

Fertile City Council Minutes April 16, 2009

The Fertile City Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16th at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, City Council Members Dan Gisvold, Todd Wise and Dennis Hasler. Trish Thorson was unable to attend.

Barry Robertson, representing Fair Meadow Nursing Home, made his report to the Council. He highlighted the cooperative efforts made with the facilities in Ulen and Twin Valley to take in Halstad residents should that facility be forced to close due to flooding.

He also informed the Council that Fair Meadow was operating at close to full capacity and that the home's communications devices, such as nurse's call, was being updated.

Discussion then centered on the cooperative efforts, such as those working with Dr. Ring, to help with broadening the services Fair Meadow offers.

Kevin Nephew, Public Works Supervisor, then made his report to the Council. The sanitary sewer force main break under the Sand Hill River was repaired, and the cost will be presented to FEMA as part of the flood repair.

The sewer extension to Olmscheid's Addition was discussed. We will need to have the elevations for the manholes shot by an engineer and the work can then be done by local staff. There was discussion of who would be hooking up to it and where the line might extend to. Estimates for the work were \$125,000 for outside work and between \$40,000 and \$65,000 for in-house management and local contracting. This would cost about \$4,500 per homeowner.

The gravel bids went to D & R Gravel.

Crack filling for the streets and the airport runway was also discussed.

As for the Code, it was decided to hold special meetings on April 30th and May 14th to work on proposed sections.

Upon review, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the minutes of the March 16th regular and 26th special meetings. The motion carried.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills. The motion carried.

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Discussion then centered upon appointments to the new Economic Development Authority. After due consideration, the Mayor nominated and the Council ratified, on a motion by Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, the following individuals: Anders Macy, Todd Christian, Jerry Haugen and Tammie Campbell.

After consideration of Fire Relief sites for gambling, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve permits for The Other Place, the Sandhill Supper Club and Oliver's Bar & Grill. The motion carried.

After some consideration, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the request to have EAPC perform the wind feasibility study and Short-Elliott & Hendrickson to work with Floan Sanders on the Airport Plan. The motion carried.

Finally, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the Economic Development loan of \$5,000 at 2% interest. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator