

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2010 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the January minutes. Motion Carried.

Fertile Days Committee

- There were nine people in attendance at the last Fertile Days meeting. A big thank you to everyone who is getting involved, we appreciate your participation.
- The committee presented a tentative schedule of events for the Council to preview.
- The committee wanted to know what their budget was for the event. Currently, the City has approved \$300 from the general fund budget. There has also been a donation of \$200. These are the only numbers which can be counted on at this point. 100% of any donations received for Fertile Days will go to the festivities.
- More details, including the tentative schedule will be posted online soon!

Mayor's Report

- The Worth County Development Authority (WCDA), the non-profit extension of Diamond Joe Casino, had donated office furniture for the City Clerk's office. Stop by and check out the new space. ☺
- The City has applied for a grant from the WCDA in the amount of \$86,818.90 to finish blacktopping the last block of West Washington and all remaining North/South roads within City limits. The requested amount would cover the entire project. Main Street and Hill Street would be the only roads left to pave. These are town-to-market roads and are covered by our 28E agreement with the County.
- The DNR inspected our sewer system and found two infractions. One was a leaking valve which has since been temporarily fixed and will be permanently fixed this summer. The second deals with infiltration issues relating to higher levels of water flowing into the sewer system than we are pumping through the water tower. Houses will be inspected, per DNR requirements, for any suspected ground water being pumped into the sewer system via sump pumps.
- The 2010 Census will be taken soon. Please complete the survey as quickly and accurately as possible. The amount of Federal, State and Local money that the City receives each month will be adjusted according to the current population mix. If our numbers drop, we will lose funding (which could mean higher taxes and/or water bills). These numbers also help determine how much funding the school system receives, which determines how many teachers can be hired. Watch for more information coming in the mail soon.
- Mayor Russell was concerned with the amount of information that is being accumulated on the City's computers and the possibility of losing that information due to natural disasters and software or hardware malfunctions. *Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve online backups through Advantage Business Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$2.95 per month.* Motion Carried.
- Aukes submitted a quote for mosquito spraying. The rate increased from \$410 to \$450 per application. The Council approved a budget line to allow for three sprayings next fiscal year. Three are also approved for this fiscal year.
- FEMA announced a new flood mapping project which will begin in June, 2010 and will be completed by July 2011. The project will convert all of their paper records into new GEO Spatial digital records giving up-to-date and more accurate measurements.
- Warren is currently in classes near Des Moines to update his water/sewer certifications.
- Stacy Sellers has reserved the park on June 12th for her wedding. Congratulations Stacy!
- A list of homes that are currently for sale or for rent has been compiled at City Hall. Stop in if you, or someone you know, may be interested.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the January financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (58% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	57%	61%	58%	59%	60%
Expense	54%	95%	61%	54%	63%

(The Roads Fund is currently over budget due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July, 2009.)

- The City currently has a \$41,043 Net Loss for the fiscal year. *This deficit is the result of the road surfacing done in July, 2009 and the \$30,000 purchase of Hall's Apartments as part of the Community Center Project. The \$30,000 will be reimbursed to the City from the WCDA grant awarded last fall before the end of the fiscal year. The deficit caused by the roads project will be taken out of savings for that particular project.*

- Eddie presented the following utility bills for lien approval: 403 1st St N \$337.70, 406 W Washington \$252.56, 210 W Main St \$314.66, 405 W Main St \$333.50. *Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the preceding liens/small claims.* Motion Carried.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the January Expenses.* Motion Carried.
- The budget was finalized and is summarized below. The budget will be published in the Northwood Anchor. The full budget is viewable at City Hall and will be on the website within the next few weeks.

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Gross Income	\$84,919	\$30,550	\$26,050	\$73,400	\$54,460
Expense	\$84,917	\$30,530	\$26,049	\$73,397	\$54,455
Net Income	\$ 2	\$ 20	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 5

- Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the 2010-2011 budget.* Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- The next Fertile Days Committee meeting will be held March 1st.
- The property next to the library has been purchased and inspected for hazardous materials. Vermiculite and Asbestos have been found and will be removed soon. The City will host a silent auction for anyone who would be interested in any portion of the building (doors, heaters, windows, etc). All funding from the auction will go towards the new Community Center. After that, the building will be scheduled to be demolished.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Monday, March 8th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall. *The regular session will be held on this alternative night due to schedule conflicts.*

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of January 31, 2010

Type	Name	Memo	Paid
General Fund Accounts			
General Fund Checking			
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,151.04
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	Snow Plow Parts	-88.81
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IMFOA	Annual Dues: April 1, 2010 - April 1, 2011	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	Utility Line Location	-10.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	Battery Charger	-238.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	Gasoline	-116.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-180.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-691.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, In 4"	waterline into new Fire Dept	-4,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Commercial Maintenance Ch	Degreaser	-253.56
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	Yard Light-water / Surge breaker-water / 4-way flas	-1,112.67
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	telephone	-44.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	Sand/Diesel fuel	-604.60
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly pmt	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly pmt	-4,620.25
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan	-2,455.15
Check	Blicher, Douglas	Utility Deposit	-150.00
Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	Warren's Classes	-200.00
Deposit		Deposit	8,329.54
Deposit		PayPal Transfer	293.02
Deposit		Deposit	5,438.14
Deposit		Deposit	475.43
Deposit		Deposit	2,254.26
Deposit		Deposit	1,297.60
Deposit		Deposit	1,330.82
Deposit		Interest	31.43
Liability Check	IPERS	Payroll Liability	-367.49
Liability Check	IRS	Payroll Liability	-1,068.38
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-2,257.99
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.		-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-706.01
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-452.13
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-780.16
	Sales Tax Payme Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance		-934.00
	Total General Fund Checking		-9,277.08
	Total General Fund Accounts		-9,277.08
Roads Revenue Fund Savings			
Deposit		Interest	9.86
	Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.86
Water Fund Accounts			
Water Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	3.69
	Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		3.69
	Total Water Fund Accounts		3.69
Sewage Fund Accounts			
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	8.21
	Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		8.21
	Total Sewage Fund Accounts		8.21
	TOTAL		-9,255.32