

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

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

Minutes Approval

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

Community Center Options

- On July 10th, The Community Center Committee and the Library Board toured the former Cherry Tree Builders property to consider the possibility of using it for the Community Center, City Hall and Library.
- On July 13th, the City Council also toured the former Cherry Tree property.
- Concerns were raised in regard to relocating off of Main Street, the affects of annexing the land into City Limits, the condition of the building, and the need to still build the Community Center hall onto the existing structure.
- Positive comments included the size of the project becomes feasible, the City can work on the building in much smaller phases than with the original project, it is easy to access for travelers outside of town, has a lot of land for parking and outdoor events, is the first thing people see coming into town, and would not remove commercial property from the City's tax role.
- Penny suggested, by email, that we build a larger library on the current library property, and to use the Cherry Tree building for City Hall and the Community Center only.
- Lisa May, a member of the Library Board commented that the Library was excited about the possibility of moving sooner than later, and that they suggested adding a bike trail along 1st Street to help kids visit the Library. She also felt that the Library would be open to Penny's suggestion as well.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to invite construction, electrical and heating/plumbing contractors to prepare initial proposals for necessary renovations along with proposals for a new library on the current Library property. Roll Call Vote was unanimous, Jeff abstained. Motion Carried.
- These numbers will be presented to the Council at the next Council Meeting.
- Mayor Russell will also research the process of annexing the land.
- After considering the information presented, the Council may, or may not place an offer on the property.
- Anyone who has an opinion regarding this purchase is invited, and encouraged, to attend next month's Council meeting.

Mayor's Report

- The Worth County Sherriff's Department requested a copy of the City's curfew ordinance to help them enforce it. The ordinance states that minors (under 17) who are off their family's property must be accompanied by one of their legal guardians. Minors who are out by themselves can be escorted to the Sherriff's Department in Northwood and must be picked up by their legal guardian. A copy of the ordinance is available on the City's website.
- Liens were collected and paid at the sale of 504 West Washington.
- Cans were being stolen out of the can bin at that Ball Fields. Worth County Sherriff's Department were notified and the parties were caught.
- Several acts of vandalism have occurred in the last month. The City is still investigating potential camera systems and other deterrent options.
- The City sounded the storm siren during the recent tornado sightings. In the event of an emergency, the siren will sound for 10 minutes straight and then shut off. You will also want to pay attention to storm information provided by KIMT, and the local radio stations.
- We sprayed for Mosquitoes on July 6th and 9th. We will be spraying two more times this summer.
- IA DOT sent a letter regarding the City's responsibility to remove any illegal sign placed within the right of way. Illegal signs may be moved or removed at any time. (Illegal signs are any non DOT approved signs)
- The City received a notice of violation against Roger Rasmussen who was hired to remove yard waste and abandoned items at 105 Hill Street. Roger was illegally burning railroad ties, and fiberglass. Both the City and the DNR were involved in stopping the illegal burning.
- Andrew Hall requested a burning permit for 504 West Washington. Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to allow the burning of yard waste and tree limbs with the supervision of the Fire Department. Motion Carried.

- Complaints against Larsen Plumbing regarding rain water pooling up on the North side of one of their buildings were refuted as Mayor Russell took pictures following the recent rain storms. No pooling was found.
- The Worth County Sherriff's Department also requested a copy of our dangerous pet ordinance. They are in the process of re-defining a County wide ban on dangerous pets following the recent pit-bull attack in Joice.
- The side streets have been paved! Even better – no tax money, or liens, were used or placed for the project! Money for the project came from a Worth County Development Authority grant in the amount of \$86,818.90. The WCDA is the non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the June (Year End) financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date 100% of year).

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	96%	99%	100%	100%	102%
Expense	97%	113%	98%	89%	87%

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

- The City ended the year with a \$9,572.16 Net Income for the fiscal year.
- \$9,000 of the income is being reserved for the painting of the water tower.
- Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the June Expenses. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- Streets & Signs: The light on the corner of Washington and Mill has been flickering off and on. Mayor Russell will contact Alliant.
- Fertile Days: The Fertile Days Committee has been working hard to organize several activities for our celebration. Schedules of events are posted at Brcka Construction (across from the Downtown Diner and West of the Post Office). Residents will also receive an agenda delivered to their door. There are a lot of activities planned including: two parades (one for our pets), Fire Dept open house, Worth County Sherriff's Canine demo, bed races, inflatables, karaoke contest, tug-of-war, bingo, farmer's market, movie, band, firemen's breakfast, church service, kiddie peddle pull, and two FREE community meals. Prizes will be awarded for several events. Fertile Days is August 7th and 8th! You don't want to miss it!

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00PM, Tuesday, August 17th, 2010, to discuss 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, August 17th, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

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

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of June 30, 2010

Type	Name	Memo	Amount
General Fund Checking			
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC Aggregates L.C.	Ballfield Road	-313.42
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	Porta-Pots	-315.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	Ball Diamond Fence Covering	-529.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Krieger's Greenhouse & Garden Center	Garden Club	-117.65
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	Utility Testing	-139.25
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	8th Monthly Installment	-300.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	utility testing	-18.74
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	telephone and internet	-133.43
Bill Pmt -Check	Fertile Little League	Annual Payment	-700.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Mills Fleet Farm	Fence coverings	-87.92
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	gasoline	-148.56
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	postage	-44.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	waste removal	-1,792.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	Envelopes & Maps	-124.99
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	electricity	-129.78
Bill Pmt -Check	First Gabrielson Agency	Fire Dept Life & Disability Insurance	-785.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Haugen Lawn Service	fertilizer for ditch bank	-45.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Cities	Annual Dues	-258.00
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	utility tests	-37.35
Bill Pmt -Check	USDA	water & Sewer loans	-38,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Verizon Wireless	telephone	-35.65
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	natural gas	-1,290.13
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	porta pots	-315.00
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	utility testing	-75.75
Check	First State Bank	fire dept loan	-2,455.15
Check	Fertile Public Library V	incorrectly deposited to our account	-144.47
Deposit		Deposit	3,283.99
Deposit		Deposit	3,283.91
Deposit		Deposit	3,670.69
Deposit		Deposit	627.70
Deposit		Deposit	3,428.32
Deposit	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Deposit	1,866.51
Deposit		Deposit	2,481.59
Deposit		Deposit	1,070.23
Deposit		Deposit	1,111.10
Deposit		Interest	99.54
Liability Check	IRS	42-1028074	-716.56
Liability Check	IPERS	98307, 983070	-373.26
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.		-370.41
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-545.71
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-714.32
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-674.81
Total General Fund Checking			-31,205.26
Roads Revenue Fund Savings			
Deposit		Interest	9.58
Water Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	1.57
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit		Interest	3.50
TOTAL			-31,190.61