

Fertile City Council Minutes January 12, 2009

The City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, and Council members Todd Wise and Patricia Thorson and Dennis Hasler.

The meeting opened with City Administrator Frohrip administering the Oath of Office to Dennis Hasler for a four-year term as Council member. Frohrip then administered the Oath to Brian Nephew for a two-year term as Mayor.

Barry Robertson presented the report for Fair Meadow Nursing Home. The audit has been completed, and the nursing home has improved its financial situation. There was a total of \$170,517 more in revenue than in expenditures.

Mayor Nephew then read a letter from Perkin Preston expressing concern over animals without adequate shelter and the use of euthanasia when a home cannot be found. Council member Thorson asked if the City was preparing to use the new garage for a kennel. Kevin Nephew responded that the City needs clear-cut rates for animal control, including the use of a kennel for long-term care.

Kevin Nephew then told the Council that Jeff McCollum had requested a permit to install a wood furnace and that in future code work, chimney heights for such facilities needed to be considered.

Council member Dan Gisvold came to the meeting and received the Oath of Office from City Administrator John Frohrip. Gisvold was elected for a four-year term on the City Council.

Discussion then continued with Kevin Nephew on the water line break by Lucken's. Nephew stated that this particular line had not been in service for some time.

Tim Oliver then appeared before the Council to ask for on and off sale liquor licenses as he was preparing to buy the building currently owned and operated by the American Legion. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the requests. The motion carried.

Libby Eid then reported that there was an annual Agassiz Environmental Learning Center meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 15 at the Community Center, as the weather did not look too promising.

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

Upon review of the Bills/Treasurer's Report, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Upon final presentation of the Snowmobile/All Terrain Vehicle Ordinance for the Nature Center, Council member Gisvold moved, seconded by Council member Thorson, to approve. The motion was carried.

Upon review of the American Legion's request for three one-day liquor licenses under their club license, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Mayor Nephew informed the Council of his annual appointments list (see attachment) following asking Council members if they did or did not wish to serve. Mayor Nephew asked for a vote. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved the list be approved. The motion was carried.

After considering the proposed EDA/HRA program, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to hold the necessary Public Hearing on Monday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m. The motion carried.

The proposal for a \$5,000 loan for Pappa Q's flour facility was then considered. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve. The motion carried.

On discussing code development, it was determined to hold a special meeting on January 20th at 6:30 p.m. to begin consideration.

John Frohrip also informed the City Council that consideration of City Engineers would take place again to insure compliance with federal requirements on grants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator