

## **Fertile City Council Minutes September 14, 2009**

The City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, Trish Thorson, Dennis Hasler and Todd Wise.

The meeting began with a report by Barry Robertson of the Fair Meadow Nursing Home. They started and ended the month with 49 residents, operating at 99% capacity. There have been some troubles with the new carpeting and it is being replaced in some areas, as it was not laying flat. They have also purchased a 2005 van with a new power ramp. The 1979 van had a wheelchair lift that did not pass a recent inspection. Also, as of October 1, 2009 the no smoking rules will be extended to all of the nursing home grounds as well as the building.

Kevin Nephew then reported that the sewer project in Olmscheid's Addition was nearly finished and had been done under estimated costs of \$60,000. Also the crew to televiser and clean some 25% of the city sewer would be here in a few days. As to the coloring of the city water in some locations, this was caused by a power outage and resulting problems with the three phase power to some of the pumps. This had been repaired and the system was functioning normally.

Libby Eid delivered a short report on Nature Center activities. There had been two invitational 3-D archery shoots in August.

Upon a motion by Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Wise, the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were approved.

Upon a motion by Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Hasler, the Treasurer's Report and Bills were approved.

After some discussion, Council member Thorson, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve a \$10,000 loan from the E.D.A. to Carole Larson for the purchase of commercial washers for her laundromat. The motion carried.

It was noted that future loans of this nature would be handled by the E.D.A.

After review of the budget, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Thorson, moved to approve the preliminary budget and the Resolution #08-02-09 setting the preliminary tax levy request at \$168,000 and setting the public meeting date for consideration of the final levy to be December 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. The motion carried and the resolution passed.

The Council also considered a request by the UMC Veterans Club and Oliver's Bar & Grill to close a portion of Lincoln Avenue in front of Oliver's for a street dance to be held on September 25. Council member Hasler moved, seconded by Council member Thorson to approve the request. The motion carried.

After thorough discussion of allowing qualified restaurants to serve strong beer on Sundays, Council member Hasler moved to approve the motion. Council member Thorson seconded the motion. Upon a vote, Council member Thorson voted in favor of the motion and Council member Hasler voted no. Council member Wise abstained. Mayor Nephew then voted in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Brian Nephew, Mayor

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John J. Frohrip, City Administrator