

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, and Tad Miller; Maintenance Manager: Steve Roberts & City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were Council Members: Cindy Peters & Pat Renchin.
- Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the Oct. Minutes. Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve and Buck got really wet helping Larsen's put in a new water well pump meter. ☺
- Warren and Steve toured the lagoons and Steve has been putting in additional rock to shore up the erosion and muskrat holes.
- Steve has been working on a measuring tool to monitor the depth of the sewer lagoons.
- Steve has been fixing the vandalized picnic tables.
- Josh Miller has helped Steve get the snow plow all ready for winter.
- Steve will be fixing a few more pot-holes before the snow flies.

Mayor's Report

- On 10/19, Joyce attended a meeting in Hanlontown with Senator Tom Harkin's assistant Dan Smith, area Mayors, and County Supervisors in regards to Federal and State funding for roads, housing and water/sewer project. Joyce brought up the paving of Main Street which is a Town to Market road, painting of water towers, and streamlining the CDBG process.
- On 10/25 more vandalism occurred in the park.
- Mayor Russell was misinformed in regards to the properties at 210 West Main and 501 West Washington. To correct September's minutes, Schoneman Realty is not the owner of the properties. The legitimate owners have been notified, and have cleaned up the properties as requested. A BIG THANK YOU to Schoneman Realty for helping us clear up the misunderstanding.
- The Worth County and Winnebago County Sheriff's offices have been monitoring a black stretch vehicle and white cargo van who have attempted to abduct children on the school bus routes. If you have any information, please contact the Worth County Sheriff's office at: 800-458-1234.
- On 11/8, a City election was held at City Hall. Mayor Joyce Russell and Council Member Jeff Berg were re-elected. Council Member Cindy Peters lost to Julie Jessen. Julie starts the new position in January. Cindy has been a part of several committees including Parks, Weeds & Garbage, Community Center, Housing and Fertile Days. Cindy has been a great asset to the community. We will miss her on the Council and hope she still stays involved.
- The City website has been updated with new pictures for the community center. Check it out at: www.fertileiowa.us
- A potential buyer for Ruth Oувerson's acreage on the south side of town requested information on hunting in City limits. State law says that no firearms may be discharged in City limits.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the Oct. Financials (33% through the year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	35%	39%	43%	45%	46%	
Expense	26%	13%	36%	46%	32%	
Net Income	\$7,450	\$58,047	\$5,533	\$4,663	\$3,982	-\$3,185

- Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve Oct. bills. Motion Carried.

- Penny asked if the Council Members can observe the Clerk's position to learn more about the financial system. Eddie suggested a couple of evenings of training and welcomed the Council to come in and view us at work any time.
- It is budget time again. All City Departments and/or committees should submit last fiscal year's financial reports and next fiscal year's budget request at the December meeting.

Committee Reports

- Streets & Signs – The flags on Main Street will be angled for the winter in order to make snow removal easier.
- Fertile Days – There will be a fundraiser held at the new City Hall building on January 21st with a locally produced movie, and meal.
- Community Center – We have been awarded \$115,377.90 from the Worth County Development Authority, non-profit arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, to finish the Community Center project. Completion date is set for April 2012.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Community Center Committee will meet at 6:30PM, Tuesday, December 20th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, December 20th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall. (Committee and Department Budgets must be presented at this meeting)
- The Fertile Days Committee will meet at 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012, at Fertile City Hall.
- Tad moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

City of Fertile

Bills Paid

As of October 31, 2011

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Checking					
Check	10/01/2011	5759	Fertile Fire Department V	Quarterly Allocation	-3,500.00
Check	10/01/2011	5760	Fertile Public Library V	Quarterly Payment	-4,750.00
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - Casino Funds	2,669.80
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - LOST	2,003.30
Deposit	10/03/2011			Deposit - Housing Grant	6,764.00
Deposit	10/05/2011			Deposit - Utility Bills/Housing Grant	1,904.98
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5755	Bruns, Warren	Payroll	-308.31
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5758	May III, Edgar F.	Payroll	-662.74
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5756	Russell, Grant	Payroll	-1,068.40
Paycheck	10/05/2011	5757	Russell, Joyce	Payroll	-730.36
Liability Check	10/05/2011	1-Que	IPERS	Payroll Taxes	-509.79
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5761	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Accounting Help	-327.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5762	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-227.50
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5763	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-144.85
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5764	IDNR	Annual Water Use Fee	-95.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5765	Kramer Ace Hardware	Bracket Flag	-2.79
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5766	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	repair furnace and new water meters	-333.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5767	Menards	Tank Sprayer	-10.99
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5768	Meyerhofer Construction	Housing Grant	-11,928.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5769	Municipal Supply, Inc.	13 new meters	-1,294.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5770	North Iowa Septic Solutions	Porta-Poties	-215.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5771	Plunkett's	Pest Control	-449.40
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5772	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.48
Bill Pmt - Check	10/05/2011	5773	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-141.34
Liability Check	10/06/2011	eftps	United States Treasury	Payroll Taxes	-1,734.29
Deposit	10/11/2011			Deposit - PayPal	484.32
Deposit	10/12/2011			Deposit - Utility Bills	2,931.65
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5774	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-146.34
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5775	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5776	IMWCA	Worker's Compensation Coverage	-94.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5777	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Publishing - Annual Report	-204.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5778	Pronto	Gas	-77.81
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5779	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt - Check	10/12/2011	5780	River City Roofing Co.	Sewer Plant Roof	-2,488.16
Deposit	10/15/2011			Deposit - Property Taxes	26,429.20
Deposit	10/17/2011		Treasurer - State of Iowa	Enrich Iowa - Goes Back to Library	771.38
Check	10/18/2011	5040	First Security Bank & Trust	Comm Ctr Loan	-2,500.00
Deposit	10/18/2011			Deposit - Streets	1,437.48
Paycheck	10/19/2011	5781	Roberts, Stephen J	Payroll	-573.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5782	Branrick Construction	Housing Grant	-11,979.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5783	Menards	Snow Fence & Equip	-114.32
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5784	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	Subscription	-36.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5785	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.11
Bill Pmt - Check	10/19/2011	5786	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.93
Deposit	10/27/2011			Deposit - Utility Bills, RUTFF, Bldg Permit	8,496.98
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5787	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,172.86
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5788	Clapper Tree Service	Removal of 6 trees/cleanup	-1,750.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5789	Hare Electric	City Hall	-135.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5790	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-319.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5791	Meyerhofer Construction	Housing Grant	-9,840.00
Bill Pmt - Check	10/27/2011	5792	UPS	Water/Sewer Testing	-10.48
Liability Check	10/31/2011	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	Payroll Taxes	-280.00
Sales Tax Payment	10/31/2011	eFile	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	Sales Taxes	-1,063.00
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit - Interest	17.46
Deposit	10/31/2011		Treasurer - State of Iowa	Deposit - Housing Grant	11,928.00
Total Checking					2,530.12
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	13.84
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					13.84
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	8.81
Total Water Revenue Accounts					8.81
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	10/31/2011			Deposit	10.67
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					10.67
TOTAL					2,563.44