

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2012 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Penny Miller, Tad Miller & Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts & City Clerk Eddie May.
- **Jeff motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the March Minutes with the following two corrections:** WCTA gives a discount for Internet service to the Fertile Library, they do not give it for free. A lien was not placed on 108 W Washington – a payment was posted to the wrong account – 108 was current. Motion Carried.

Lot-line Variance Request – Amanda Waddington

- Amanda asked the Council for a variance to allow construction closer to the lot line than the ordinances require. **Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the variance as long as the variance request is written out and, approved and signed by the affected neighbor.**

Little League Batting Cage

- The Fertile Little League was awarded a \$9,187 grant from the WCDA, charitable arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, for the purchase and installation of a new batting cage. The cage will be used both during practices, and during the game, to keep players warmed up.
- While there was some miscommunication in the application process, & the application wasn't approved by the Council before submission, the Council stands behind the Little League and is proud of the great job that David and Melannie Bang have done as directors.
- As a reminder, in an effort to work together as a team and to prioritize projects across the City, all WCDA grants, written for a department of the City, must be approved by the Council before submission. This policy was passed at the May Council meeting in 2006 and published in the Minutes of that meeting.
- The Little League has submitted a copy of the grant to City Hall and will work with Eddie to monitor the grant and to present appropriate financial statements to the City Council.
- The City Council thanks David and Melannie Bang, as well as all the coaches, umpires and volunteers that have made the Little League a very important part of the Fertile Community.

City Maintenance Report

- Cleaned out the plow truck sand & salt. Will need to take to Elliot's to weld the spreader back on. Truck is starting to rust out, but should be good for a couple more years.
- Started to mow and trim. Purchased sprayer to tow behind mower.
- Put new signs up in the park for hours and weight limits. Re-installed a yield sign that had knocked down over the winter.
- Water tower was cleaned out. Macguire Iron stated it was the cleanest they had seen in the last couple of years. (The outside really needs to be painted though.) Chlorination system wiggled out during the cleaning so the west half of town lost water for a few hours. Steve, Buck and Warren stayed all night manually switching the pumps off and on to help the system re-calibrate.
- Cleaned out the alley behind the Fire Station and has been filling in the potholes on Main Street. Also helped Penny and Julie hang the flags on the light poles on Main Street.
- Finished the work on the Business Incubator and installed a cabinet in the Mayor's office.
- Encouraged to diligently watch for critters damaging lagoons

Community Center / Business Incubator

- Council took a tour of the building updates.
- Community Center: Both the ceiling and the floor have been installed. The final coat of paint is on. Cabinets will get put in this weekend. Electrical and plumbing can continue once the cabinetry and countertops have been installed. We received a \$775 quote for the stripping, waxing and buffing of the floor from Shineway in Mason City, as well as a \$75 quote for regular cleaning. **Penny motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the Shineway contracts.** Motion Passed.
- Business Incubator: plumbing, painting, flooring and electrical have been completed. Advantage Business Solutions has moved in. They are still finishing up a little construction work.

Mayor's Report

- Worth County Sheriff was called in to investigate windows shot out by a BB gun and a pop machine that was vandalized. They did find fingerprints that could lead to an arrest.
- Porta-poties have been re-installed around town.
- A sensor was replaced by Hare Electric at the lagoon plant which may have been damaged by lightning. It was suggested that we install a taller lightning/grounding rod.
- A resident, and his dog, was bitten by a loose Pit Bull. The incident was reported to the Worth County Sheriff. City ordinances state that Pit Bulls, and other dangerous animals, cannot be kept in City limits. Ordinances also state that dogs must be kept on leashes when outside.
- Summary ordinances for golf-cart usage, curfew, and animal control were posted at the Post Office. Ordinances can be read at City Hall.
- Working with Worth County to verify all addresses for 911.
- Attended a storm spotters training with Emergency Mgmt.
- The City siren will sound for 10 minutes once a tornado warning has been declared. Remember the siren is to warn those who are outside. During inclement weather, residents are encouraged to use a NOAA weather radio, watch KIMT, or subscribe to smart phone weather alerts from WeatherBug.
- City clean-up day is scheduled for June 9th from 8 am till noon, or until the two dumpsters are full. Residents will receive a ticket in the mail which they must present before dumping. We have also contracted with CAD from Charles City for curb-side appliance removal. Appliances will be removed for free. TVs and computer monitors will cost \$15-\$25 (depending on size), and printers and computer equipment will be charged on a separate basis.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the March Financials (75% through the year)

| | General/Housing | Roads/WCDA | Utilities | Total |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Income | \$257,527 | \$125,528 | \$126,734 | \$509,790 |
| Expense | 267,675 | 144,140 | 128,656 | 540,471 |
| Total | -10,148 | -18,612 | -1,922 | -30,681 |

Deficit is caused primarily by Housing Grant and Community Center Grant money that has been spent, but has not been reimbursed by the CDBG or the WCDA yet. Eddie anticipates a net income by year end

- **Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve March bills.** Motion Carried.
- **Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the following liens: 210 W Main for \$199.76, 501 W Washington for \$199.76, 605 W Washington for \$587.87 and 207 E Main for \$665.22.** Motion Carried. Liens will be placed if payment is not received by the 25th.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, May 15th, 2012, at Fertile City Hall. There will be a Public Hearing to amend the Flood Plain Ordinance at this meeting.
- **Pat moved and Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Motion Carried.

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Amount |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund Accounts | | | | | |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5966 | Advantage Business Solutions, In | Accounting help | \$ (232.50) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5967 | Black Hills Energy | Natural Gas | \$ (586.24) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5968 | ICAP | Insurance | \$ (11,857.13) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5969 | Menards | Supplies for City Hall | \$ (132.35) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5970 | PSI | 2500 Utility Bill Cards | \$ (98.50) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5971 | UPS | Water testing | \$ (10.76) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/1/2012 | 5972 | Waste Management | Landfill | \$ (1,918.58) |
| Deposit | 3/2/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 1,819.66 |
| Deposit | 3/3/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 3,025.27 |
| Deposit | 3/7/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 1,068.16 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5947 | AgSource Laboratories | Water & Sewer Testing | \$ (11.00) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5948 | Hawkins, Inc. | Chlorine | \$ (10.00) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5949 | Iowa Assn. of Municipal Utilities | Dues | \$ (376.12) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5950 | Kramer Ace Hardware | Lagoon Supplies | \$ (12.28) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5951 | Larsen Plumbing & Heating | Community Center Thermostat | \$ (246.77) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5952 | Menards | Business Incubator | \$ (38.25) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5953 | Municipal Supply, Inc. | Meter for Fire Department | \$ (1,081.49) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5954 | Northwood Anchor, Inc. | Legals, Budget Estimate | \$ (111.08) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5955 | Pronto | Gas for Truck/Warrens classes | \$ (278.24) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5956 | Superior Lumber, Inc | Business Incubator | \$ (46.29) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5957 | USA Blue Book | Water Testing Supplies | \$ (152.49) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5958 | Waste Management | Dumpster | \$ (128.59) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5960 | Bates Bros. Construction | Housing Grant | \$ (4,685.00) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/7/2012 | 5961 | WCTA | Telephone/Internet | \$ (150.34) |
| Paycheck | 3/7/2012 | 5965 | Bruns, Warren | | \$ (311.39) |
| Paycheck | 3/7/2012 | 5964 | Russell, Grant | | \$ (208.19) |
| Paycheck | 3/7/2012 | 5963 | Russell, Joyce | | \$ (859.95) |
| Paycheck | 3/7/2012 | 5962 | Roberts, Stephen J | | \$ (1,261.12) |
| Liability Check | 3/7/2012 | iQue | IPERS | | \$ (674.30) |
| Liability Check | 3/8/2012 | eftps | United States Treasury | Payroll Taxes | \$ (1,012.80) |
| Deposit | 3/12/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 388.20 |
| Deposit | 3/14/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 2,588.15 |
| Paycheck | 3/15/2012 | 5973 | May III, Edgar F. | | \$ (794.08) |
| Check | 3/18/2012 | 5960 | First Security Bank & Trust | Community Center Loan Payment | \$ (2,500.00) |
| Deposit | 3/20/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 1,762.66 |
| Deposit | 3/21/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 2,469.89 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/21/2012 | 5974 | Menards | Paint for the Incubator | \$ (73.32) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/21/2012 | 5975 | Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone | \$ (43.46) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/21/2012 | 5976 | Waste Management | Landfill | \$ (444.87) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/21/2012 | 5977 | Yaggy Colby Associates | Sewer Services | \$ (349.50) |
| Paycheck | 3/21/2012 | 5978 | Roberts, Stephen J | | \$ (864.52) |
| Check | 3/21/2012 | | Tractor Supply | Equipment | \$ (249.05) |
| Check | 3/21/2012 | | Displays2GO | Outdoor Bulliten Board | \$ (233.36) |
| Deposit | 3/28/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 5,646.91 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5979 | AgSource Laboratories | Water & Sewer Testing | \$ (11.00) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5980 | Alliant Energy | Electric Bill | \$ (1,252.27) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5981 | Barco Municipal Products, Inc. | Replace Stolen Signs in the Park | \$ (106.25) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5982 | Menards | Incubator Expenses | \$ (17.66) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5983 | North Iowa Media Group | Business Incubator | \$ (168.00) |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/28/2012 | 5984 | Staples | Office Supplies | \$ (46.98) |
| Deposit | 3/30/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 4,685.00 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 3/31/2012 | 5985 | Lukes Floor Covering | Incubator Flooring | \$ (2,672.00) |
| Deposit | 3/31/2012 | | | Deposit | \$ 7.40 |
| Total General Fund Accounts | | | | | \$ (12,856.77) |
| Roads Revenue Accounts | | | | | |
| Deposit | 3/7/2012 | | | Interest | \$ 10.56 |
| Deposit | 3/31/2012 | | | Interest | \$ 10.00 |
| Total Roads Revenue Accounts | | | | | \$ 20.56 |
| Water Revenue Accounts | | | | | |
| Deposit | 3/31/2012 | | | Interest | \$ 5.35 |
| Total Water Revenue Accounts | | | | | \$ 5.35 |
| Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | | | |
| Deposit | 3/31/2012 | | | Interest | \$ 6.48 |
| Total Sewer Revenue Accounts | | | | | \$ 6.48 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$ (12,824.38) |