

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2010 - 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

- *Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the May minutes.* Motion Carried.

Waste Management Contract

- Darrel Hoekstra from Waste Management presented a new proposal to the Council which will raise rates 3% starting July 1st and 4% each of the next four years July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2015.

- The proposed rate increases are outlined below:

| | Current | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Garbage: | \$10.75 | 11.07 | 11.51 | 11.97 | 12.45 | 12.95 |
| Recycling: | \$1.80 | 1.85 | 1.92 | 2.00 | 2.08 | 2.16 |

(The City currently charges \$11.50 for garbage and \$2.25 for recycling to cover billing costs)

- *Jeff motioned, Tat 2nd to approve Waste Management's Increases.* Roll Call Vote was unanimous, Motion Carried.
- *The City will hold a public hearing at the next Council Meeting on July 20th to revise the utility billing ordinance to cover these increases.*

Mayor's Report

- The resident at 210 West Main Street received a second notice of failure to abide by the City's Nuisance Ordinance. Last July Mr. Davis was ordered to clean-up his property and finish the siding on his house. At that time, Mr. Davis agreed to clean-up his property in 90 days, and to finish the siding within 6 months. Since progress has not been made on either point, Mr. Davis was given until July 1st to respond before charges would be filed.
- Kenny Strohman and Buck Russell put carpet on the 4 light poles within the ballfields as requested by the City's insurance company
- Kenny and June Strohman also donated two loads of gravel to fill-in the pot-holes along the ballpark road
- Alliant Energy and Hare Electric have been working to fix the burnt out lights around town
- The City of Fertile received \$2,000 from the Worth County Development Authority (non-profit arm of Diamond Joe Casino) to use for our Fertile Days Celebration on August 7 & 8 (tentative schedule has been posted on our website at www.fertileiowa.us)
- The town has experienced a new wave of vandalism over the last couple of months. The City will be stepping up law enforcement patrols and enforcing the curfew. The City will also be looking into upgrading and expanding the current surveillance system.
- Remember to keep your dogs on a leash or a chained up at all times when outside. If a dog bites a person who is walking down the street, the dog will be removed from City limits.
- Mayor Russell participated in a mock Tornado Disaster Drill in Manly sponsored by Worth County Emergency Management. Mayors, First Responders and Fire Departments from Worth County were invited to take part in a tornado disaster simulation. Mercy's Life Lite was also involved as they simulated various levels of wounds and medical issues.
- Two properties went up for Sherriff's auction this last month. There were no bids, as no one was in attendance for either sale. The two properties are now going back to the finance companies and their lawyers.
- There was a multi-jurisdictional drug bust last week. Arrests were made and both Federal and County charges are being pressed.
- There was a wedding the park last weekend. The rain held off just enough for the rehearsal and ceremony.
- There will be a large family reunion next Sunday.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the May financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (92% of year).

| | General | Roads | Landfill | Sewer | Water |
|----------------|---------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Income | 93% | 95% | 88% | 89% | 91% |
| Expense | 80% | 114% | 95% | 91% | 101% |

(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 \$6,691.75 Net Loss for the fiscal year.
- *Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the May Expenses.* Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- The DNR inspected the City's water system. For the first time in the City's history, there were no write ups!
- The water tower tank was cleaned on the inside. The City has written a grant to cover the costs of cleaning and painting the tower. We will hear if our grant has been accepted the last part of June or the first part of July.
- Brian Nettleton is putting a new sewer valve in this week.
- Craig and Dan Miller cut the belly blade off the snow plow as the hydraulics were no longer working.
- The City will be flushing the water mains in July.

Committee Reports

- **Fertile Days:** The Fertile Days Committee has been working hard to organize several activities for our celebration. A tentative schedule will be posted on the City's website at www.fertileiowa.us by the end of the month.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00PM, Tuesday, July 20th, 2010, to propose an amendment to the utility billing ordinances to allow the City to cover the cost of service and administration. (2nd and 3rd hearings can be waived if there are no objections presented at the 1st hearing – come and let your voice be heard)
- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:15PM in regular session, Tuesday, July 20th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

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

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

| Type | Name | Memo | Paid |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund Accounts | | | |
| General Fund Checking | | | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Alliant Energy | Electricity | -1,221.03 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc. | Removal of Hall Apartments | -19,500.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | LGI | water & sewer tests | -64.75 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Menards | Garden Club | -607.76 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | NIACOG | Housing Grant | -300.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Kramer Ace Hardware | Grass Seed & Caulk | -118.64 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Crescent Moon | porta-poties | -315.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Hawkins, Inc. | chlorine | -10.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | IFACWSRF | water loan payment | -10,922.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Krieger's Greenhouse & Garden Center | garden club | -1,028.93 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Larsen Plumbing & Heating | Water heater element at ballfields | -82.47 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Pronto | gasoline | -109.29 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Verizon Wireless | Craig's cellphone | -42.85 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Waste Management | garbage and recycling | -1,792.90 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | WCTA | phone and internet | -140.64 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | UPS | water and sewer samples | -18.97 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Alliant Energy | electricity | -1,064.72 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Black Hills Energy | natural gas | -193.02 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Hare Electric | Sewer Generator Transfer Switch / | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | IMWCA | Rebuild Sewer Pump | -2,973.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | North Central Sales & Service | worker's compensation | -1,760.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | Trenchless Solutions | Mower Maintenance | -598.55 |
| Check | First State Bank | clean plugged line at lagoon | -435.00 |
| Check | US Post Office | Fire Dept Loan | -2,455.15 |
| Check | Lowry, John & Kim | postage | -84.00 |
| Check | Clark, Ashley | Utility Deposit | -150.00 |
| Deposit | | Utility deposit | -150.00 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 54,255.53 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 3,644.62 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 7,129.24 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 150.88 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 1,476.25 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 2,390.46 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 3,197.34 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 1,361.67 |
| Deposit | | Deposit | 144.47 |
| Deposit | | Interest | 101.79 |
| Liability Check | IPERS | payroll liabilities | -484.35 |
| Liability Check | IRS | payroll liabilities | -936.87 |
| Paycheck | May III, Edgar F. | | -343.31 |
| Paycheck | Russell, Joyce | | -595.35 |
| Paycheck | Koch, Craig A. | | -795.19 |
| Paycheck | Koch, Craig A. | | -663.36 |
| Paycheck | Bruns, Warren | | -308.17 |
| Total General Fund Checking | | | 23,585.98 |
| Roads Revenue Fund Savings | | | |
| Deposit | | Interest | 9.89 |
| Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings | | | 9.89 |
| Water Revenue Fund Checking | | | |
| Deposit | | Interest | 1.63 |
| Total Water Revenue Fund Checking | | | 1.63 |
| Sewage Revenue Fund Checking | | | |
| Deposit | | Interest | 3.62 |
| Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking | | | 3.62 |
| TOTAL | | | 23,601.12 |