

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024 - 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 Lovik-Hanna, Andy Carlson, Tim Severson & Rick Anderson. Maintenance Manager: Steve Roberts. City Clerk: Wendy Lunning.
- Andy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the minutes of the December meeting.** Unanimous
- Tim motioned, Holly 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

Maintenance Report:

- Thank you, Hare Electric, for taking down the Christmas Décor on Main Street.
- Steve stored all the Holiday lighting décor from Main Street and the Park.
- Steve repaired a broken coupler at the water plant and repaired the pump that was running backwards.
- Steve presented the council with an estimate for and Ice-Skating rink of \$6,500.00. **Tim motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the bid.** Unanimous. Monthly casino funds will be used for this expense.
- Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to approve the Maintenance report.** Unanimous

Mayor's Report:

- Solar Panels including the generator are up and running at the Community Center.
- Emergency Operation Plan has been updated and completed.
- Nick provided the council with updated contact information for the City entities.
- Nick met with insurance to add solar panels, electronic sign & future ice-skating rink, The cost of insurance will be increasing this year.
- Fertile Days will be having a Spaghetti Supper, January 20th 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Fertile Community Center.
- Fire Department will be having a Soup Supper, February 10th 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the Fertile Community Center.
- Andy motioned, Rick 2nd to approve the Mayor's report.** Unanimous

City Clerk's Report:

- Wendy still needs budgets from the Library & Fire Department. Wendy reviewed some of the changes on the budget that resulted in the House File 718. This will consolidate several General Fund levies and the Emergency levy into a combined general fund levy.
- Wendy proposed that we use written form of communication when removing and restarting garbage and recycling services. Council agreed. Wendy will work on a form and put in online.
- W2's has been completed and distributed. If there are any discrepancies, please let Wendy know ASAP.
- Tim motioned, Penny 2nd to approve resolution 24-01-16-01 the internal transfer of funds for Capital Projects & Administrative Allocation.** Unanimous.
- Andy motioned, Rick 2nd to approve Financial Reports.** Unanimous
- Penny motioned, Holly 2nd to approve December Bills.** Unanimous
- Liens presented to the Council were as follows:
605 W Washington \$202.87
Holly motioned, Rick 2nd to approve resolution 24-01-16-02 to process liens with Worth County Treasurer. Unanimous

Council Report:

- Nick & Rick attended the EMS meeting. Emergency Medical Services are very critical to the life, safety and welfare of our citizens. The city council will be petitioning for additional tax dollars to be brought to an election, to contract with transport ambulance services. If the tax does not pass, an ambulance is not required to show up. Together we can make EMS and essential part of our community.
- The electronic sign is up and running on Hwy 9. This sign has been reserved for city events and announcements. At this point it will not be used for advertising.

Committee Report:

- The Holiday Lighting committee will be putting in a WCDA grant for and enclosed trailer for the lighting displays.
- Penny will be putting in a WCDA grant to make the incubator handicap accessible.

Public Comments:

- No comments.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- January 20th – Spaghetti Supper, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- February 10th – Soup Supper, 4:00 – 7:00pm
- Council Meeting February 20, 2024 7:00pm at Fertile Community Center.
- Holly motioned, Penny 2nd to adjourn the meeting.** Unanimous

Summary:

- Ice Skating Rink
- House File 718
- Lien

Wendy Lunning, City Clerk

7/1/2023 to 12/31/2023	General	ARPA	Roads	EE Benefits	LOST Pre 01/01/2020	LOST Post 01/01/2020	WCDA	Capital Projects	Utilities	Total
Income	162,191.54	0	22,550.00	4,960.50	0	23,382.78	56,829.95	2,083.30	86,982.44	358,980.51
Expense	139,458.56	0	9,556.51	4,511.23	0	22,650.00	56,829.95	109.44	46,756.16	279,871.85
Total	22,732.98	0	12,993.49	449.27	0	732.78	0	1,973.86	40,226.28	79,108.66
Fund Balance	102,066.35	29,646.34	74,324.99	8,951.68	58,057.14	17,029.48	21.32	16,611.50	413,474.78	720,183.58

City of Fertile Deposits

As of December 31, 2023

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Memo	Amount
001b - Operating Accounts			
0011110 - Checking			
Deposit	12/01/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	219.00
Deposit	12/01/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	100.00
Deposit	12/02/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	100.00
Deposit	12/02/2023	Utility Deposit	761.81
Deposit	12/02/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	641.00
Deposit	12/04/2023	Casino Funds Deposit	2,645.35
Deposit	12/08/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	368.80
Deposit	12/09/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	150.00
Deposit	12/09/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	92.76
Deposit	12/09/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	467.00
Deposit	12/13/2023	Utility Deposit	2,037.55
Deposit	12/13/2023	Farm to Market Deposit	1,597.77
Deposit	12/14/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	108.54
Deposit	12/15/2023	Property Taxes	5,105.35
Deposit	12/15/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	551.75
Deposit	12/15/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	354.56
Deposit	12/16/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	709.49
Deposit	12/19/2023	Road Use Tax	1,934.98
Deposit	12/20/2023	ACH CCD Utility Deposit	546.65
Deposit	12/20/2023	ACH PPD Utility Deposit	4,598.63
Deposit	12/20/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	100.00
Deposit	12/20/2023	Clerkbooks Deposit	0.00
Deposit	12/20/2023	Utility Deposit	2,172.59
Deposit	12/20/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	50.00
Deposit	12/20/2023	Library Deposit	345.00
Deposit	12/20/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	80.00
Deposit	12/21/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	84.80
Deposit	12/22/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	682.40
Deposit	12/23/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	101.10
Deposit	12/23/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	1,078.85
Deposit	12/23/2023	Holiday Lights Deposit	2.64
Deposit	12/24/2023	Iowa Interactive Utility Deposit	150.00
Deposit	12/27/2023	Utility Deposit	2,469.72
Deposit	12/27/2023	Facility Rental Deposit	150.00
Deposit	12/27/2023	Local Option Sales Tax	4,029.35
Deposit	12/31/2023	Interest	80.85
Total 0011110 - Checking			34,668.29
Total 001b - Operating Accounts			34,668.29
110b - Roads Revenue Accounts			
1101160 - Savings			
Deposit	12/31/2023	Interest	0.32
Total 1101160 - Savings			0.32
Total 110b - Roads Revenue Accounts			0.32
600b - Water Revenue Accounts			
6001110 - Savings			
Deposit	12/31/2023	Interest	3.18
Total 6001110 - Savings			3.18
Total 600b - Water Revenue Accounts			3.18
610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts			
6101110 - Savings			
Deposit	12/31/2023	Interest	2.77
Total 6101110 - Savings			2.77
Total 610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts			2.77
TOTAL			34,674.56

City of Fertile Bills Paid

As of December 31, 2023

Accrual
Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
001b - Operating Accounts					
0011110 - Checking					
Check	12/01/2023	CORR	Treasurer - State of Iowa	Reverse duplicate entry processed on 11/24/2023 for Open Access Funds	-570.79
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11170	Lunning, Wendy S	City Clerk	-620.29
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11176	Carlson, Andrew	City Council - Direct Deposit \$413.09	0.00
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11177	Lovik-Hanna, Holly	City Council	-442.85
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11178	Miller, Penny	City Council - Direct Deposit \$442.85	0.00
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11179	Severson, Tim J	City Council	-369.04
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11180	Versteeg, Daniel M	City Council	-369.40
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11174	Anderson, Ricky L	City Council - Direct Deposit \$68.85	0.00
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11173	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,276.72
Paycheck	12/06/2023	11175	Bailey, Nick	Mayor	-2,216.40
Liability Check	12/07/2023		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/06/2023	-924.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11181	Alliant Energy	Electric	-1,053.77
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11182	Clear Lake Sanitary District	Water Testing	-620.30
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11183	Immanuel Lutheran Church	Park Lighting - Youth Group	-200.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11184	Nelson Septic Services, LLC	NOVEMBER - Portable Restrooms	-455.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11185	Thompson Sanitation	Trash Services	-3,072.85
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11186	USA Blue Book	Water Testing	-248.16
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11187	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-30.59
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2023	11188	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Annual 28E agreement	-9,135.50
Paycheck	12/15/2023	11189	Roberts, Stephen J	Certified Water & Sewer	-344.24
Paycheck	12/15/2023	11190	Arndt, Linda J	Direct Deposit - \$119.10.	0.00
Paycheck	12/15/2023	11191	Knudson, Loni	Direct Deposit - \$362.30	0.00
Paycheck	12/15/2023	11192	Thompson, Angela M	Direct Deposit - \$1,712.94.	0.00
Paycheck	12/20/2023	11193	Roberts, Stephen J	City Maintenance	-1,276.72
Check	12/20/2023	ACH	WCTA	(L) Library - Invoice 11337691	-42.37
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11194	Alliant Energy	Electric	-829.58
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11195	Baker & Taylor	(L) Books	-84.92
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11196	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-641.06
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11197	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Reset Thermostat	-49.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11198	Quality Pump & Control	Water Plant - Troubleshoot discharge valves and controller set points	-357.00
Check	12/20/2023	TRANSFER	City of Fertile	Capital Funds - Resolution 20-3-17-1	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/20/2023	11199	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine Cylinder	-20.00
Liability Check	12/21/2023		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/20/2023	-2,194.34
Bill Pmt -Check	12/27/2023	11200	Marco	Copier, Printer, Fax	-109.74
Liability Check	12/27/2023	EFT	IPERS	(L)	-377.51
Liability Check	12/27/2023	EFT	IPERS		-640.18
Liability Check	12/28/2023	EFTPS	United States Treasury	42-1028074	-1,358.36
Total 0011110 - Checking					-29,931.47
Total 001b - Operating Accounts					-29,931.47
TOTAL					-29,931.47

