check	First Gabrielson Agency	-786.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-135.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Haugen Lawn Service	-1,045.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-134.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-69.55
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-85.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-64.65
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-186.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-161.32
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-34.75
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-44.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-139.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-99.78
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Cities	-258.00
Bill Pmt -Check	L.M. Pump Service	-2,438.67
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.58
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	US Post Office	-112.00
Check	Baystate Consulting	-199.95
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	Legler, Mark	-508.00
Check	Fertile Little League	-1,500.00
Deposit		3,719.38
Deposit		4,689.62
Deposit		2,450.52
Deposit		767.57
Deposit		2,273.08
Deposit		8,018.53
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,341.50
Deposit		15.50
General Journal		1,208.50
Liability Check	IPERS	-415.18
Liability Check	IPERS	-411.10
Liability Check	IPERS	-444.66
Liability Check	IRS	-2,439.03
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-292.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,793.99
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-777.25
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-539.10
<b>Total General Fund Checking</b>		<b>2,319.75</b>
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		9.49
General Journal		7,895.30
<b>Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		<b>7,904.79</b>
<b>Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		1.78
General Journal		-7,976.70
<b>Total Water Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>-7,974.92</b>
<b>Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		
Deposit		3.97
General Journal		-1,127.10
<b>Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking</b>		<b>-1,123.13</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,126.49</b>