City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes August 16, 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; Maintenance Manager Buck Russell and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.
- Cindy motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the July Minutes.
 Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce and Warren completed the DNR Consumer Confidence report and have posted the report at the Post Office, Library and City Hall.
- Joyce received a bid for the new signs for the front of the City Hall/Community Center and for the large sign by the Hwy. The bids came to \$800 for the large sign and \$43 each for the 2 wall signs.
- Big THANK YOU to Penny, Cindy, Pat, and the Fertile Days Committee for all their help to make Fertile Days a success.
 We also want to thank Jerry Nye for helping with crowd control during the parade, and Eddie May for setting up and running the movie at City Hall. It was a big success. We also had the largest Fire Department Breakfast and Church service in history on Fertile Days.
- Community Center Open House went very well. Joyce and Eddie said they had several people come and talk to them about the new Community Center and are very excited about how things are going. We have already had people inquire about bookings for different events. The City will be comparing rates with other Cities such as Ventura, Kensett and etc. to set up our prices to rent the Hall.
- Joyce was invited to speak in Des Moines by the National Foundation for Women's Legislators. Due to her schedule she did decline. This is a great honor and we are proud of our Mayor to get chosen for this.
- The City Hall/Community Center address has been changed in the new WCTA phone book.
- Larsen Plumbing & Heating, Hare Electric and Brcka
 Construction are finalizing their quotes for the final Phase for
 the Community Center. We will submit the grant in Sept., to
 be awarded in Nov.
- The Inspectors have approved all of Phase II. However, the Electrical and Fire Inspectors have given us a few additional items we have to take care of for Phase III.
- Once we have prepared the grant for Phase III, we will be sending out donation requests for additional items not covered by the grant.
- Don't forget our next project will be the Library expansion!!!

City Maintenance Report

- Buck and Joyce have been busy spraying the weeds in the parks, as well as spraying thistles at the lagoon.
- Only July 1st, we had to pull one of the pumps at the lagoon which had been damaged by clothing dropped into the system.
- The main transfer switch at the lagoon was destroyed by an electrical storm. The insurance covers the cost of repairs. The roof also needs to be fixed. Joyce received a bid for \$2500 for the roof repairs.
- Larsen's helped Buck fix leaks and replace valves at the water plant. One valve still needs repair and will require that we drain the water tower to fix it. More information will be coming before winter.
- The City is still taking applications for the City Manager position. We have placed an ad through the Workforce Development Center. Since we are having a tough time filling the position, Buck has agreed to stay on until someone accepts the position.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to estimate the meter readings for Dec, Jan and Feb. Motion Carried.

City Clerk's Report

• Eddie presented the July Financials (8% through the year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl.
Income	3%	7%	19%	22%	22%	non-budget
Expense	6%	2%	7%	10%	9%	items)
Net Incom	ne-\$5,363	\$1,317	\$7,819	\$8,820	\$3,830	\$10,702

- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve July's bills. Motion Carried.
- Eddie noted that over the last year, the water pumped has been more than double the water billed for each month. While there is a nominal amount of water evaporating through any healthy system, our extreme difference can be explained by 2 possible reasons. 1-meters not reading or recording accurately. 2-leaks in the system. This means that our pumps are running twice as hard as they should be; or 50% of our water used is not being paid for. Either way, fixing the issue will help maintain, or possibly even lower our utility rates. Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the purchase of 100 new water meters, with the use of reserve funds. Motion Carried. This will replace all old meters in town, and help us eliminate one of the two possible causes of the problem. The new meters will also help lower the cost of meter reading. Once the new meters have been installed, if there is still a large discrepancy, the City will hire a 3rd party to help us locate any leaks throughout the City.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, September 20th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- Penny moved and Pat 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

City of Fertile
Bills Paid
As of July 31, 2011

3:54 PM

08/17/2011

As of July 31, 201	1			Accrual Basis		
Туре	Date Num	Name	Memo	Amount		
General Fund Account	S					
Check		Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-2,750.00		
Check		Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,620.25		
Deposit	07/01/2011		Deposit	0.00		
Deposit	07/03/2011		Deposit	2,708.18		
Deposit	07/03/2011	5 10 1	Deposit	1,922.23		
Check	07/05/2011	PeopleSmart	Background Check	-29.95		
Deposit	07/06/2011	D W	Deposit	2,234.48		
Paycheck	07/06/2011 5659			-314.47		
Paycheck	07/06/2011 5661	,		-1,231.83		
Paycheck	07/06/2011 5662	•		-536.08		
Paycheck Check	07/06/2011 5660 07/06/2011 5641	Miller, Josh US Post Office	Dootogo	-17.92 -104.60		
Check	07/06/2011 3041	PeopleSmart	Postage Reckground Check	-104.00 -29.95		
Paycheck	07/07/2011 5663		Background Check	-29.95 -408.25		
Check	07/07/2011 1466		NSF	-145.00		
Deposit	07/12/2011	Laiseii, Sieve	Deposit	328.94		
Deposit	07/13/2011		Deposit	4,035.27		
Bill Pmt -Check		Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	Mosquito Spray	-900.00		
Bill Pmt -Check	************	Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric		-403.23		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2011 5666	•	Chlorine	-10.00		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2011 5667		Annual Dues	-244.20		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2011 5668		Landfill/Garbage	-1,845.74		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/13/2011 5669	•	Telephone/Internet	-138.24		
Bill Pmt -Check		Worth County Sheriff's Office	•	-2,250.00		
Liability Check	07/13/2011 iQue	•		-426.07		
Liability Check		United States Treasury		-1,530.07		
Deposit	07/15/2011	,,	Deposit	1,755.00		
Deposit	07/15/2011		Deposit	1,523.06		
Check	07/18/2011	First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	-2,500.00		
Check	07/20/2011 5671	Fertile Reminder	Fertile Days Advertising	-24.00		
Check	07/20/2011 5672	Downtown Cafe' V	Community Meal - Fertile Days	-1,000.00		
Deposit	07/20/2011		Deposit	2,837.69		
Deposit	07/27/2011		Deposit	2,819.03		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5673	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-99.85		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5674	Hare Electric	Comm Ctr & Ball field lights, Water plant genera	-961.10		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5675	Iowa One Call	Utility location	-13.50		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5676	Staples	Office Supplies	-180.99		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5677	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.21		
Bill Pmt -Check	07/27/2011 5678	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.87		
Check	07/27/2011 5679	Peters, Cynthia	Fertile Days	-131.22		
Check		Fertile Little League	Little League (2011 Fiscal Year)	-500.00		
•		Iowa Department of Revenue		-908.00		
Liability Check	07/31/2011 eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue	& Finance	-229.00		
Deposit	07/31/2011		Interest	54.91		
Total General Fund Acco				-4,317.80		
Roads Revenue Accou						
Deposit	07/31/2011		Interest	10.01		
Total Roads Revenue A				10.01		
Water Revenue Accour						
Deposit	07/31/2011		Interest	7.94 7.94		
Total Water Revenue Accounts						
Sewer Revenue Accou						
Deposit	07/31/2011		Interest	5.92		
Deposit	07/18/2011		Interest	519.50 525.42		
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts						
TOTAL				-3,774.43		