

Fertile City Council Minutes

March 16, 2009

The Fertile City Council held it's March meeting on Monday, March 16th, due to a weather delay. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, and Council members Trish Thorson, Dan Gisvold, Dennis Hasler and Todd Wise. Barry Robertson from Fair Meadow Nursing Home was unable to attend.

As Steve Emery, representing Floan-Sanders, the city's engineering consultants, was here, it was determined to look at proposed upgrades and improvements.

At this time, Public Works Supervisor, Kevin Nephew was in attendance and Kevin reported that while most of the storm sewers were functioning properly, there were some that were frozen and steam lines were being used to thaw out drains.

Back to the capital improvements proposals. The projects ranged from the Industrial Park and Airport to the north to Olmscheid's addition to the south.

There was discussion of the potential for projects in the industrial park and the need to have plans and estimates for extending water and sewer to that area. There was also some discussion of funding sources for such efforts, ranging from state and federal to bond financing. It was determined to get estimates to be prepared.

The airport projects were discussed and the first item to be considered was an airport zoning and development plan. One was begun in the late 1990's but never got submitted. It was determined to go ahead on this activity and get the planning underway.

As for a proposed utility extension to a new church being proposed on the east edge of town, it was determined that the facility may be better served by digging a well and installing a septic system.

There was also discussion of extending utilities on the west edge of the community in the sports complex area.

Law enforcement needs were also discussed.

There was then discussion of EDA/HRA appointments.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the minutes of the January 29th, February 9th, February 12th and February 26th meetings. The motion carried.

Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Gisvold, then moved to approve the Treasurer's report and bills. The motion carried.

It was decided to hold a special meeting on the proposed Code on March 26th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator