

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 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

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the August minutes.* Motion Carried.

### West Washington Storm Water Control

- The residents of the first 4 homes on the north side of West Washington Street attended the Council meeting, at the Council's request, to discuss storm water control for their area. Terry McCarthy from Yaggy-Colby, the City's engineers, was also in attendance.
- Each of the residents was given the opportunity to discuss what they have found out regarding the issues, as well as voice their concerns. Terry McCarthy then presented his findings from a brief informal study of the area.
- It was determined that:
  - Ditches would not benefit the situation enough to warrant the hassle.
  - It would benefit the residents to replace their current 12" tile systems with one, 24", uniform tile from one end of their properties to First Street. However, this still may not be enough to handle the water 100% of the time.
  - The water coming off the field should be directed to the new culvert to the north of their houses. This however, would be decided by the field's owner, rather than the residents. Ron Rachut mentioned that he would take the lead in discussing the issues with the field owners.
  - Melanie Bang committed to speaking with the County Conservation Department to find solutions to the field run-off problem.
  - The residents also agreed to camera the current culverts to determine if there is any broken and blocked tile.

### Mayor's Report

- Water Tower Paint & Repair has been working on the water tower to drain condensation from inside the legs of the tower. They have also performed other light maintenance.
- On 8/27 the City signed an Urban Renewal Agreement with the County giving them permission to blacktop 1<sup>st</sup> street. Construction is scheduled for October.
- Several comments have been made regarding the excessive barking and bleating of pets during the night. The City's nuisance ordinances do state that the City can impound a pet and fine a resident for allowing their pet to disturb the peace overnight. Please take appropriate actions to prevent this action.
- There has been some vandalism in the park, someone busted a portion of the stone fireplace. Video files are being reviewed to see if anything has been recorded.

### City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the August financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (16.67% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	4.74%	18.69%	18.36%	19.32%	18.88%
Expense	20.22%	63.3%	15.42%	13.89%	13.63%

(The Roads Fund is currently over budget due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July.)

- *Pat motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the August Expenses.* Motion Carried.
- A resolution was presented to approve the participation with NIACOG to prepare a County wide Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City of Fertile would be required to provide either volunteer hours or finances to equal \$1,050 as their portion of the project.
- *Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve a resolution committing local match and designating an authorized representative for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).* Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

### City Maintenance Report

- Craig has been busy mowing, burning leaves and trimming trees.
- Craig suggested that we clean out the tile system drain caps, remove the surrounding dirt and replace it with rock to avoid wash out. The Council agreed.

### Committee Reports

- Streets and Signs – The City is researching the origin of the Fertile Sign on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Hwy 9. The rust needs to be removed or the supports need to be replaced.
- Water & Sewer – Warren will be working with Brian Nettleton to drain down the lagoon for maintenance before the snow flies.
- Community Center – The committee will be meeting on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 to discuss the Capital Campaign. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Fertile Days – Cindy Peters has agreed to head up this new committee. She is looking for volunteers to join the committee. (See box to the right)

### Other Business

- Dwight & Mickie Harlan informed the Council that the recent work to her ditches has produced ruts in her yard and is still too steep to mow without damaging the mower. The Council stated that they would notify the company who did the work for the City and have them remedy the situation.
- Mickie also questioned why the City charges the same usage for sewer as they do for water since not all of the water used goes down the drain. The Council responded by explaining that to their knowledge, there was no way to meter sewer usage and that the best estimate of sewage usage is water usage. The City Ordinances lay out how the utility billing is performed and is based on State law and precedence set by other cities.
- Mickie also asked if the study of utility rates between surrounding cities has been completed. While the full study has not been completed, the results we see so far is that we are not the highest, but we are right up there. We are also comparing the amount of utility system debt each city carries and are finding that Fertile is one of the highest. More details will be presented in the future.
- It was also brought to the Council's attention that BB guns have been damaging property in town. It is against City Ordinances to fire any projectile within city limits. This includes BB guns, paintball guns and Airsoft guns.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, October 20, 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 August 31, 2009

Type	Name	Paid Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>		
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-820.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-511.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-87.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-240.85
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-134.75
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-257.03
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-143.41
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-131.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-71.51
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	-42.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Red Shed Landscaping	-1,505.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-17.46
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-80.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-69.86
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-482.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Duane Hutchinson Snap-On Tools	-45.75
Bill Pmt -Check	Eliot, Inc.	-1,020.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-13.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-642.46
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.66
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	US Post Office	-72.00
Check	Clerk of Court - Worth County	-85.00
Check	Adams, James	-284.69
Check	Appel, Jerry & Paula	-305.05
Deposit		4,054.35
Deposit		4,348.51
Deposit		11,827.16
Deposit		62.81
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	295.00
Deposit		2,386.62
Deposit		14.64
Liability Check	IRS	-1,004.73
Liability Check	IPERS	-529.42
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-2,242.24
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-743.63
Total General Fund Accounts		5,963.37
<b>Roads Revenue Fund Savings</b>		
Deposit		9.82
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.82
<b>Water Fund Accounts</b>		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.84
<b>Sewage Fund Accounts</b>		
Deposit		4.10
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		4.10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,979.13</b>

### FERTILE DAYS COMMITTEE:

Want to see bigger and better events during Fertile Days? Join the group that can make it happen! Council Member Cindy Peters is looking for your great ideas.

Call Cindy at 797-2944 or 590-0131 to get signed up today!