

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2010 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

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

Public Hearing: 2010-2011 City Budget

- There were no citizens in attendance for the hearing and no questions were raised.
- **Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the 2010-2011 budget.** Role Call vote was unanimous, Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell notified the Worth County Extension office that there is no money in next year's budget to fund their Director's salary request.
- Eddie wrote a grant request to I-Jobs in the amount of \$58,670 to clean and paint the water tower. The water tower was scheduled for cleaning and repairing in 2007 but the City did not have the funding available to complete the project. The last time the water tower was cleaned and painted was in the late 80s.
- Fred Hare has noticed a crack developing in the dam this winter. The City will route the river through the dike this summer and have the dam inspected.
- Several layers of clothing were found in the sewer system. The clothing wrapped itself around a grinder pump and caused it to shut down. Hare Electric was called in to repair the pump. Intentional tampering of the water or sewer system is a Federal offense. Repairs of the system are costly and can lead to higher water and sewer rates. Please do not put non-disposable items into the sewer system.
- Bergo Environmental Services inspected the white building next to the Library that the City purchased to tear-down for the new Community Center. Asbestos was found in the Vermiculite insulation, chimney tar, tar off the roof parapet walls, paper off the main floor vent, the flue patch and around four windows. Bergo has begun the asbestos removal process but will not be able to complete it until the snow is off the roof. Once the asbestos has been removed, the building will be scheduled for demolition.
- Chuck Waage of 506 West Washington, Jesus & Blanca Ochoa of 104 Spring Street, and Rome Gould of 101 School Street, have been awarded up to \$24,999 each, as part of the City of Fertile Housing Rehabilitation Program. Funding for the project is covered through a Community Development Block Grant with a local match provided by the City. The project can cover the cost of siding, windows, furnaces, insulation, lead paint removal, and other structural maintenance. Residents were offered the chance to apply for the funding last summer. The City has been approved for three more rehabilitations once these three are completed.
- The roof at City Hall started to leak in several places causing damage to ceiling tiles, paneling and cupboards. Craig has scooped as much of the snow away from the damaged area as safely possible. The roof will need minor repair this spring. Craig also shoveled off the roof at the Library to avoid water damage there.
- The Shopper would like residents to know that they can request that the paper not be delivered to their home, if they are already receiving it in the mail. Call 1-800-433-0560 to let them know that you are getting duplicates.
- Mayor Russell was in the Globe Gazette and Forest City Summit this last week. She announced our Community Center project.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the February financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (67% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	60%	70%	65%	65%	66%
Expense	57%	102%	69%	62%	75%

(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 \$44,736 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.
- **Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the February Expenses.** Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- **Fertile Days:** The last Fertile Days Committee meeting was held on March 1st. There was a great turn-out as people began to show their support for this event. Several events are already scheduled, with many more to come. More details will surface within the next few months!

- **Community Center:** The building we have purchased is being inspected as described earlier in the minutes. We have found a grant where we can request approximately \$75,000 for the Library portion of the project. The next 4-6 WCDA grants have been ear-marked for the Community Center project. We anticipate that these will bring in an additional \$280,000 to \$420,000. We are researching and writing other grants in order to get the project started.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, April 20th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of February 28, 2010				
Type	Name	Memo	Paid	
General Fund Accounts				
General Fund Checking				
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	Electric Utility		-1,220.81
Bill Pmt -Check	CarQuest	Snow Plow Parts		-26.88
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	pulled snow plow out		-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine / filter floss, meer gasket, O-rings, labor		-678.30
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Moving pad rental for office furniture / Bolts for Snow		-21.10
Bill Pmt -Check	Mason City Red Power	bolts & hydraulic parts		-67.57
Bill Pmt -Check	Miller's Diesel and Automotive	Alternator		-112.10
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	4th Monthly Installment		-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	Contractor List		-11.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Annual Financial Report		-194.52
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	Gasoline for pickup/skid loader		-98.79
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	Water Tests		-38.29
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	12" Test Ball Plug + Materials - Sewer		-368.03
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	Waste Removal / Recycling		-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	Telephone - City Hall, Water & Sewer Plants - Intern		-131.58
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Annual Law Enforcement Agreement		-2,250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas Utility		-724.10
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	pulled snow plow out		-80.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	Water Tests		-18.65
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	Craig's Cell phone		-60.77
Bill Pmt -Check	Worth County - Engineer	Diesel Fuel		-171.35
Check	First State Bank	Fire Dept Loan		-2,455.15
Check	Marriott	Water & Sewer Education Reimbursement		-227.88
Check	Bruns, Warren V	Fuel Reimbursement		-65.51
Check	PayPal	to verify check card		-1.95
Deposit		Utility Deposit		1,557.50
Deposit		Utility Deposit		152.33
Deposit		Utility Deposit / Fertile Days donation / Road Use Tax		4,075.84
Deposit		Utility Deposit		4,550.70
Deposit		Utility Deposit		471.81
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Local Option Sales Tax		1,856.34
Deposit		Casino Revenue		2,041.76
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	Property Taxes		252.15
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Street Construction		1,543.97
Deposit		Utility Deposit		68.24
Deposit		Interest		26.68
Liability Check	Treasurer - State of Iowa	IA Payroll Withholding		-285.00
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren			-308.17
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.			-402.69
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce			-689.40
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.			-610.68
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.			-1,037.11
Total General Fund Checking				<u>2,030.32</u>
Total General Fund Accounts				2,030.32
Roads Revenue Fund Savings				
Deposit		Interest		8.91
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings				<u>8.91</u>
Water Fund Accounts				
Water Revenue Fund Checking				
Deposit		Interest		3.34
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking				<u>3.34</u>
Total Water Fund Accounts				3.34
Sewage Fund Accounts				
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking				
Deposit		Interest		7.42
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking				<u>7.42</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts				7.42
TOTAL				<u><u>2,049.99</u></u>

2010 CENSUS

Do not forget to complete and mail in your 2010 Census. The City of Fertile relies on these numbers for funding. If our funding drops, then tax rates and utility bills will go up. The Census also determines how much money our Schools receive (Forest City Schools and NIACC). Thank you for your prompt and accurate response to the Census.