

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 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, Pat Renchin; City Clerk Eddie May & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller
- Penny took the minutes as Eddie is taking classes to become a Certified City Clerk and was only able to give the financial report.
- Amendment: the date for last month's minutes was entered as May 19th so it was changed to June 19th.

- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the June Minutes.** Carried.

City Maintenance Report

- Last month Steve has spent most of his time in the park, weeding and trimming. Due to the heat, and lack of rain, he has not had to mow. Instead, he has painted the horseshoe covers, and cleaned up the two shelter houses in the park for family reunions.
- On July 16th the air conditioner was replaced at the City Garage. The old one stopped working and was not able to be repaired.
- The Lagoon was sprayed to keep up with the weeds.
- The spray nozzle on sprayer was replaced and 20' of hose was added.
- Buck and Steve cleaned up the hillside by the ball diamonds.
- Elliot Welding is repairing a bracket on the snow plow sander.
- Frank's Repair is fixing a broken spring on the pick-up truck.

Mayor's Report

- Joyce straightened out the 911 numbers on each of the city buildings.
- The seamless gutters have been put up on the Community Center
- Shine-Way Floor Care came and re-waxed the floors in the Community Center. Footprints would not come out of several areas.
- We are having raccoon troubles in town so Joyce called the DNR. The DNR encourages residents to put out live traps with fresh fruit to catch them. Residents can take them to the country and release them. Please watch your dogs on a leash. The raccoons will go after them.
- Warren and Joyce finished the Consumer Confidence report for the Water Supply. A copy is available on the City's website.
- Ochea's had a tree limb fall and was blocking the alley. It was too heavy for our maintenance man to remove it so Clapper Tree Service came and removed it. Ochea's paid for their portion of the bill.
- The new flood plain maps were approved by FEMA and they will go into effect on Aug 3, 2012
- On Sept 11th, a special School election will be held at the City Hall from 12-8:00PM.
- PMI has moved all production to their south plant. Their Main Street building will be used for storage and offices.
- Lloyd and Lonnie Knudson donated two pedestal flower stands for the Community Center. Thanks so much for this gift.
- The repairs to the equipment on the water tower, from the lightening damage that happened on 5/26/12, have been completed. Bills have been turned into the insurance company.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented estimates for installing a projection and sound system in the Community Center and in the City Hall. Eddie will now secure two bids and prepare a (non-WCDA) grant request for the systems.
- Eddie presented the June's Financials. The deficit in General/Housing was caused by the creation of the Business Incubator, overages on the Community Center project, and the City's portion of the Housing Project. The surplus in the Roads/WCDA fund was caused by savings for lighting projects and zeros out the WCDA fund from a net loss last year. Net loss in Utilities fund was caused by the purchase of new meters in an attempt to lower the difference of gallons pumped vs. gallons sold.

	General/Housing	Roads/WCDA	Utilities	Total
Income	332,687	252,970	141,082	\$726,739
Expense	396,434	210,471	147,995	754,900
Total	-63,748	42,499	-6,913	-28,161

- Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve June Bills.** Motion Carried.
- Eddie presented the following liens for past-due utility bills: 308 West Main Street for \$224.62, 306 West Main Street for \$266.87. **Pat motioned, Julie 2nd to approve liens if balances are not paid by July 25th.** Motion Carried.

Library Report

- Members of the Library Board, and Friends of the Library, met with the Council to discuss the Library project. They presented a couple of minor changes to the project designs drafted in Sept 2011. The Council suggested a few additional changes. The Library Board will re-consider and present a final draft to the Council next month. The public notice for architectural bids will be postponed one month to await the final draft. The Library Board also wanted the Council to know that they would be willing to add the Library to the current Community Center if the cost is prohibitive to building on Main. They suggested getting two bids, one for each location, in order to make an informed decision. They suggested that the facts be presented to the public and put up for a vote. The Council stated that a decision to build the library on Main had already been decided and that at this point, the discussion did not need to be re-opened. The Library Board stated they are pleased that progress is being made and are excited to have a new building in either location.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, August 21st, 2012, at Fertile City Hall.
- Pat moved and Julie 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Motion Carried.

City of Fertile

Bills Paid

As of June 30, 2012

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
General Fund Accounts					
Deposit	06/01/2012			Local Option Sales Tax	2,489.67
Deposit	06/02/2012			PayPal - Utility Bills	162.53
Deposit	06/04/2012			Casino Funds	3,618.81
Deposit	06/06/2012			Utility Bills / Rent / Building Permit	1,976.65
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6060		Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Computer Repair / Website	-714.40
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6061		Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6062		Kramer Ace Hardware	Solar Salt	-40.53
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6063		Larsen Plumbing & Heating	A/C Repair @ Comm Ctr, Meter Repair @ Fire Department	-320.60
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6064		Menards	Cleaning Supplies	-191.75
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6065		North Iowa Septic Solutions	2 Handicap Units/1 Portable Zone 2	-215.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6066		Superior Lumber, Inc	White Wood Dry Lumber for Concrete Fittings	-8.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6067		UPS	Sewer testing	-11.56
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6068		US Post Office	PO Box Rental/161	-44.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6069		Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6070		WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-187.95
Bill Pmt -Check	06/06/2012 6071		Woodharbor	Countertops - Community Center	-3,000.00
Check	06/06/2012 6072		Russell, Joyce	Garbage Cans for Community Center	-73.66
Check	06/06/2012 6077		Ouverson, Ruth C	Utility Bill Overpayment	-1.00
Paycheck	06/06/2012 6073		Bruns, Warren		-304.39
Paycheck	06/06/2012 6074		May III, Edgar F.		-1,062.13
Paycheck	06/06/2012 6075		Russell, Joyce		-1,005.17
Paycheck	06/06/2012 6076		Roberts, Stephen J		-1,264.03
Deposit	06/07/2012			Utility Bills / Rentals	3,525.32
Bill Pmt -Check	06/09/2012 6079		Downtown Cafe' V	Community Center Open House Meal	-1,914.41
Liability Check	06/11/2012 IQUE		IPERS		-690.80
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6080		Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-127.13
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6081		Cindy's Cleaning Service	Cleaning Community Center	-332.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6082		First Gabrielson Agency	Firemen's Accident/Sickness Policy	-784.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6083		Pronto	Gas for Truck/mower	-297.62
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6084		UPS	Sewer/Water testing	-22.42
Bill Pmt -Check	06/13/2012 6085		Verizon Wireless	Call Phone	-43.41
Deposit	06/14/2012			Credit Adjustment	0.30
Liability Check	06/15/2012 eftps		United States Treasury		-1,058.89
Deposit	06/15/2012			Property Taxes	1,509.84
Deposit	06/15/2012			Liens	914.86
Deposit	06/15/2012			Property Tax	536.10
Deposit	06/15/2012			Property Taxes	50.33
Check	06/18/2012 6061		First Security Bank & Trust	Community Center Loan Payment	-2,500.00
Deposit	06/19/2012			Streets	873.69
Deposit	06/20/2012			Utility Bills / Insurance Rebate / Housing Project Overpaym	4,688.89
Check	06/20/2012 6086		Blicher, Matthew	Utility Deposit Return	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2012 6087		Globe Gazette	Printer's Fee/Flood Plain Amendment	-5.18
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2012 6088		Iowa League of Citites	Annual Dues	-283.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2012 6090		Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Website Updates / Rental Forms	-1,211.23
Bill Pmt -Check	06/21/2012 6091		USDA	Utility System Loan Payments	-37,438.00
Paycheck	06/22/2012 6089		Roberts, Stephen J		-901.18
Deposit	06/27/2012			RUTF & Utility Bills	4,948.52
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2012 6092		AgSource Laboratories	Water & Sewer Testing	-96.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2012 6093		Menards	Plumb Bob/Mason Line/Landscape Edger/Drill Bit Set	-26.25
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2012 6094		Staples	Cannon toner	-197.88
Deposit	06/30/2012			Interest	30.60
Check	06/30/2012 6104		Fertile Garden Club	Flowers/pots and Flags	-679.68
Bill Pmt -Check	06/30/2012 6110		Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Bookkeeping	-67.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/30/2012 6111		Hare Electric	Community Center Electrical	-17,927.60
Bill Pmt -Check	06/30/2012 6112		Lonnie Knudson	Clean-up after Open House	-46.00
Total General Fund Accounts					
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2012			Interest	7.72
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2012			Interest	4.70
Total Water Revenue Accounts					
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2012			Interest	5.70
Deposit	06/30/2012			Interest (from online statement)	345.79
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					
TOTAL					
					-51,483.91