

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

December 21, 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.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the November Minutes.** Motion Carried.

### Sealed Bids for the old Fire Station

- The City published notices in both the Northwood Anchor and the Forest City Summit requesting sealed bids for the purchase of the old Fire Station at 205 West Main.
- Bids were due by midnight on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The City received two bids.
- Fred Hare presented the highest bid at \$25,000.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the \$25,000 bid from Fred Hare.** Roll call vote was unanimous, Motion Carried
- Fred has agreed to allow the City to leave the current warning siren at the building and to give the City access to the siren controls as necessary.
- Fred will gain possession of the building as soon as the proper paperwork has been filed by the City Attorney and the City has been able to move the contents of the building to the current City Hall/Maintenance building and/or the new building.

### Fire Department

- The Fire Department announced that they will be looking for grant funding (not to impede upon the WCDA grants for the Community Center / City Hall and Library projects) for a new Emergency Response / Bunker vehicle. The current vehicle was made in 1978. The new vehicle will cost \$230,000. The Fire Department is looking for help to find and write the grants. The Council agreed that the City can help point them in the right direction, but that their time needed to be focused on the previously mentioned projects. The Fire Department understood and agreed.

### Community Center

- On Dec 13<sup>th</sup> the City closed on the new property. The deed has been filed with the County Recorder. The building was purchased with a \$90,000 WCDA grant and a \$35,000 loan to be paid off in less than 2 years. The City also secured an additional \$30,000 available if necessary to get the remodeling project started.
- The City has secured insurance for the building.
- Bids were received from Brcka Construction and Larsen Plumbing and Heating for the remodeling project. Hare Electric is waiting for the Electric Inspector and Fire Marshall to preview the plans before submitting their portion of the remodeling bids. Bids for the cabinetry are still forth coming.
- The City has the option to accept additional bids.

### Mayor's Report

- On Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, Craig notified Mayor Russell that he had accepted another full-time job. Buck Russell has taken over the water and sewer responsibilities, still supervised by Warren Bruns. Jeff Berg and Josh Miller have taken over the snow plowing duties. Eddie May and Matt Olson are alternates. The City will accept applications and consider either one full-time, or two part-time people to fill the position.
- On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Globe Gazette published an article about the City of Fertile. They interviewed Mayor Russell and others in town. While the article was not 100% accurate, it was still a great plug for our little town. ☺
- Vandalism: before the snow covered them, someone pulled up one of the new picnic tables at the ball fields. Luckily it can be re-installed with minor effort. Vandals have also pulled off the drop-box cover at the Library.
- The water tower was cleaned and inspected this spring. The interior lining is in good condition and only needs to be re-cleaned and inspected every 2 years. The exterior is in poor condition and needs to be painted within the next 3 years.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a 10 year contract with Maguire Iron to inspect and clean the tower for \$1550 every two years.** Motion Carried.
- Brcka Construction installed a 10 foot garage door in-between City Hall and the Maintenance Garage. Once the new building is ready to move City Hall into, we will move the items from the old Fire Station into the current City Hall/Maintenance Shed building, thereby converting it completely into the Maintenance Shed only.

### City Clerk's Report

- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (42% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	54%	39%	46%	47%	48%	
Expense	38%	22%	42%	43%	37%	
Net Income	\$13,733.86	\$5,361.70	\$1,836.79	\$2,925.81	\$2,723.36	-\$2,375.65

- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve November's bills.** Motion Carried.

- Penny motioned, Tad 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the following liens: 210 W Main for \$295.92, 207 E Main for \$312.92, 104 Mill for \$289.38, 110 W Main for \$661.49 and 308 W Main for \$957.89.** Motion Carried.

### Maintenance Report

- Buck is learning the new computerized controls at the water plant from Fred Hare
- Eddie has been in training to be a back-up snow plow driver. He got the snow plow stuck twice on his first night out, once on his second night out, and did not get stuck on his third time out. It appears that he is learning from his mistakes ☺ (We greatly appreciate your patience, as us newbies are learning the ropes.)
- Eddie felt a little better though; knowing that he is not the only one giving Frank's towing some good extra Christmas cash, as the Waste Management Recycling truck and a County plow got stuck within a week from his fiascoes. – Tis the season.
- Jeff and Josh will be going around town trimming up several trees and bushes that have been hitting the snow plow. Also – please remember the snow ordinances and park your vehicles off the road, and move back your garbage and recycle bins when the plow is going to be out and about.

### Committee Reports

- Housing Committee – Rome has had some issues with his remodeling, but the contractor will be taking good care of him and get the issues fixed asap.
- Garden Club – the first flag poles sent to us were not strong enough to handle the weight of the flags in the wind. They have been returned and new wooden ones were sent in their place.

### Other Business

- Dan Lee, at 101 West Main Street, applied for a variance to allow his commercial sign to be posted in a residential lot.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve a variance allowing a commercial sign, of the current size and location, to be erected and maintained at 101 West Main Street for Riverside Construction.** Motion Carried.
- If the business were to change, or if the sign were to be made bigger, or moved closer to the edges of the property, the variance would have to be re-approved.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- All City Department budgets are due for this meeting.

City of Fertile						6:02 PM
Bills Paid						12/22/2010
As of November 30, 2010						Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	
<b>0011110 - Checking</b>						
Deposit	11/01/2010			Housing Grant Income	9,651.00	
Deposit	11/02/2010			Library Funding (direct deposit error)	2,085.60	
Deposit	11/03/2010			Utility Bill Deposit	1,103.75	
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5403	May III, Edgar F.		-432.32	
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5402	Bruns, Warren		-307.47	
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5404	Russell, Joyce		-494.74	
Check	11/03/2010	5405	US Post Office	Utility Bill Postage	-84.00	
Deposit	11/03/2010		Diamond Joe Casino	Casino Fund Income	2,378.10	
Check	11/08/2010		Verizon Wireless		-64.19	
Deposit	11/10/2010			Utility Bill Deposit	3,541.31	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5406	Crescent Moon	porta-poties	-315.00	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5407	Hare Electric	4-way light bulb, water plant bulb	-186.68	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5408	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine	-10.00	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5409	IFACWSRF	sewer loan payment	-2,385.00	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5410	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Winterize Concession Stand, Water Heate	-741.19	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5411	LGI	water testing	-53.75	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5412	Miller's Diesel and Automo	snow plow	-242.52	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5413	Pronto	gas	-34.95	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5414	Satern Builders	Housing Grant - Gould house	-9,651.00	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5415	UPS	water samples	-18.83	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5416	Waste Management	garbage/recycling	-1,845.74	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/10/2010	5417	WCTA	phone/internet	-137.31	
Paycheck	11/10/2010	5420	Koch, Craig A.		-673.43	
Check	11/10/2010	5421	TDK Real Estate LLC	utility deposit refunded	-150.00	
Check	11/10/2010	5418		VOID:	0.00	
Check	11/10/2010	5419		VOID:	0.00	
Deposit	11/12/2010			Liens/Taxes	2,856.27	
Deposit	11/12/2010			LOST	2,028.67	
Deposit	11/16/2010			Streets	1,594.55	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/24/2010	5422	Black Hills Energy	natural gas	-219.22	
Bill Pmt -Cr	11/24/2010	5423	Verizon Wireless	cell phone	-42.64	
Paycheck	11/24/2010	5424	Koch, Craig A.		-186.44	
Paycheck	11/24/2010	5425	Koch, Craig A.		-363.71	
Deposit	11/26/2010			Utilities deposit	4,737.51	
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	93.39	
Total 0011110 - Checking						11,430.02
<b>110b - Roads Revenue Accounts</b>						
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	9.62	
<b>600b - Water Revenue Accounts</b>						
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	16.86	
<b>610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>						
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	12.56	
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>11,469.06</b>