

Fertile City Council Minutes May 10, 2010

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Todd Wise, Dennis Hasler and Dan Gisvold. Council member Trish Thorson was absent.

As Barry Robertson from Fair Meadow Nursing Home was unable to attend, Libby Eid began with a short report on volunteer activity at the Nature Center. The volunteers had put in 103 hours in April.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried.

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

Kevin Nephew, Public Works Superintendent, then discussed the progress on crack filling at the airport. MinnDak Paving would be doing the work for a quote of \$13,000. The City will be responsible for twenty percent of the cost. There was discussion of needing a new melting pot so that this type of work could be done internally. The old equipment is not adaptable to long periods of use. There is a possibility for this year that MinnDak could do some work on the streets. As for the problems with the lift station by the Nursing Home, the pump was clogged with towel-like rags which caused the one pump to blow. A replacement pump has been ordered.

At 7:00 p.m. a Public Hearing was then called for a side yard variance for Hall's Auto Body. There were no objections raised.

At 7:15 p.m. a Public Hearing was called for a side yard variance for Andrea Gunufson. Once again, no objections were raised.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the variance for Hall's Auto Body. The motion carried.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the variance for Andrea Gunufson. The motion carried.

Kevin nephew then brought up the calcium chloride program and stated that it would be done in June. There was also discussion with Dan Wilkens on maintenance of the Nature Center, including the berm keeping flood water away from the Nature Center and the road to it.

Derek Flanagan, representing Eide Bailly, then gave the report on the City's annual audit. Flanagan, using a new management report showed the City was in a strong financial condition.

The Council then considered the new bylaws for the Fertile HRA/EDA that contained new highlights of powers and limitations for the EDA. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the bylaws pending EDA approval. The motion carried.

Dan Wilkens then came before the Council to show the new map that had much clearer delineations of elevation in the airport area. Drainage for the airport was then discussed as well as airport maintenance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator