

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 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; City Clerk Eddie May and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch

Minutes Approval

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

Mayor's Report

- Alice in Horror Land, the Library's Halloween party, was a success. Approx. 95 people rode the bus. A Big Thank You to the Library and Friends for the fun!
- Mayor Russell provided a copy of the City's Emergency Operation Plan to the City of Hanlontown to help in the development of their plan.
- 42 residents turned out for the City Elections last month. Mayor Russell was re-elected by receiving 38 votes. There were 4 write-ins for the Mayor's position. Council members Penny Miller, Tad Miller and Pat Renchin were all re-elected by receiving 33, 40 and 40 votes respectfully. There were 10 write-ins for Council Member positions.
- The Council encourages community members to become involved in their local government by attending Council Meetings and letting your voices be heard.
- Mayor Russell and Craig hung Christmas lights on the bridge. Lights will be put up downtown shortly after Thanksgiving.
- The City received a grant for \$53,000 from the Worth County Development Authority on the 16th. This money is from the proceeds of the Diamond Joe Casino in Northwood. It will be used to purchase the apartments east of the library. It also covers the cost to inspect for and remove asbestos, and to level the lot. This is being done in preparation for the Community Center, Library and City Hall municipal building project.
- A Big Thank You to the Worth County Engineers for blacktopping 1st street. The shoulders and painting is scheduled to be done before winter.
- Water Tower Paint and Repair will be performing maintenance on the water tower before winter as well.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the October financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (33.33% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	39.78%	36.29%	33.98%	35.05%	35.82%
Expense	33.94%	68.65%	33.77%	28.45%	39.05%

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

- *Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the October Expenses.* Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Craig has been working on replacing the old mechanical meters with digital meters. He will be working on this throughout the fall and winter.

- In the process of replacing the meters he has found a few that are leaking before the meter. Please inspect your water lines and have a plumber fix any leaks found.
- Craig will be trimming the trees along the roadside to prepare for the snow season.
- Craig and Warren have been draining the lagoons according to DNR procedures as part of ongoing maintenance requirements.
- The City would like to remind everyone one of the dangers of icy roads, especially with our newly blacktopped roads. Please drive carefully.

Committee Reports

- Community Center – The committee is in the process of securing primary grant sources through which we would be able to secure 25-50% of the funding for each phase. They expect to have the capital campaign in full swing after the holiday season.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, December 15, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.
- Budgets will be discussed at the next meeting. All City requests must be presented at that meeting.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of October 31, 2009		
Type	Name	Paid
General Fund Accounts		
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-60.28
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-91.52
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-27.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Plunkett's	-192.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-125.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-130.79
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,620.25
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	Rachut, Ron & Becky	-68.24
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Check	US Post Office	-112.00
Deposit		2,706.41
Deposit		70.58
Deposit		3,456.77
Deposit		9,559.08
Deposit		373.61
Deposit		23,816.40
Deposit		3,031.49
Deposit		16.49
Liability Check	IRS	-778.28
Liability Check	IRS	-997.81
Liability Check	IPERS	-511.60
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,954.09
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-621.96
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-966.00
Total General Fund Accounts		23,602.70
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		9.84
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.84
Water Fund Accounts		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.84
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Deposit		4.10
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		4.10
TOTAL		23,618.48