

Fertile City Council Minutes December 14, 2009

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 14th at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Dennis Hasler and Trish Thorson. Council members Dan Gisvold and Todd Wise were absent.

Barry Robertson, Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator made his report to the Council. The annual audit has been completed and, while state revenues were down 4%, the year was in good balance. Future years are open to question.

Kevin Nephew, the Utilities and Maintenance Supervisor, then made his report to the Council. Nephew and Administrator Frohrip advised that it would be best to wait before going ahead with the water project proposed in November. Nephew reported that some updated flow readings this spring to show that either the Insurance Service Report showing deficiencies or current flow data showing ratios to be all right are correct.

Frohrip reported that the economic conditions in the state have not shown any improvement and that more cuts to local aid are a real possibility. In light of this information the Council felt it was best to wait for more information.

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting then turned to the levy request. It was determined that the levy request would not be any different than last year. There was no public comment.

There was then discussion on the proposed turn back of State Highway #102 to the County for ownership and maintenance. County Commissioner Craig Bunes was here to discuss how this might work. There was some comment from the audience concerning a potential drop in the level of maintenance. The City Council considered the issue, and, on a motion by Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, passed Resolution #12-02-09 which stated that the City supports the transfer so long as Polk County agrees to maintain Highway #102 at the same level as the state. The motion carried.

After review of the minutes of the previous meeting, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Upon consideration of the Treasurers Report and monthly bills, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Upon consideration of the 2010 Levy request and annual budget, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved for both the approval of Resolution #12-01-09, calling for the levy for 2010, and of the 2010 budget for City activities. The motion carried.

As for tobacco licenses for J.T.'s, Northside, and Al & Laura's Foods, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

After a short discussion on the Sheriff's Contract, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that it be approved. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator