

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2011 - 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; Maintenance Manager Buck Russell and City Clerk Eddie May.
- *Cindy motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the March Minutes.* Carried.

First Gabrielson, ICAP Insurance

- Jay LeFevre introduced himself to the council and asked if there were any questions regarding the City's policy. The highlights of the policy were outlined, including: our premium credit for longevity, \$2 million liability coverage, and \$500 deductible.
- The City pays for coverage of the Library and Fire Department, as well as for the new building, water & sewer plants, ball fields, park, bridges, and streets.
- Jay suggested that the City receive a certificate of homeowner's insurance from everyone who rents the new facility.
- Jay mentioned that adding security cameras will not lower the City's insurance premium, but would definitely detour vandalism damage.

Worth County Sheriff's Department – K9 Unit

- Deputy Rick Anderson and Deputy Dan Fank asked the Council if they could use the new building as a training location for their K9 unit. They currently use Woodharbor, Worth County Court House, Isaac Walton League, Brcka Construction, and other buildings in Worth County. The more buildings they can use, the better trained the unit is.
- They would enter the buildings, make sure they are empty, and then commence training. The dogs will find hidden drugs, bomb materials, and people during their training exercises. The training could happen any time, day or night, with no set schedule.
- *Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve access for k9 training to the new building on Eagle Avenue as well as the maintenance shed on Main Street, and the new Fire Department (if they approve also).* Motion Carried.

Community Center / City Hall Project

- The City was awarded \$102,805.00 from the Worth County Development Authority (WCDA), non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, for phase II of the project. This phase will consist of demolition, re-framing, plumbing and electrical. Construction will begin as soon as Friday, April 21st.
- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to appoint City Clerk Eddie May as the project manager for phase II of the project.* Motion Carried.
- The City will apply for Phase III this fall, to include heating/cooling, sheet-rocking, finishing, kitchen equipment, cabinetry, etc.
- The Community Center Committee will meet on Tuesday the 26th at 7:00 at City Hall to discuss Phase III, as well as the Library portion of the project. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Russell attended a storm spotter's class on March 16th. On April 9th, Fire Chief Josh Miller spotted a tornado west of town. The siren was sounded for 10 minutes. The siren is primarily intended to warn people who are outside of their homes, alerting them to take cover. It is assumed that people inside their homes have alternative warning systems, including TV, Internet, Radio and/or a Midland NOAH system. NOAH systems are available at HyVee West in

Mason City for \$15. They are also available for free during certain times of the year.

- A yield sign has gone missing on the east side of town. A new one has been ordered.
- Alliant Energy replaced 3 street lights. All lights should be working.
- Crescent Moon has opened up the porta-poties around town.
- The FCC is requiring that all Fire Departments replace their radios to work on a different frequency. Fertile will need radios and pagers for 14 volunteers by 2013. The new radios cost \$800 each.
- Basic Materials has given a quote to add 2" of road rock along the east side of the new building, as well as adding 3" of 1.5" clean rock to the south of the new building. Mayor Russell will look into the cost of adding a layer of fabric to keep the rock from sinking into the dirt.
- Plunkett Pest Control has given a quote to the City for spraying the new building. They will spray the City Hall portion only, until the community center portion of the building is complete.
- On Saturday May 28th, from 8am to 3pm, Waste Management will drop off two large dumpsters for **Fertile's City Wide Clean-Up Day**. Residents will receive a ticket in the mail which they will need to present at the time of dumping in order to use the dumpsters. No appliances, electronics or tires will be accepted. Details will be arriving in the mail within the next two weeks.
- The second phase of the Housing Program has kicked off. Homes at 304 West Washington, 506 West Main Street, and 209 East Main Street will receive up to \$25,000 each for approved renovations. The City intends on continuing to a third phase and continuing to apply for the housing grants for additional phases.

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 (75% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	74%	87%	76%	77%	80%	
Expense	69%	46%	74%	71%	68%	
Net Income	\$4442	\$12,780	\$894	\$4,344	\$3301	\$51,740

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve March's bills.* Motion Carried.
- The City will be applying for a Trees Forever grant for additional trees at the ball fields, playground and/or park for fall planting.

Maintenance Report

- Buck and Warren will start lowering the lagoons next week, weather permitting. They will look into burning the sidewalls as well.
- The City will be applying for a permit to burn a pile of construction waste left at the new building by the previous owner. The Fire Department would manage a controlled burn, if approved.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 17th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Pat moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Motion Carried.



FERTILE CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY

May 28th, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

More Details Coming In Your Mail

As of March 31, 2011

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
General Fund Accounts				
Deposit	03/01/2011		Deposit	2,890.13
Check	03/01/2011	Worth County Abstract Co., Inc.	Update Abstract 205 W Main St.	-300.00
Deposit	03/01/2011		Deposit	1,768.01
Paycheck	03/02/2011	Berg, Jeffrey	Snow Plowing	-135.86
Paycheck	03/02/2011	Bruns, Warren		-314.47
Paycheck	03/02/2011	Russell, Grant		-608.96
Paycheck	03/02/2011	Russell, Joyce		-523.11
Liability Check	03/02/2011	IPERS		-735.40
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2011	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,313.22
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2011	Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities	Dues	-370.12
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2011	LGI	Water Testing	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2011	Staples	Toner	-201.99
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2011	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-136.37
Check	03/03/2011	US Post Office	Postage	-101.60
Deposit	03/03/2011	Diamond Joe Casino	Casino Funds	2,304.38
Deposit	03/04/2011		Deposit	164.54
Deposit	03/07/2011		Deposit	25,663.80
Paycheck	03/07/2011	May III, Edgar F.		-645.25
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-86.95
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Budget Publishing	-108.16
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	Pronto	Gasoline	-76.25
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	PSI	2500 Utility Bill Cards	-98.44
Bill Pmt -Check	03/09/2011	Waste Management	Landfill/Recycling	-1,845.74
Deposit	03/14/2011		Deposit	1,087.03
Deposit	03/15/2011		Deposit	1,793.14
Deposit	03/16/2011		Deposit	7,780.37
Bill Pmt -Check	03/16/2011	ICAP	Insurance	-12,491.74
Check	03/18/2011	First Security Bank & Trust	Building Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Paycheck	03/23/2011	Miller, Josh	Snow Plowing	-87.74
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2011	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-77.23
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2011	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-744.71
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2011	UPS	Water Testing	-19.81
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2011	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.92
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2011	Worth County Engineer v	Diesel Fuel - Snow Plow	-221.92
Check	03/23/2011	Heit, Dustin & Ceison	Deposit Returned	-150.00
Check	03/23/2011	Chase, Laura & Joshua	Deposit Returned	-150.00
Deposit	03/30/2011		Deposit	5,222.49
Bill Pmt -Check	03/30/2011	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,318.30
Bill Pmt -Check	03/30/2011	Barco Municipal Products, Inc.	Stop Signs	-157.69
Bill Pmt -Check	03/30/2011	Bruns, Warren v	Utility Training	-149.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/30/2011	LGI	Water Testing	-11.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/30/2011	USA Blue Book	Water/Sewer Testing Supplies	-132.04
Deposit	03/31/2011		Interest	78.09
Total General Fund Accounts				22,874.99
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Deposit	03/31/2011		Interest	9.98
Total Roads Revenue Accounts				9.98
Water Revenue Accounts				
Deposit	03/31/2011		Interest	11.18
Total Water Revenue Accounts				11.18
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Deposit	03/31/2011		Interest	8.33
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts				8.33
TOTAL				22,904.48