

Fertile City Council Minutes

August 10, 2009

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2009. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Trish Thorson, Dan Gisvold and Dennis Hasler. Council member Todd Wise was absent.

As Barry Robertson from Fair Meadow Nursing Home was unable to attend, Twyla Altepeter brought to the Council's attention the woodworking efforts of Vince Raaen. These award winning wood sculptures are in need of local facilities that would be willing to display them. The Council expressed the desire to discuss possibilities at the September meeting.

Kevin Nephew, Public Works Supervisor, then discussed progress with the sewer project. Nephew informed the Council it was proceeding as expected. There was some discussion of potential hookups to the new line. There is approximately 1,700 feet of new sewer line and six manholes at an estimated cost of \$65,000.

Libby Eid reported that there had been a coffee held for Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Agassiz Nature Center.

It was reported that the Airport Long Range Planning study was underway and reports should be returning soon.

Tim Gross, representing the audit firm of Eide Bailly was at the Council meeting to discuss the 2008 audit. He reported that the City's financial report shows that activities are being conducted properly.

The minutes of the July 13, 2009 meeting were then reviewed. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills were then reviewed and Council member Hasler moved, seconded by Council member Gisvold, that they be approved. The motion was carried.

Frohrip reported that early reports on the wind study show potential and could serve as the basis for significant revenue production in the future.

The preliminary budget was then presented, and Frohrip showed that this budget would not require the City to ask for a property tax increase in 2010. This will come back to the Council in September.

There was some discussion of additional site pinning and site work to be done at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Upon a motion by Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, the cost for a burial plot was raised from \$50.00 to \$65.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator