

City Council Minutes May 9, 2011

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The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the Fertile Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Trish Thorson and Dennis Hasler. Council members Gisvold and Wise were absent.

The meeting began with Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Barry Robertson giving his report. Robertson informed the Council that Fair Meadow began and ended the month of April with 47 residents. Fair Meadow also served 310 home delivered meals and provided seventeen days of adult day care. Work is proceeding on finding a new nurse call system.

Public Works Superintendent Kevin Nephew then informed the Council that work was proceeding on crack filling and blacktop work that would be considered for late May-early June. Administrator Frohrip informed the Council that it looked necessary to hire a part-time person averaging twenty hours per week to help with grass cutting and maintenance projects.

Kevin also discussed the two variance proposals. He stated that Senora Pederson's request for a variance from the rear yard setback requirements presented no problems and would allow her to construct a needed new garage. As for Jackie Erickson's proposal, Nephew pointed out problems for consideration. Basically the variance would allow for construction within three feet of the alleyway and would cause problems, especially with snow clearance.

The meeting was then closed and a public hearing was held on the variances. There was also a problem in that Jackie Erickson's proposed garage needed to move three feet to the east. Ms. Erickson stated this failure to receive the variances would interfere with her fence and an Otter Tail pole in the vicinity. It was determined that the Otter Tail utility pole could be moved.

With no further discussion, the hearing was closed and the Council meeting called back into session. Upon review of the information, Council member Hasler moved, seconded by Council member Thorson, to approve the variance request for Senora Pederson. The motion carried. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, then moved to not approve the variance request of Jackie Erickson. The motion carried.

John Frohrip informed the Council that people were going to be informed to clean up their yards and that some temporary help would be needed to help with grass cutting.

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

After a review of the Treasurer's Report and Bills, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator