

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM, City Hall Call to Order & Roll Call:

- Mayor, Nick Bailey, called the council meeting to order. Present were: Council Members: Penny Miller, Holly Lovick-Hanna, Andy Carlson, & Dan Versteeg. Maintenance Manager: Steve Roberts. City Clerk: Wendy Lunning. Absent: Tim Severson
- Penny motioned, Andy 2nd to approve the minutes of the May Special Meeting.** Unanimous
- Holly motioned, Penny 2nd to accept agenda.** Unanimous. Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Fertile 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

WCTA – Angela Thompson presented the City of Fertile with Certificate of Recognition for being recognized as a Smart Connected Community. Refer to [Smart Connected Community | Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association \(wctatel.net\)](https://www.smartconnectedcommunity.org) for more information on being a Smart Connected Community.

Maintenance Report:

- Steve and Wendy met with Cruise Davis for ICAP inspection. Recommendations include:
Test & Replace battery in emergency lighting.
Secure gas cylinders in upright position.
Additional fall protection should be provided under playground.
- Steve and Wendy met with DNR for inspection and Fertile did great. Steve is in the process of completing additional reports that the DNR has requested.
- Steve fixed the broken copper line at the water plant and valve on the pump.
- Steve replaced the battery on the mower. Thank you, Dan Miller, for repairing the short on the alternator.
- Water leak at 103 W Main has been repaired.
- The tile on 2nd street has been repaired. WCTA will be replacing the tile due to fiber optic cable inside tile.
- Fans are asked to pick up your garbage and dog droppings at the ball diamonds and dispose of properly. There will be more trash cans added for your convenience.
- Thank you, Dylan Knopf, for repairing the sensor on the skid loader door.
- Dan motioned, Andy 2nd to approve the Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- The 4-way light has been installed on the corner of Main and 1st street.
- Nick repaired the freezer at the Community Center.
- Nick replaced the thermal coupler in the oven at the Community Center.
- NIACOG will be celebrating 50 years serving North Iowa and its Communities. Anniversary Open House will be held Thursday, July 13, 2023 4:00pm to 6:00pm Pork Loin Buffet.
- Homestead Tax Exemption for Homeowners 65 & Older. Sign up at Worth County Assessor's Office by July 1, 2023.

- Fertile All-School Reunion, Friday August 11, 2023 at the Fertile Community Center Opening @ 10:30. Catered Lunch served at 12:00 cost \$12.00. Contact Harlan Rodberg if you are interested in attending.
- Nick has not received the new rates from Waste Management. **Dan motioned, Andy 2nd to accept proposed agreement from Thompson Sanitation for the next fiscal year.** Unanimous
- Holly motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the Mayor's report.** Unanimous

City Clerk's Report:

- Holly motioned; Dan 2nd to approve Alcohol & Beverage license for Café Mir.** Unanimous
- Lost & Found:
Harley Davidson sweatshirt
Ear muffs
If items are not claimed in 60 days, they will be donated.
- Penny motioned; Andy 2nd to approve resolution 23-06-20-01 for compensation increase of employees for the City of Fertile effective July 1, 2023.** Unanimous
- Dan motioned; Holly 2nd to approve ordinance amendment 2023-0001 for 3% rate increase for Utilities effective July 1, 2023.** Unanimous
- Penny motioned; Andy 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading of ordinance amendment 2023-0001.** Unanimous
- Penny motioned, Andy 2nd to approve resolution 23-06-20-02 the internal transfer of funds for Capital Projects & Administrative Allocation.** Unanimous.
- Andy motioned, Dan 2nd to approve Financial Reports.** Unanimous
- Dan motioned, Holly 2nd to approve May Bills.** Unanimous
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:
108 W Washington \$404.30
605 W Washington \$261.93
Dan motioned, Holly 2nd to approve resolution 23-06-20-03 & 23-06-20-04 to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Council Report:

- Andy will follow up on the status of the electronic sign.

Committee Report:

- No Reports.

Public Comments:

- Sara Innes would like to thank the council and mayor for the quick response to the Winnebago River Signs. A special thank you to Nick Bailey for installing the sign.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- The Fertile City Council will meet for regular meeting on July 18, 2023 at 7:00pm.
- Holly motioned, Andy 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

Summary:

- Smart Connected Community
- ICAP Inspection
- DNR Inspection
- Homestead Tax Exemption for residents over 65
- Alcohol & Beverage Permit
- Compensation Increase
- Utility Rate Increase – Ordinance Amendment

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	General	ARPA	CDBG	Roads	Emergency	EE Benefits	LOST Pre 01/01/2020	LOST Post 01/01/2020	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
Income	408,479.24	26,914.13	48,392.00	37,989.22	11.22	7,077.86	0	37,591.77	25,368.34	4,583.26	157,731.05	754,138.09
Expense	329,585.12	24,181.92	48,392.00	71,453.01	0	8,089.24	0	45,320.00	22,970.51	4,945.40	100,113.32	655,050.52
Total	78,894.12	2,732.21	0	-33,463.79	11.22	-1,011.38	0	-7,728.23	2,397.83	-362.14	57,617.73	99,087.57
Fund Balance	156,091.10	29,646.34	0	64,471.65	11.22	9,097.52	58,057.14	10,028.17	21.32	14,220.98	389,706.30	731,351.74

City of Fertile Deposits

As of May 31, 2023

Type	Date	Memo	Accrual Basis Amount
001b - Operating Accounts			
0011110 - Checking			
Deposit	05/01/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	132.23
Deposit	05/01/2023	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	05/02/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	90.00
Deposit	05/03/2023	Utility Deposit	300.29
Deposit	05/03/2023	Building Permit Deposit	35.00
Deposit	05/03/2023	Refundable Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	05/03/2023	Casino Funds Deposit	2,849.46
Deposit	05/06/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	88.85
Deposit	05/10/2023	Farm to Market Deposit	1,429.61
Deposit	05/10/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	200.00
Deposit	05/10/2023	Utility Deposit	2,182.78
Deposit	05/11/2023	Road Use Tax	1,994.08
Deposit	05/13/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	80.63
Deposit	05/14/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	90.80
Deposit	05/15/2023	Property Taxes	2,646.94
Deposit	05/17/2023	Farm to Market Deposit	1,616.97
Deposit	05/17/2023	Utility Deposit	1,778.32
Deposit	05/17/2023	Building Permit Deposit	35.00
Deposit	05/17/2023	Library Deposit	10.00
Deposit	05/19/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	123.49
Deposit	05/22/2023	ACH CCD Utility Deposit	736.97
Deposit	05/22/2023	ACH PPD Utility Deposit	4,005.57
Deposit	05/24/2023	Local Option Sales Tax	5,593.51
Deposit	05/24/2023	Utility Deposit	1,125.05
Deposit	05/24/2023	Little League Registration Deposit	420.00
Deposit	05/25/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	100.00
Deposit	05/26/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	77.60
Deposit	05/27/2023	Winnebago River Sign Donation Deposit	128.70
Deposit	05/27/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	150.00
Deposit	05/31/2023	Utility Deposit	1,885.91
Deposit	05/31/2023	Interest	69.08
Total 0011110 - Checking			30,126.84
0011120 - Petty Cash			
Total 0011120 - Petty Cash			
Total 001b - Operating Accounts			30,126.84
110b - Roads Revenue Accounts			
1101160 - Savings			
Deposit	05/31/2023	Interest	0.32
Total 1101160 - Savings			0.32
Total 110b - Roads Revenue Accounts			0.32
600b - Water Revenue Accounts			
6001110 - Savings			
Deposit	05/31/2023	Interest	3.17
Total 6001110 - Savings			3.17
Total 600b - Water Revenue Accounts			3.17
610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts			
6101110 - Savings			
Deposit	05/31/2023	Interest	2.77
Total 6101110 - Savings			2.77
Total 610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts			2.77
TOTAL			30,133.10

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of May 31, 2023

					Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001b - Operating Accounts					
0011110 - Checking					
Paycheck	05/01/2023	10890	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-482.26
Paycheck	05/01/2023	10891	Miller, Jennifer K	Direct Deposit - \$322.72	0.00
Check	05/01/2023	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Capital Funds - Resolution 23-04-18-03	0.00
Check	05/03/2023	10892	Robinson, Susan Innes	Refundable Utility Deposit	-150.00
Liability Check	05/04/2023		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 05/03/2023	-322.72
Bill Pmt -Check	05/04/2023	10893	Iowa Finance Authority	Sewer Loan	-11,528.75
Bill Pmt -Check	05/04/2023	10894	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-219.88
Bill Pmt -Check	05/04/2023	10895	Wendy Lunning - v	Mileage - (98 miles @ 65.5 cents per mile)	-64.19
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10897	Clear Lake Sanitary District	water sample lab testing	-102.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10898	First Gabrielson Agency	Firemen's Accident/Sickness Policy	-650.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10899	Five Star CO-OP	Gas for Truck	-195.56
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10900	Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric, Inc.	Repair Chain Saw & Repair Pole Saw	-214.45
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10902	Nelson Septic Services, LLC	APRIL - Portable Restrooms	-275.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/06/2023	10903	Waste Management	Garbage, Recycling & Container Services	-2,639.56
Paycheck	05/10/2023	10896	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,246.21
Bill Pmt -Check	05/10/2023	10904	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Adaptors for Water Plant	-5.44
Liability Check	05/12/2023	EFT	IPERS		-338.99
Liability Check	05/12/2023	EFT	IPERS		-465.62
Liability Check	05/12/2023	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-1,140.40
Sales Tax Payment	05/12/2023	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance	WET - \$282.72	0.00
Paycheck	05/16/2023	10905	Arndt, Linda J	Direct Deposit - \$115.48	0.00
Paycheck	05/16/2023	10906	Knudson, Loni	Direct Deposit - \$235.26	0.00
Paycheck	05/16/2023	10907	Thompson, Angela M	Direct Deposit - \$1,673.91	0.00
Check	05/17/2023	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Capital Funds - Resolution 23-05-16-02	0.00
Liability Check	05/18/2023		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 05/17/2023	-2,024.65
Check	05/20/2023	ACH	WCTA	(L) Library	-64.90
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10908	Alliant Energy	Electric	-2,547.64
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10909	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books & CDs	-217.71
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10910	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-491.46
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10911	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10912	Kim Severson - v	Little League shirts & iron on vinyl.	-408.56
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10913	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-104.52
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10914	MicroMarketing	(L) CD (L) Books & CDs, Supplies & DVDs, Library Signs, LED Lights, Intuit, County Recorder, Postage & ...	-65.48
Bill Pmt -Check	05/20/2023	10915	US Bank		-622.38
Paycheck	05/24/2023	10916	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,246.21
Check	05/27/2023	ACH	Verizon Wireless	Telephone	-98.75
Bill Pmt -Check	05/27/2023	10917	Interstate All Battery Center	Battery for Mower	-67.65
Bill Pmt -Check	05/27/2023	10918	Iowa Prison Industries	Winnebago River Signs	-128.70
Bill Pmt -Check	05/27/2023	10919	Kim Severson - v	Little League Concessions Supplies	-459.65
Paycheck	05/31/2023	10920	Miller, Jennifer K	Direct Deposit - \$166.74	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2023	10921	BMC Aggregates L.C.	3/4 Roadstone for Alley	-230.41
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2023	10922	Heartland Asphalt	Crackfill	-7,640.00
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2023	10923	North Iowa Media Group	Published 2023 Budget Amendment & Published 2024 Budget	-509.54
Bill Pmt -Check	05/31/2023	10924	Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.	Engineering services for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements	-1,960.00
Total 0011110 - Checking					-38,939.24
TOTAL					-38,939.24