

## City Council Minutes January 10, 2011

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, and Council members Trish Thorson, Dennis Hasler, Todd Wise and Dan Gisvold.

The meeting began with the report from Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Barry Robertson. Robertson stated that they had started the month of December with 46 residents and ended with 47. They had provided 349 home delivered meals and 47 days of adult day care. Robertson also informed the Council that they are operating in the black.

Libby Eid reported that the Nature Center volunteers put in a total of 40 hours during the month of December.

City Administrator John Frohrip then coordinated the swearing in of re-elected Mayor Brian Nephew and re-elected Council members Todd Wise and Trish Thorson.

Public Works Superintendent Kevin Nephew then made his report to the Council. Nephew stated that the snow removal was going along, but that there were problems of ice in the intersections, and that some of the equipment needed some repair. At this time, the City is renting a large snow blower from Jim Dale that is proving very helpful in the alleys.

There was then some discussion on potential capital improvements, including the potential purchase of a bigger loader that could have a blower attached.

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

Upon review of the Treasurers Report and Bills, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

Then came review of the annual appointments. These primarily remained the same with the exception of Council member Hasler being appointed Vice Mayor. Council member Thorson was appointed as Nursing Home Board Liaison and Council member Wise was appointed Law Enforcement Liaison should that position be needed.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the Appointments and Designations for 2011. The motion carried.

City Administrator Frohrip then brought up the need for getting a City Attorney more involved in the legal activities of a municipality, especially development. Current City Attorney Ray German had an assistant who was very good with those areas, but she has since moved on to become an Assistant Attorney General in North Dakota. Ray German is focusing more on the areas of estate planning and real estate transactions. Frohrip's recommendation is to have German stay on in real estate and find someone else more active in the other areas.



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There was then the Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit requested by Michelle Poissant and Lindi Christianson. They have purchased the house located at 507 Mill St. S. and wish to convert it into a retreat for crafters involved in such hobbies as quilting and scrap booking.

After some discussion and no negative comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the Conditional Use Permit. The motion carried.

After review of the insurance plans for the coming year, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler moved to take the coverage without waiving the statutory limits. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Brian Nephew, Mayor

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John J. Frohrip, City Administrator