

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 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, Penny 2nd to approve the minutes of the September meeting with the corrections as follows:**
The park benches have been received and assembled. This grant was received in April of 2021 and is due to be completed by April 2022. Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Tad 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

Public Hearing for Franchise Fee:

- Nick opened the public hearing and there were no comments.
- Ron motioned; Cindy seconded to close the public hearing.** Unanimous.
- Penny motioned Tad 2nd to accept Ordinance No 2021-0001 establishing a franchise fee on Energy Providers operating in the City of Fertile.** Unanimous
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Ordinance.** Unanimous
- A copy of the ordinance will be posted at City Hall, Library and Post Office for your convenience.

Maintenance Report:

- Thank you, Nick Bailey, for burning the brush pile at the lagoon.
- Thank you, Chris Hanna, for helping to install banners on Main Street.
- Thank you, Buck Russell, for helping to assemble and install benches in the park.
- Playground equipment has been vandalized. Nick removed the pieces and Steve power washed them. Code of Ordinances 3-1-7 3. Destroying park equipment. No person shall destroy or injure any property or equipment in public swimming pools, playgrounds or parks by willfully defacing, breaking, damaging, mutilating or cutting. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12(2))
- Sewer pump was inoperable. Steve notified Quality Pump for service.
- Steve took samples to LGI for the fall draw down at the Lagoon.
- Curb stop wrench was misplaced. Steve has ordered a replacement one.
- Holly motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Nick contact ComTech in regard to getting the radios for the Fire Department program, the siren serviced and estimate for new locks on city buildings.
- Nick contacted electrician for lights flickering on Main Street.

- Customer is interested in purchasing land at Section:34 Township:98 Range:22 and would like to put a commercial building on it. This land is not restricted by the city. Wendy will check with the Worth County Assessor to see what needs to be done to change the tax class from A – Agriculture to C – Commercial.
- The Iowa Department of Transportation's Traffic and Safety Bureau is accepting applications to replace damaged, worn out, obsolete or substandard signs and signposts for cities and counties in Iowa. City of Fertile can submit up to \$5,000 per year. Nick will be determining which signs need to be replaced.
- Main Street America and Smart Growth America have partnered with T-Mobile to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. With T-Mobile's Hometown Grant program, they're investing big in small towns by awarding up to 100 towns a year with project funding—up to \$50,000 each. The City of Fertile is gathering estimates to update the Basketball and Tennis Courts at the park.
- Cindy mentions it would cost \$800.00 to process deed for the small section of City property centered on her property and that she was no longer interested in acquiring it. Nick proposed that the city purchase the lot from her. Cindy will be following up with the city in regards to this offer.
- Penny motioned, Ron 2nd to approve the Mayor's report.** Unanimous

City Clerk's Report:

- Mike Moeller mentioned that he would be willing to work as the Fertile City Attorney at rate of \$150.00 per hour. **Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to accept Sorenson and Moeller as the new City Attorney.** Unanimous.
- The Event Page has been set up on the Fertile Website under things to do. So, you always have the latest on activities happening in Fertile. fertileiowa.us
- Special Class C Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit has been received for The Fertile Market. **Cindy motioned: Holly 2nd to approve the application.** Unanimous
- Tad motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the internal transfer of funds for Capital Projects and Administrative Allocation funds.** Unanimous.
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the Street Financing Report.** Unanimous
- Financials are at the end of this report. **Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to approve Financial Reports.** Unanimous
- Ron motioned, Tad 2nd to approve September Bills.** Unanimous

Council Report:

- Cindy & Steve met with Trees Forever to determine the what type of trees to plant in the park. It was determined that White Swamp Oak, Honey Locust and Hackberry would be the best. Cindy is putting together a grant with Alliant Energy for 6 – 9 trees. Some trees will need to be removed that are damaged.
- Tad received Building Permit for solar panels on property. Tad is working with the home owner to establish the location of the panels. Wendy will be working with NIACOG to establish ordinances on wind and solar energy.

Committee Report:

- Penny mention lighted angels in the parks. Steve will check into making some.

Public Comments:

- Sara Innis mentioned that Main Street needs to be repainted with strips. Nick mentioned that Main Street will need to be cleaned and block during this time.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Halloween Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 30 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Election, November 2 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Fertile Community Center.
- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular session & public hearing November 16th, 2021 at 7:00pm at Fertile Community Center.

- Holly motioned, Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting.*
Unanimous

Summary:

- Franchise Fee Ordinance
- New Attorney
- Street Financing Report

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

7/1/2021 to 9/30/2021	General	ARPA	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST Pre 01/01/202 0	LOST Post 01/01/2020	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
Income	77,244.54	26,824.26	14,176.28	56.88	778.95	0	9,919.17	0	1,666.64	91,862.50	222,529.22
Expense	70,148.25	0	3,631.64	0	2,715.39	0	27,521.82	4,272.00	0	57,909.35	166,198.45
Total	7,096.29	26,824.26	10,544.64	56.88	-1,936.44	0	-17,602.65	-4,272.00	1,666.64	33,953.15	56,330.77
Fund Balance	16,976.69	26,824.26	93,725.74	56.88	8,533.42	58,057.14	7,964.71	-4,250.68	10,416.52	335,142.49	553,447.17

City of Fertile Deposits

As of September 30, 2021

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Memo	Amount
Operating Accounts			
Checking			
Deposit	09/01/2021	Utility Deposit	924.09
Deposit	09/03/2021	Casino Funds Deposit	3,303.41
Deposit	09/07/2021	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	230.51
Deposit	09/07/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	292.04
Deposit	09/08/2021	Utility Deposit	1,576.02
Deposit	09/08/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	408.69
Deposit	09/15/2021	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	09/15/2021	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	09/15/2021	Utility Deposit	2,248.06
Deposit	09/17/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	92.16
Deposit	09/19/2021	Property Taxes	5,739.09
Deposit	09/20/2021	ACH PPD Utility Deposit	3,593.11
Deposit	09/20/2021	ACH CCD Utility Deposit	783.10
Deposit	09/20/2021	Facility Rental Deposit	100.00
Deposit	09/20/2021	Utility Deposit	2,627.03
Deposit	09/20/2021	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	38.48
Deposit	09/22/2021	Library Deposit	64.00
Deposit	09/22/2021	Library Deposit	263.00
Deposit	09/22/2021	Farm to Market Deposit	1,616.59
Deposit	09/22/2021	Road Use Tax	2,688.16
Deposit	09/24/2021	Local Option Sales Tax	2,925.57
Deposit	09/29/2021	Facility Rental Deposit	35.00
Deposit	09/29/2021	Paypal Utility Deposit	572.85
Deposit	09/29/2021	Utility Deposit	1,237.47
Deposit	09/30/2021	Interest	50.94
Total Checking			31,409.37
Petty Cash			
Total Petty Cash			
Total Operating Accounts			31,409.37
Roads Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2021	Interest	0.14
Total Savings			0.14
Total Roads Revenue Accounts			0.14
Water Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2021	Interest	1.39
Total Savings			1.39
Total Water Revenue Accounts			1.39
Sewer Revenue Accounts			
Savings			
Deposit	09/30/2021	Interest	1.22
Total Savings			1.22
CD			
Deposit	09/16/2021	Interest	115.46
Total CD			115.46
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts			116.68
TOTAL			31,527.58

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of September 30, 2021

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
Operating Accounts					
Checking					
Paycheck	09/01/2021	10127	Bruns, Warren	Water & Sewer Supervisor	-300.20
Paycheck	09/01/2021	10128	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-519.09
Paycheck	09/01/2021	10129	Miller, Jennifer K	Direct Deposit	0.00
Paycheck	09/01/2021	10130	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-1,337.03
Bill Pmt -Check	09/01/2021	10131	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-925.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/01/2021	10132	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/01/2021	10133	Quality Pump & Control	Lift Station	-487.00
Check	09/01/2021	ACH	Citibusiness Card	PD 08/20/2021 Books & CDs, Supplies & Programs	-470.75
Liability Check	09/02/2021		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 09/01/2021	-129.08
Bill Pmt -Check	09/04/2021	10134	Premier Polysteel	Park Benches - 2021 Spring Grant	-4,272.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10135	Alliant Energy	Electric	-626.41
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10136	Hanna Chris	August Lawn Mowing (24.5 hours @ \$12.00 per hour)	-294.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10137	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling Services	-2,538.08
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10138	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-205.11
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10139	US Bank	Postage, Intuit, Coffee Supplies, McAfee LiveSafe, Paper, Mower Gas &	-551.05
Bill Pmt -Check	09/08/2021	10140	AgSource Laboratories	Water Testing	-13.50
Liability Check	09/14/2021	EFT	IPERS		-350.26
Liability Check	09/14/2021	EFTPS	United States Treasury	42-1028074	-463.98
Paycheck	09/15/2021	10141	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,191.70
Paycheck	09/16/2021	10143	Arndt, Linda J	(L) Library Assistant	-208.12
Paycheck	09/16/2021	10144	Knudson, Loni	Direct Deposit	0.00
Paycheck	09/16/2021	10145	Thompson, Angela M	Direct Deposit	0.00
Liability Check	09/16/2021		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 09/15/2021	-1,755.51
Bill Pmt -Check	09/16/2021	10146	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,799.49
Bill Pmt -Check	09/16/2021	10147	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-94.80
Bill Pmt -Check	09/16/2021	10148	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-85.49
Bill Pmt -Check	09/16/2021	10149	Waste Management	Container Services	-18.78
Check	09/16/2021	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Transfer CD to Checking Account	32,603.38
Paycheck	09/17/2021	10142	Russell, Grant	City Maintenance	-55.94
Check	09/20/2021	ACH	WCTA	(L)Telephone	-67.38
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10150	Alliant Energy	(L) Electric	-188.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10151	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-428.07
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10152	Black Hills Energy		-352.45
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10153	Menards	Paper Towels & Toilet Paper	-27.70
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10154	Municipal Supply, Inc.	Touchpads	-149.20
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10155	Nelson Septic Services, LLC	AUGUST - Portable Poties	-434.42
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10156	OverDrive Inc	(L) Books & DVD	-366.60
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10157	Penworthy Company LLC		-1,469.89
Bill Pmt -Check	09/22/2021	10158	Staples	Envelopes	-22.89
Check	09/22/2021	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Capital Funds - Resolution 21-09-21-2	0.00
Paycheck	09/29/2021	10159	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,191.70
Bill Pmt -Check	09/29/2021	10160	City of Hanlontown	2021 Municipal Professional Institute	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/29/2021	10161	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Annual Water Use Fee for Calendar Year 2022	-95.00
Check	09/29/2021	10162	Mitthum, Kory		-150.00
Check	09/30/2021	ACH	Citibusiness Card	Books & CDs, Supplies, DVD, Postage, Magazines.	-459.85
Total Checking					8,457.86
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
CD					
Check	09/16/2021	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Transfer CD to Checking Account	0.00
Check	09/16/2021	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Transfer CD to Checking Account	-32,603.38
Total CD					-32,603.38
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					-32,603.38
TOTAL					-24,145.52

