

Fertile City Council Minutes

June 8, 2009

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew; Council members Dennis Hasler, Dan Gisvold, Todd Wise and Patricia Thorson.

The first person to appear before the Council was Barry Robertson, Fair Meadow Administrator. Robertson told the Council that some electrical arcing had caused problems in the boiler room, and smoke alarms had summoned the Fire Department. Steps were being taken to deal with the boiler to prevent further problems. Resident attendance started the month at 49 and ended at 50. Some 403 home delivered meals were prepared and some 46 days of adult day care were provided.

Kevin Nephew then made his presentation to the Council. Progress on the Olmscheid's Addition sewer project was discussed. Preliminary drawings had been developed and the estimate for the project came to \$65,000. Discussion then centered on paying for the project. John Frohrip then discussed that each hook up would cost about \$4000 per residence, with an additional \$4000 to install a line from a residence to the new sewer line. A program was being looked at that would have new residences hook up immediately. Existing homes would have up to ten years, with some incentive for early hookup. It was estimated that there would be approximately sixteen new hookups when all the parcels available are developed.

Mosquito spraying was discussed; Kevin stated this activity would take place around the Polk County Fair times. It is currently scheduled for June 29th. As for the spring flooding, all paperwork had been sent to FEMA, and the City could expect reimbursement for the repairs made in the coming weeks.

The City Council reviewed the law Enforcement Summary to see the activities of the month.

At this point, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to adjourn the meeting so that a public hearing could be held on the Tim Fuch's request for a front yard variance. The motion carried.

After a short discussion, with no public comment, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the variance request. The motion carried.

Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Gisvold, then moved to close the hearing and resume the meeting. The motion carried.

There was also discussion of dogs, both from the standpoints of those who may be kept in poorly maintained kennels to those allowed to roam the community, often barking for long times in the evening. Council member Hasler commented on cats also being a problem. There was also discussion on four-wheelers causing noise and speeding.

People were encouraged to try to identify those involved and contact either the City or the Sheriff's Department and, if possible, identify those speeding on these four-wheelers.

Bingo was discussed, and it was determined to work on a cooperative effort with the Nature Center Board, the Community Club, and the Fair Board to see if these groups could gain some funding for their projects.

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

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

After discussion on EDA progress, Council member Gisvold moved, seconded by Council member Thorson, to appoint Shawnn Balstad to the Board. The motion carried.

Upon consideration, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to declare the properties located at 205 Lincoln Ave. NW, 204 Lincoln Ave. NW and 208 Main Ave. W. to be nuisances because of abandoned material, autos, weeds, and in one case, bee hives located in the back property area. The motion carried and the property owners will be informed of the consequences.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator