

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; and Maintenance Manager Buck Russell. Absent were: Council Member Tad Miller and City Clerk Eddie May. Minutes were recorded by Council Member Penny Miller.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the December Minutes.** Motion Carried.

### Public Hearing on the sale of the old Fire Station

- The regular meeting was closed at 7:04 and the Public Hearing was opened.
- Mayor Russell read a letter, prepared by City Attorney John Greve, giving the legal description of the old Fire Station located at 205 West Main Street.
- The public was asked for any opinions or objections regarding the sale of the old Fire Station building to Fred Hare for the sum of \$25,000.00. No objections or other opinions were given.
- Jeff Berg motioned and Pat Renchin 2nd that we approve the sale of the old Fire Station located at 205 West Main Street.** Roll call vote was held, Motion carried.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 pm and the regular meeting was reopened.

### Budget Submissions

- The budget for the Worth County Sheriff's office was turned in to the Mayor for our review. They have asked for \$6.25 per person for the 360 people who reside in Fertile for a total budget of \$2,250.00 for the fiscal year 2011-12. **Cindy Peters motioned and Pat Renchin 2nd to approve the Worth County Budget.** Motion carried.
- Lisa May turned in the budget for the Fertile Library for review. The budget was increased by \$500 from last year to cover increased utility costs and other expenses.
- Dan Miller turned in the budget for the Fire Department for review. The Fire Department requested \$11,000.00 for 2011. The membership has risen from 7 to 14 and they will need more bunker gear as well as an expensive mandated radio upgrade.
- Penny Miller, from the Fertile Garden Club, turned in their budget for the year 2011. They are asking for \$700, which is down from last year.
- Fred Hare brought to the council's attention that the electrical service for the lighting on Main Street needs to be replaced. It is old and keeps burning out. He thinks we should move the electrical box, from the pole outside, into the old city hall, so that it could be inside instead of out in the elements. Fred gave an initial quote of \$12,000 to \$15,000.
- The lawn mower needs to be replaced for the city. Three quotes were given to the Mayor for the council's review: \$8,719.20 from Doug's Service in Garner for a Toro; \$5,550 from Kramer Hardware in Clear Lake for a Country Clipper; and \$5,000 from North Central Sales & Service in Leland for a Country Clipper. This price includes the trade-in of our current mower. All of them will service the mower and replace it while the mower is repaired with a loaner.
- The Library, Fire Department, Garden Club and special item budgets will be reviewed and approved or adjusted at a special budget meeting on February 2, 2011. A public hearing will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> to approve the final budget numbers.

### Community Center

- The state electrical inspector "grandfathered" in the current electrical service for the community center. This will save the city a lot of money that might have been required to re-work the service. The building currently is wired for 3-phase which is more than we will ever need. Fred will downsize it to a single-phase to save money.
- It was suggested that the air lines in the new building be used by the Fire Department. **Pat moved and Cindy 2nd that the Fire Department be allowed to remove the air lines in the community center building and transfer them to the Fire Department building.** Motion Carried. Any lines not used by the Fire Department will be returned to the community center building.
- The Community Center/City Hall 2nd phase WCDA grant application is due. The city requested quotes for electrical, plumbing and construction to submit for the grant. According to our city ordinances any bid less than \$50,000 does not require more than one bid to be procured. Larson Plumbing and Heating quoted \$50,000, Hare Electric quoted \$39,855 and Brcka Construction quoted \$37,000. **Pat Renchin motioned, Cindy Peters 2nd that the city of Fertile submit a grant application for the 2nd phase of the City Hall/Community Center in the amount of \$102,000 to WCDA.** Motion carried. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, and final, phase of the City Hall/Community Center grant will be applied for in the fall WCDA grant awards.

### Mayor's Report

- In 2010, the WCDA gave the City of Fertile \$209,793.08. Street improvements and purchase of the community center/city hall building for \$176,818.90. Fertile Days award of \$2,000.00, Monthly awards to City of Fertile total \$30,974.18 (used for Fire Department loan payments and a new water heater in the Library).
- A letter was sent requesting snow removal for the property at 110 West Main Street.
- The first week of January, the mayor and city clerk packed the contents of the old city hall up in preparation for the move to the new city hall. On January 8th, everything was moved to the new city hall building. The City of Fertile would like to thank Dan, Penny, and Josh Miller for their assistance and for the use of their truck and trailer. Thanks also to Cindy Peters, Warren Bruns, Buck & Joyce Russell and Eddie May for helping out.
- On January 7th, WCTA moved the phones to the new building.

### 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 (50% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	63%	53%	53%	554%	56%	
Expense	47%	28%	49%	44%	44%	
Net Income	\$13,205.73	\$7,553.18	\$1,940.47	\$3,509.79	\$3,031.64	\$30,580.89

- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve December's bills.** Motion Carried.

### Maintenance Report

- Buck reported that everything was running smoothly. Buck mentioned that the lagoon building needs painted, and sealed and the roof needs to be repaired as well. The gates at the lagoon need to be replaced and or removed. We could consider removing the secondary gates and install just one main gate. Warren said that another valve was leaking in the west lagoon (little cell) and we need to have that repaired.
- Advertisement for a maintenance person was listed in the paper on January 12th and also posted at various locations around town. 3 applications have been received so far. 2 of the applications were from people who do not live in Fertile and that is a pre-requisite for the job. They were not interested in moving to Fertile. Another applicant will graduate from NIACC in May. He stated that he would be willing to move to Fertile. The mayor and council will interview any and all applicants for this position.
- Tad Miller asked Cindy Peters to bring the idea of sharing the costs of a city maintenance man with another community. Cindy Peters had talked with the Mayor of Hanlontown, and they were not interested. The council discussed the pros and cons and determined that we would probably not be able to share hours with another city.
- The council has decided that the water meters will not be read and will be estimated for the months of January and February due to the large amount of snow and ice this winter.
- UTILITY BILLS can still be dropped off at the drop box located in the old city hall building.

### Committee Reports

- Fertile Days committee will meet at the new city hall on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### Other Business

- Cindy Peters will be researching and getting an estimate for three security cameras to be placed around town; much like Heritage Park of North Iowa has currently. They will utilize a "live cam website" which can be viewed by the public at any time via the internet. We will need to budget approximately \$3,000.00 for the cameras.
- Pat moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Motion Carried.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall to discuss the budget, and at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall. A public hearing will be held during this meeting to approve the budget.

City of Fertile		2:53 PM	
Bills Paid		01/19/2011	
As of December 31, 2010		Accrual Basis	
Type	Date	Num	Amount
<b>001b - General Fund Accounts</b>			
Deposit	12/01/2010		3,324.73
Liability Check	12/01/2010	IQue	-724.06
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5426	-307.47
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5429	-698.43
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5427	-146.99
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5428	-518.31
Deposit	12/01/2010		1,914.60
Liability Check	12/02/2010	EFTPS	-626.98
Liability Check	12/02/2010	EFTPS	-582.50
Deposit	12/03/2010		1,054.82
Deposit	12/03/2010		2,951.46
Deposit	12/07/2010		273.59
Deposit	12/08/2010		620.98
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5430	-411.26
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5431	-1,087.35
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5432	-328.74
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5433	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5440	-132.22
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5435	-237.40
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5436	-155.25
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5437	-23.80
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5438	-37.48
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5439	-99.52
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5440	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5441	-149.34
Check	12/08/2010	5434	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/08/2010	5443	-2,800.00
Check	12/13/2010	5445	-125,000.00
Deposit	12/13/2010		35,000.00
Check	12/13/2010	5444	0.00
Deposit	12/14/2010		90,000.00
Deposit	12/14/2010		1,180.56
Deposit	12/15/2010		2,899.39
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5446	-583.34
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5447	-176.60
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5448	-42.64
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5449	-373.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5450	-9,951.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5451	-11,153.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5452	-19,355.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/15/2010	5453	-300.00
Deposit	12/15/2010		40,729.00
Deposit	12/21/2010		1,394.99
Check	12/21/2010	5455	0.00
Check	12/23/2010	5454	-20.04
Check	12/23/2010	5465	-218.20
Deposit	12/30/2010		11,542.65
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5456	-1,341.36
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5457	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5458	-611.87
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5459	-1,179.72
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5460	-30.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5461	-53.75
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5462	-768.85
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5463	-37.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/30/2010	5464	-18.79
Deposit	12/31/2010		670.54
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5471	-406.34
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5472	-332.46
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5473	-443.28
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5474	-480.22
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5475	-332.46
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5476	-898.50
Deposit	12/31/2010		109.14
Total 001b - General Fund Accounts			8,435.40
<b>110b - Roads Revenue Accounts</b>			
Deposit	12/31/2010		9.95
<b>600b - Water Revenue Accounts</b>			
Deposit	12/31/2010		16.48
<b>610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>			
Deposit	12/31/2010		12.28
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8,474.11</b>