

City Council Minutes October 10, 2011

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council Members Trish Thorson, Dennis Hasler and Todd Wise. Council member Dan Gisvold arrived later in the meeting.

The meeting began with Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Barry Robertson making his report to the Council. Fair Meadow started September with 50 residents and finished with 48. There were also 350 home-delivered meals and 27 days of adult day care.

There was some discussion of potential funding changes from both the State and Federal governments. Robertson also reported that Fair Meadow had received a \$57,500 donation for a new bus for Fair Meadow residents. These funds came from the same family that had given the money for the present bus.

There was discussion of the progress on Assisted Living. Robertson reported that the by-laws for Fair Meadow Foundation had been written and that efforts were being made on the formation of a Board and the associated organizational activities.

There was also consideration of financial projections and a meeting with U.S. Department of Agriculture representatives on the possibility of a loan for Assisted Living construction. While the loan had some possibilities, including a 40 year term, there were some potentially negative issues to deal with. One of those was that the U.S.D.A. would not allow stoves in the living units. These issues would be discussed at the community meetings to be held in November.

Administrator Frohrip brought up the need to take a look at Summerfield Place as part of the overall project along with Assisted Living and Fair Meadow Nursing Home. Frohrip brought out the point that the EDA/HRA, along with the City, may want to consider buying Summerfield. Council member Dennis Hasler asked why the City would consider doing so. Frohrip pointed out that Summerfield might prove to be a useful revenue stream to the EDA and HRA as well as a valuable asset to the Nursing Home and the proposed Assisted Living project by being a part of the campus along with the other two.

Frohrip pointed out that it is also necessary to determine the current physical condition of the structure, both to look at its value if a purchase is considered and to see if it would fit into the future plans for both the City and the Nursing Home. This study proposal has a cost of \$3000.

Libby Eid reported that for the month of September, the Learning Center had 19 volunteers put in a total of 56 hours. There was also discussion of the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon which will be held in the Senior Room at the Community Center.

Upon review of the minutes of the previous meeting, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.



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erø Report and Bills, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Frohrip updated the Council with progress on the search for a new City Attorney. Frohrip informed the Council that, in late October or November, the proposals should be back in for review.

The bi-annual airport maintenance agreement with the State of Minnesota was then discussed. At that time Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Gisvold, moved to pass Resolution #10-1-11 covering the maintenance agreements for the next two years. The motion carried.

Upon further review of the Summerfield study request, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that it be approved. The motion carried.

Dan Wilkens then appeared before the Council to discuss moving the poles in the hangar area as was covered in the last meeting. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to go on with the project as proposed with Wild Rice Electric Cooperative. The motion carried.

The annual request for liquor licenses for MDS Food and Beverage (The Other Place), Fertile Wine and Spirits (Al & Lauraø), the Sand Hill Supper Club and Oliverø Bar and Grill were then presented. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

There was then discussion of the bridge into the Nature Center Area. The Council expressed a wish to meet with Garfield Township and the Nature Center Board on the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator