

## CITY OF FERTILE

### City Council Meeting Minutes

June 21, 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. City Clerk Eddie May was absent. Penny Miller took the minutes of the meeting.

**Cindy motioned, Tad 2<sup>nd</sup> it to approve the May minutes. Carried**

*The public meeting closed at 7:05 pm and re-opened at 8:15 p.m.*

#### MAYORS REPORT:

**The Worth County Sheriff's department** will be using city building for canine training.

**WCDA Scholarship Awards** were given to 12 seniors from Forest City in the amount of \$5,536.81 each on May 19, 2011 by Mayor Russell. Most of the High School Seniors were from Fertile.

**Thank you to Keith Brcka** for spraying all the weeks at the new city hall and ball diamond. Buck and Joyce sprayed the rest of the city.

**Buck** purchased cold patch from Menards. Buck and Warren tried to patch some of the potholes in town, but it has been either too cold or too rainy. Some of the holes were filled on the West side of town.

**City Wide Clean-Up** on May 28<sup>th</sup> went well. Pat, Eddie, Buck and the mayor all worked. Jeff Berg ran the skid loader. A total of 31 tickets were turned in. Three people had to be turned away because the dumpsters were too full. **Thank you to Ray Sandifer** for taking all of the metal.

**Brian Nettleton** charged \$750 to bury the pile of burned debris at the West corner of the city hall. The sand pile was left for possible use for the driveway.

**A phone vote** for approval of exaction and material for the parking lot at the new city hall, in the amount of \$9,500 was requested by the Mayor. It passed. The work will be done for a new parking lot on the South and to re-do the East side of the building.

**Cindy Peters attended the FEMA** meeting held in Hanlontown regarding the new flood plain maps. The mayor could not attend. The new map is displayed at City Hall.

**Received a letter from the Post Office;** Kevin Richardson contacted the owners of the post office to sign and renew the lease. It has been signed and renewed.

**Parking Ordinance;** the Mayor will be mailing out a letter to all of the citizens of Fertile reminding everyone about the parking laws for both winter and summer.

**New dug-outs for the ball diamonds** have been installed for the West field. Buck put new flex tubing on to fulfill city insurance requirements.

**Clapper Tree Service** removed the two evergreen trees in front of the City Hall building. This was requested to be done by Alliant Energy as they were obstruction the main electrical service into the city.  
**Thank you to Kenny, Buck and Joyce** for cleaning up the trees and debris.

**A complaint from the East side of town** regarding gravel trucks using our newly paved blacktop street, instead of the regular route was called in to the Mayor. BMC was notified and the truck is no longer using 2<sup>nd</sup> street as part of his route.

**An EMS meeting** was attended by the Mayor. The class gave information regarding procedures for dealing with the press during an emergency.

**Complaints regarding unattended yards of vacant houses for sale in town** were received by the Mayor. Realtors have been called and asked to mow and maintain the yards on a regular basis for the houses at 207 East Main Street, 210 West Main Street and 501 West Washington.

**The WCDA grant application has changed.** The new regulations will focus on larger projects and less on minor improvements or requests.

**Another application for the city maintenance position** was received but did not meet all of the requirements. We are still taking applications.

**The Mayor attended a Worth County Supervisor and Trustee** meeting regarding expansion of the Diamond Jo, Welcome Center, I-35 exchange.

**Pat Renchin** motioned and Cindy 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve and pay the bills for May.

#### **MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

The lagoons have been drained down. An estimate for a new weed-eater for \$341.58 was presented and approved. Problems with the generator in the water lagoon have developed. Buck will talk to Fred Hare to discuss repair for that generator as well as our new generator. Spraying the lagoon for thistles will also be looked into. There is a tree located beside the dam that needs to be removed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Fertile Days** preparations are going well.

**New doors** have been installed for the Community Center and remodeling is on schedule.

**Complaints have been received about dogs running loose in town. Complaints regarding nuisance dogs have also been received.** The owners have been warned.

**Pat Renchin motioned and Tad Miller and Tad Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting**

**City of Fertile**  
**Bills Paid**  
As of May 31, 2011

5:12 PM  
11/09/2011  
Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>General Fund Accounts</b>					
<b>Checking</b>					
Check	05/03/2011		ClickBank	Background Check Subscription	-9.95
Check	05/03/2011		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-39.95
Check	05/03/2011		PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95
Deposit	05/03/2011			Deposit	1,768.02
Deposit	05/03/2011			Deposit	2,809.77
Deposit	05/04/2011			Deposit	1,425.20
Paycheck	05/04/2011	5589	Bruns, Warren		-321.47
Paycheck	05/04/2011	5592	May III, Edgar F.		-791.40
Paycheck	05/04/2011	5591	Russell, Grant		-818.49
Paycheck	05/04/2011	5590	Russell, Joyce		-578.44
Check	05/05/2011	5593	US Post Office	Postage	-102.72
Deposit	05/09/2011			Deposit	398.85
Check	05/10/2011	5741	Ramon, AI & Jane	NSF	-139.14
Deposit	05/11/2011			Deposit	3,912.84
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5594	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,209.11
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5595	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-325.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5596	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-10,782.50
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5597	Kramer Ace Hardware	Tools	-35.90
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5598	Menards	Tools / Flag for Park	-50.67
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5599	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Porta-Poties	-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5600	Pronto	Mower Fuel	-50.75
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5601	UPS	Water / Sewer Testing	-31.64
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5602	USDA	Water/Sewer Loan Payments	-32,938.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5603	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt -Check	05/11/2011	5604	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-143.12
Check	05/11/2011	5605	Theisen, Austin	Utility Deposit Returned	-150.00
Check	05/11/2011	5606	Anderson, Adam (Rental)	Utility Deposit Returned	-150.00
Liability Check	05/11/2011	eFile	IPERS	April Liability	-297.83
Deposit	05/11/2011			Deposit	2,000.00
Check	05/11/2011		PeopleSmart	1 Year Membership for Background Checks	-35.40
Check	05/12/2011		US Search	Background Check	-33.95
Deposit	05/13/2011			Deposit	5,492.92
Check	05/16/2011		US Search	Monthly Membership - cancelled - being refunded	-19.95
Deposit	05/17/2011			Deposit	1,511.84
Deposit	05/18/2011			Deposit	2,667.07
Bill Pmt -Check	05/18/2011	5607	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-270.62
Bill Pmt -Check	05/18/2011	5608	IDNR	Water/Sewer Operator Certificate Renewals	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/18/2011	5609	Plunkett's	Pest Control - City Hall	-75.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/18/2011	5610	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-20.59
Bill Pmt -Check	05/18/2011	5611	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.86
Check	05/18/2011	5612	Jessen, Keith & Julie	Room Rental Deposit Returned	-25.00
Check	05/18/2011		First Security Bank & Trust	Comm Ctr Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Check	05/18/2011		US Identity Protect	monthly membership - cancelled - being refunded	-19.95
Deposit	05/25/2011			Deposit	2,991.18
Liability Check	05/25/2011	IQue	IPERS	May's Liability - paid early	-325.64
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2011	5613	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Website	-74.40
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2011	5614	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-2,574.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/25/2011	5615	Menards	City Hall Supplies / Keys -- Main St Flags	-56.40
Deposit	05/31/2011			Interest	76.40
Total Checking					<u>-32,196.94</u>
Total General Fund Accounts					<u>-32,196.94</u>
<b>Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	05/31/2011			Interest	9.99
Total Savings					<u>9.99</u>
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					<u>9.99</u>
<b>Water Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	05/31/2011			Interest	9.98
Total Savings					<u>9.98</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts					<u>9.98</u>
<b>Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					
<b>Savings</b>					
Deposit	05/31/2011			Interest	7.43
Total Savings					<u>7.43</u>
<b>CD</b>					
Total CD					<u>7.43</u>
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					<u>7.43</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<u><u>-32,169.54</u></u>