

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was: Maintenance Manager Craig Koch

Minutes Approval

- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the September minutes. Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Clapper Tree Service has completed their annual tree trimming and removal in the park and up at the ball fields. Buck Russell and Kenny Strohmman have sprayed and cleaned up the debris around the ball field tree line.
- The City is writing a Trees Forever grant to add 6 new trees to the ball field tree line. We intend on planting 3 Autumn Blaze Maples, 2 Emerald Lustre Maples and 1 Skyline Locust to the South of the diamonds and playground. Each tree will be 8-9' tall and 2.5" in diameter. DOT Crown Vex will also be spread out to provide a thick matting of purple wildflowers.
- The property at 302 West Main Street, which was the City had taken legal action against regarding ordinance infractions and unpaid utility bills, has been sold. The new owners are in the process of bringing the property up to code. The prior owner has made all necessary payments to clear their account.
- ICAP, our insurance company, met with us this last month and requested that we add a protective padding to the light poles in the ball field and to place a pvc guard along the top rim of the fencing. They also requested more peat gravel underneath the playground equipment in the park. The City has made tremendous improvements to the safety of the town since ICAP became our insurance provider.
- Crescent Moon has winterized and locked the porta-poties at the ball diamond and at the point. The ones in the park will be winterized and locked after Halloween.
- The concession stand at the ball diamond has also been winterized.
- On October 26th, the Library will host their annual Halloween party "Alice in Horrorland" starring your favorite characters such as the Queen of Hearts, the Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, and Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum. The festivities run from 6:30-8:00 at City Hall.
- LeDeoux signs will be sanding, painting and sealing the frame around the Fertile sign on Hwy 18 this fall, if weather permits, or first thing in the spring.
- Please be sure to clean-up the areas around the alleys on your property. It won't be long and the snow plow will be making its seasonal debut. The City will also be trimming trees along the paths of the snow plow soon.
- A big thank you to Leon, the owner of the Fertile Lumber Company for bringing his building up to the code of ordinances. We appreciate your efforts in keeping Fertile safe.
- In regards to the water issues along West Washington, Mr. Rachut has found that sections of his tile are blocked and has made arrangements to have his tile replaced in the spring. Mrs. Bang is also in the process of following up with the Worth County Conservation Department.
- Craig has been working overtime to mulch the tremendous amount of leaves produced in the park and throughout the City's property. He and Warren have also been preparing to drain the sewer lagoons before winter hits.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the September financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (25% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	11.77%	26.85%	27.13%	28.08%	28.77%
Expense	21.96%	68.62%	25.74%	22.57%	27.79%

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

- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the September Expenses. Motion Carried.
- The City passed a financial audit by the USDA this last month. Last year's loss in the Water fund triggered the audit. The loss was proved to be caused by un-budgeted expense relating to the flood of 2008 and the imminent failure of the well pump. USDA audited both the water and sewer system financials and gave us clean bill of health.
- Two liens were presented to the Council for failure to pay utility bills. 105 Hill Street for \$350.75 and 605 West Washington for \$212.88.
- Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve both liens for un-paid utility & maintenance bills. Resolution Passed.

Committee Reports

- Streets and Signs – The difference in levels between West Washington and the side streets will be altered when the side streets are re-paved. The County is still scheduled to re-pave 1st Street this fall, weather permitting. Otherwise, it will be re-paved in the

spring, State funding permitting. While there are no plans in motion to pave the side streets, it does remain a priority of the Council.

- Community Center – The committee presented a rough draft of a Capital Campaign letter for the Council's advice. Adjustments will be made to the document before sending to the public.
- Fertile Days – Cindy Peters has agreed to head up this new committee. So far there have been some who have voiced interest and one who has volunteered.

Other Business

- Winn-Worth Betco has a revolving loan fund available to business owners to assist in the hiring of personnel. Contact them at 641-592-0800 for more information.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, November 17, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Tad moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of September 30, 2009

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,146.53
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-331.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-135.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-1,452.61
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-55.06
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-46.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-141.87
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-14.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-137.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-79.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-80.73
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-460.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,044.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-2,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp	-131.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-331.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-750.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.69
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Cattlemen	-2,700.00
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Deposit		1,525.43
Deposit		4,274.42
Deposit		3,515.95
Deposit		8,494.69
Deposit		2,342.31
Deposit		4,208.54
Deposit		12.57
Liability Check	IPERS	-614.38
Liability Check	IRS	-1,144.17
Liability Check	IPERS	-427.50
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	-403.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,451.08
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-588.74
Total General Fund Checking		3,266.13
Total General Fund Accounts		3,266.13
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		9.51
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.51
Water Fund Accounts		
Deposit		1.78
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.78
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Deposit		3.97
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		3.97
TOTAL		3,281.39

