

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2021 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Mayor, Nick Bailey, called the council meeting to order. Present were: Council Members: Tad Miller, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters, Ron Rachut and Holly Lovik-Hanna. City Clerk: Wendy Lunning. Maintenance Manager: Steve Roberts late arrival.
- Ron motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the minutes of the August meeting.** Unanimous
- Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to accept agenda.** Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, at the Post Office and on our website <https://fertileiowa.us>, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag

Law Enforcement Contracts:

- Dan Fank and Mark Smeby was available to present the Law Enforcement contract. The current rate is \$18.25 per capita. An increase of \$4.00 per capita is requested for each of the next 3 year.
- Dan Fank also reported 1,985 contacts made in the City of Fertile for 2020. Fertile is fortunate to have 2 deputies and 1 jailer living within city limits.

Maintenance Report:

- The park benches have been received and assembled. This grant was received in April of 2020 and is due to be completed by April 2021.
- There were three water leaks in town and all have been fixed. Steve sent a written report to the DNR.
- Mark & Chris Anderson ask Steve if the water hydrant by their rental can be moved and a tree removed on the city right of way. The city council declined both at this time.
- School House Apartments have a new owner and the dumpster had been removed and replaced with bins. Steve did a one-time clean up on the property.

Fertile Code of Ordinances:

6-4-2 Each person shall use approved containers for the storage of garbage and rubbish accumulating on the premises owned or occupied by such owner. Such containers shall be kept covered and reasonably clean at all times. They shall be in a position readily accessible to the collector.

It shall be the duty of the owner of each household residing in a building arranged for more than one family unit to provide proper cans for garbage and rubbish.

- New Control board for the water plant has been ordered.
- Steve flushed hydrants to remove dirt and debris from the water lines.
- Steve had city pickup serviced and new starter put in.
- Cindy motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Nick received Thank you card for the Fertile Days committee.
- The Worth County Auditor's office is currently looking for poll workers for the November 2, 2021 City/School Election.

- The Iowa League of Cities is holding the annual 'If I Were Mayor Essay Contest' to all 7th grade students in Iowa.
- Jacob Schwitzer, Fire Protection Field Analyst, Community Hazard Mitigation is working with Nick, Warren, Steve and the Fertile Fire Department to determine the ISO rating (Insurance Services Office).
- Nick response to complaint in regards to Fire Department submitting grant for cascade system.
 - Each of the 14 members are trained and certified to use the SCBA equipment and complete a fit test every five years.
 - Each of the 14 members are CPR & AED certified.
 - The Fire Department has two meetings a month on the 1st and 3rd Monday. The 1st Monday of the month is business meeting and the 3rd Monday of the month is training.
 - State requires 24 hours per year.
 - Additional training is available throughout the year.
 - Fertile Fire Department is a made up of volunteers within the community.
- Worth County Public Health will be conducting Flu Clinic on September 22 from 12:30 to 1:30 at the Fertile Community Center.
- City Clean up went well. Thank you to everyone that donated your time to make this successful.
- Halloween is scheduled for Saturday October 30th 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Nick mentioned that there are signs that need to be replaced in town. Wendy will check into the replacement sign grant program.
- Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the Mayor's report.** Unanimous

City Clerk's Report:

- CD Matured 09/18/2021 at \$32,603.38. Wendy is reviewing investment options for the funds.
- Wendy has not yet received a response in regards to change in legal services for the city.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to accept resolution setting time and place for a public hearing for the purpose of considering the franchise fee for Natural Gas.** Unanimous
- There is Mayor and three Council seats up for election in November. The following residents have submitted their Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination by Petition paperwork.

Nick Bailey	Mayor	Incumbent
Sophie Rivera	Mayor	
Penny Miller	Council	Incumbent
Holly Lovik Hanna	Council	Incumbent

There is be no loitering at the polls. All campaigning shall be done prior to election on November 2nd. Campaigning is not allowed within 300 feet of polling place.

- Ron motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the internal transfer of funds for Capital Projects and Administrative Allocation funds.** Unanimous.
- Financials are at the end of this report. **Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to approve Financial Reports.** Unanimous
- Tad motioned, Ron 2nd to approve August Bills.** Unanimous
- Lien presented to the Council were as follows:
 - 108 W Washington \$573.74
 - 605 W Washington \$257.77
 - 103 First Street N \$408.33
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to process lien with Worth County Treasurer.** Unanimous

Council Report:

- Holly mentioned a large number of stray cats in town. Holly is looking for a place to relocate them.
- Cindy mention there is a small parcel of land on her property that is owned by the city. She would like to purchase for the purpose of reselling her property. Cindy will be meeting with her attorney and letting us know what she finds out at the next council meeting.

Committee Report:

- Cindy is planning on meeting with Jeff Jensen, Field Coordinator with Trees Forever, to determine which trees would do well in the park and to submit a grant for them.
- Ron will be checking into T-Mobile grant up to \$50,000 for rural communities. He would like to see improvements to the Tennis courts, Pickle ball court and Basketball court.
- The 2021 Iowa Trail Summit is scheduled October 1st, 15th, & 29th. The trail between Fertile & Hanlontown is currently on hold with the county supervisors.
- Penny asked about lock on the side door by the garage at Community Center and also key distribution for Community Center and City Hall. Nick mention getting electronic lock system for security.

Public Comments:

- Dead trees in park that need to be removed and replaced. Nick is working with someone that would be interested in removing them. Cindy will be working on finding replacement trees to plant.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Worth County Public Health Flu Shots September 22, 2021 at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at Fertile Community Center.
- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session & public hearing October 19th, 2021 at 7:00pm at Fertile Community Center.
- Halloween is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to adjourn the meeting.***
Unanimous

Summary:

Law Enforcement Contract

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

7/1/2021 to 7/31/2021	General	ARPA	Roads	EE Benefits	LOST Pre 01/01/2020	LOST Post 01/01/2020	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
Income	21,733.99	0	5,328.28	273.11	0	3,237.23	0	1,249.98	22,316.87	54,139.46
Expense	26,983.41	0	1,107.73	1,882.66	0	9,700.00	0	0	10,902.86	50,576.66
Total	-5,249.42	0	4,220.55	-1,609.55	0	-6,462.77	0	1,249.98	11,414.01	3,562.80
Fund Balance	4,630.98	0	87,401.65	8,860.31	58,057.14	19,104.59	21.32	9,999.86	312,603.35	500,679.20

7/1/2021 to 8/31/2021	General	ARPA	Roads	EE Benefits	LOST Pre 01/01/2020	LOST Post 01/01/2020	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
Income	62,754.93	26,824.26	9,871.39	309.72	0	6,993.60	0	1,249.98	35,178.04	143,181.92
Expense	49,506.26	0	5,204.77	1,913.09	0	27,521.82	0	0	15,616.95	99,762.89
Total	13,248.67	26824.26	4,666.62	-1,603.37	0	-20,528.22	0	1,249.98	19,561.09	43,419.03
Fund Balance	23,129.07	26,824.26	87,847.72	8,866.49	58,057.14	5,039.14	21.32	9,999.86	320,750.43	540,535.43

City of Fertile Deposits

As of August 31, 2021

	Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts				
Checking				
	Deposit	08/02/2021	Property Taxes	330.76
	Deposit	08/02/2021	Lien Payment Deposit	254.33
	Deposit	08/03/2021	Casino Funds Deposit	3,305.53
	Deposit	08/04/2021	Facility Rental Deposit	50.00
	Deposit	08/04/2021	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	33.26
	Deposit	08/04/2021	ICAP Grant Deposit	1,000.00
	Deposit	08/11/2021	Utility Deposit	1,670.38
	Deposit	08/11/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	89.91
	Deposit	08/11/2021	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
	Deposit	08/11/2021	Reimbursement Deposit	280.88
	Deposit	08/11/2021	Fertile Days Deposit	1,000.00
	Deposit	08/12/2021	Road Use Tax	1,820.89
	Deposit	08/14/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	232.95
	Deposit	08/18/2021	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
	Deposit	08/18/2021	Utility Deposit	2,399.38
	Deposit	08/18/2021	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
	Deposit	08/18/2021	Library Deposit	831.00
	Deposit	08/18/2021	Farm to Market Deposit	2,721.93
	Deposit	08/20/2021	ACH PPD Utility Deposit	3,409.91
	Deposit	08/20/2021	ACH CCD Utility Deposit	708.81
	Deposit	08/20/2021	Utility Deposit	1,201.72
	Deposit	08/24/2021	Local Option Sales Tax	3,756.37
	Deposit	08/25/2021	Utility Deposit	1,932.49
	Deposit	08/25/2021	Facility Rental Deposit	300.00
	Deposit	08/25/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	407.97
	Deposit	08/25/2021	ARPA Deposit	26,824.26
	Deposit	08/25/2021	Building Permit Deposit	35.00
	Deposit	08/31/2021	Interest	48.33
	Deposit	08/31/2021	Fertile Days Deposit	750.00
	Total Checking			55,696.06
Petty Cash				
	Total Petty Cash			
	Total Operating Accounts			55,696.06
Roads Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	08/31/2021	Interest	0.29
	Total Savings			0.29
	Total Roads Revenue Accounts			0.29
Water Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	08/31/2021	Interest	2.88
	Total Savings			2.88
	Total Water Revenue Accounts			2.88
Sewer Revenue Accounts				
Savings				
	Deposit	08/31/2021	Interest	2.52
	Total Savings			2.52
CD				
	Total CD			
	Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			2.52
TOTAL				55,701.75

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of August 31, 2021

	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts						
Checking						
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2021	10097	Black Hills Energy	(L) Natural Gas	-65.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2021	10098	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-251.99
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2021	10099	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
					Mower - Wire Connection at	
					Regulator, Oil Change & Sharpened	
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2021	10100	M & S Outdoor Equipment	blades	-135.15
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/05/2021	10101	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-204.68
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10102	AgSource Laboratories		-215.50
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10103	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,578.08
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10104	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-168.43
				Floyd & Leonard Auto		
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10105	Electric, Inc.	Parts for Chainsaws	-121.79
				Iowa Department of Natural		
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10106	Resources	Wastewater Permit Fee	-210.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10107	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-94.80
					Postage, Intuit, Flag Case, Coffee	
					Supplies, Plaque, Gas for mower &	
					Microsoft	
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10108	US Bank		-447.73
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10109	Waste Management		-2,556.86
					Mileage to Northwood (10 miles @	
					.56 per mile)	
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/11/2021	10110	Wendy Lunning - v		-5.60
	Liability Check	08/13/2021	EFT	IPERS		-355.94
	Liability Check	08/13/2021	EFT	IPERS		-1,446.54
	Liability Check	08/13/2021	EFTPS	United States Treasury	42-1028074	-2,503.12
	Paycheck	08/16/2021	10111	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Library Assistant	-220.12
	Paycheck	08/16/2021	10112	Knudson, Loni	Direct Deposit	0.00
	Paycheck	08/16/2021	10113	Thompson, Angela M	Direct Deposit	0.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10114	Alliant Energy	(L) Electric	-188.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10115	Black Hills Energy	(L) Natural Gas	-91.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10116	Alliant Energy	Electric	-826.45
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10117	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-136.05
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10118	Beaver Creek Gardens Inc	(L) 2 Planters and raised flower bed	-160.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10119	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-263.51
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10120	Fertile Days	POET Donation	-1,000.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10121	Fox Pointe Publishing	(L) Books	-272.91
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10122	Municipal Managemnet Corp.	Water Leak Detection	-900.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10123	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-85.52
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/18/2021	10124	Kandice Waddington (v)	Facility Rental Reimbursement	-50.00
	Check	08/18/2021	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	LOST - Resolution 20-8-17-1	0.00
					Created by Payroll Service on	
	Liability Check	08/19/2021		QuickBooks Payroll Service	08/18/2021	-1,786.09
	Check	08/20/2021	ACH	WCTA	(L)Telephone	-64.39
	Check	08/20/2021	ACH	Citibusiness Card	Ask My Accountant	-470.75
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/25/2021	10125	Decker Sports	Little League T-Shirts	-750.00
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/25/2021	10126	Staples	Toner	-280.88
					QuickBooks generated zero amount	
	Bill Pmt -Check	08/31/2021		ClerkBooks A/P Adjust	transaction for bill payment stub	
	Total Checking					-17,916.88
Petty Cash						
	Total Petty Cash					
	Total Operating Accounts					-17,916.88
Roads Revenue Accounts						
Savings						
	Total Savings					
	Total Roads Revenue Accounts					
TOTAL						-17,916.88