

FERTILE REMINDER

AUGUST 2013



FERTILE DAYS ----- AUGUST 10 - 11



Calendar

- 5 Firemen meet
- 8 Recycle
- 10 Fertile Days
- 11 Community Church Services
- 13 Fertile Girls
- 13 Fertile Garden Club
- 15 Reminder Deadline
- 19 Library Board Meets
- 20 First Day of School FC
- 20 Council Meets
- 22 Recycle

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Fertile Fire Department



Annual Pancake Breakfast



August 11, 2013

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Community Center

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff: I guess it is time to renew my Subscription. I always enjoy reading about what has been going on in Fertile. It is amazing how the early years of one's life are remembered for such a long time and what a lasting influence they have.

I am sending \$45.00; please renew my subscription for 3 years at \$10.00 a year and use the remaining \$15.00 to go have coffee and think of me as you take your break.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2013 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Julie Jessen, Tad Miller and Pat Renchin, City Clerk, Cindy Peters & Maintenance Manager Steve Roberts. Absent was Council Member Penny Miller.

- *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to approve the June minutes.* Unanimous
- *Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to accept agenda.* Unanimous.
- Agendas are posted at City Hall, at the Library, and at the Post Office, 24 hours in advance of each Council Meeting. If you wish to be on the Agenda, please contact City Hall two days before the meeting.

Dennis May: Fairgrounds Statue Project

- Dennis May, representative for the Worth County Beautification Committee, provided the council with two separate drawings of the statue that would be placed in the Worth County Fairgrounds, representing the City of Fertile. Our statue would be placed at the entrance to the fairgrounds and other towns would be placed at various spots around the grounds. The council chose a "monument" style which will display an engraving of the mill building and dam, along with the date that Fertile was established. When a final drawing is completed, Dennis will bring it back to the council for approval.

Katelyn McColloch cancelled her request to be placed on the agenda.

CDBG-NIACOG House Sale Discussion (Last minute addition to the agenda)

Tad wanted to update the council that a house that had been given a Federal grant for rehabilitation, is now for sale. According to the terms of the contract that the City of Fertile entered with NIACOG, a resident must live in the home for 5 years for the grant to be considered finalized. Joyce stated that she would call NIACOG to clarify how the city should proceed, in reference to a resident selling his home prior to the 5 year deadline.

City Maintenance Report

- Steve cleaned and repaired the pressure sprayer. The water tower is in the process of being painted, and Steve needed to shut down the tower to convert it to an auxiliary system until the tower can be used again. During the process of conversion, the pumps lost pressure. Steve placed a pressure relief valve on the system to maintain a steady water pressure for the town. Saturday, July 13th, a lightning strike, caused the electricity to go out in parts of town. Concurrently, a massive flash flood rain event began, which made it difficult for the sewer pumps to keep up with the water volume. Steve kept the DNR apprised of the situation. The alley north of East Main will be repaired as soon as possible.
- *Pat moved, Tad 2nd to approve the maintenance report.* Unanimous.

Mayor's Report

- The city has purchased speaker stands to go with the speaker system already purchased by the Fertile Days committee and this will provide a sound system for the Community Center as well.
- The property at 501 West Washington was asked to allow an inspection by the city to determine why the water meter was not reading properly. The curb stop was broken as well. The party did not comply with the first request and was given 5 days to comply as

instructed by the city attorney. The resident completed the necessary repairs and is now in compliance.

- The community center will be rented to the WCDA Board to hold a meeting for all Trustees, City Mayors, city clerks and council members in Worth County on a date to be set in the future
 - *Jeff motioned, Julie 2nd to waive the rental fee for the WCDA Board for their meeting.* Unanimous.
 - The Mayor attended an all-day, FEMA, flood plain management meeting held in Ventura. Mayor Russell completed and received the required Iowa DNR Flood Plain Management certificate. While at the meeting, a DNR engineer asked the Mayor for additional information regarding a river bank excavation project involving a Fertile resident.
 - Mayor Russell updated all of the emergency numbers requested by the DNR.
 - A letter was mailed to a few residents asking them to remove bushes or foliage around the meters to enable Steve to read their meters.
 - Vandalism to a "park closed" sign and an electrical outlet in the shelter house in the park was reported to the Worth County Sheriff dept. The damage was repaired.
 - Warren Bruns completed all of the water consumer confidence reports required annually.
 - The street replacement at the intersection of Main Street and 1st street has now been completed.
 - A broken curb stop and broken water line to the house at 110 East Main Street has been repaired and a lien has been placed against the property to pay for the repair.
 - A palm tree and corn plant have been donated to the city hall from Ken and Deena Biretz. The city thanks them both for the gifts.
 - Mosquito spraying around town began July 3rd, and the 6th and will again be applied on August 9th and 10th.
 - July 13th, five inches of rain fell on Fertile in 4-1/2 hours. The Mayor met with Ray Huftalin (Worth County Emergency Management) along with the Worth County Sheriff's department to discuss the damage from the flash flood.
 - A water sample was sent to the lab for analysis due to the 5 minute power outage.
 - The antennas on top of the water tower will be removed temporarily while the tower is being painted.
 - A curb-stop at 305 West Main has been repaired by the resident.
 - The water heater for the community center has failed and the city has asked Larson Plumbing and Heating to replace it.
 - *Tad moved, Jeff 2nd to approve the mayor's report.* Unanimous
- ### City Clerk's Report
- Cindy presented the June Financials. A complete set of financials are available at City Hall upon request. The following is a summary of the year-to-date income, expenses & fund balances.

7/1 - 2/28	General	Roads	Water/Sewer	Total
Income	175,274.86	34,991.83	128,184.68	338,451.37
Expense	159,381.69	28,843.31	123,594.24	311,819.24
Total	15,893.17	6,148.52	4,590.44	26,632.13
Fund Balance	52,258.39	49,324.48	96,493.45	198,076.32

- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve Financial Report.* Unanimous

Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve June Bills. Unanimous
 The city clerk advised the council that liens against properties located at 207 East Main Street (\$281.21) and 605 West Washington Street, (\$219.94) would be presented to the Worth County Treasurer.

Julie moved, Tad 2nd to approve the liens for submission. Unanimous.

Committee Reports

- The Little League reported that the season is now completed, and that a profit was recorded. Julie submitted receipts, and financial reports for review by the council.

- Fertile Days will be here soon! The festivities begin on Saturday, August 10th through Sunday, August 11th. Be sure to attend!

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 20th, 2013, at Fertile City Hall.
- Julie moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Unanimous

**City of Fertile
 Bills Paid
 As of June 30, 2013**

8:21 AM

07/18/2013

Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Checking					
Check	06/02/2013	6529	US Post Office	Stamps	-128.80
Deposit	06/03/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	898.53
Deposit	06/03/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	343.80
Deposit	06/03/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	60.84
Deposit	06/03/2013			Little League Player fee	45.00
Deposit	06/03/2013			Property Taxes	3,484.97
Deposit	06/03/2013			Casino Funds Deposit	2,767.33
Deposit	06/03/2013			Deposit Correction	1.41
Bill Pmt -Check	06/03/2013	ATM	Baker Floral	Plant for Cindy	-28.75
Paycheck	06/05/2013	6486	Roberts, Stephen J		-1,288.74
Paycheck	06/05/2013	6487	Bruns, Warren		-301.99
Paycheck	06/05/2013	6488	Russell, Joyce		-770.95
Paycheck	06/05/2013	6489	Peters, Cynthia		-452.79
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6490	Alliant Energy	Electric Bill	-1,711.89
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6491	CarQuest	motor oil for city pickup	-18.57
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6492	Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric, Inc.	Heavy duty weedwacker for parks	-517.19
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6493	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6494	Kramer Ace Hardware	Parts box for shop/chain to drag ball diamonds	-39.52
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6495	UPS	Water Testing	-11.45
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6496	US Post Office	Annual PO Box Rental Fee	-46.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/05/2013	6497	WCTA	Telephone/Internet	-156.05
Deposit	06/05/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,161.97
Check	06/07/2013	6498	US Post Office	Stamps	-66.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2013	6499	CAD	pick up old computer monitors and towers	-65.00
Deposit	06/11/2013			Utility Bills / Little League / Fines Deposit	1,945.32
Liability Check	06/11/2013	I-Que	IPERS		-613.60
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6500	Advantage Business Solutions, Inc.	Professional Accounting Service	-674.40
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6501	AgSource Laboratories	Water & Wastewater Testing	-100.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6502	Hewett Wholesale, Inc.	Concession Stand Supplies	-408.24
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6503	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Turn on Concession Stand Water	-72.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6505	USDA	Water & Sewer Loan Payments	-36,688.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6506	Waste Management	Landfill/Garbage	-1,918.58
Bill Pmt -Check	06/11/2013	6507	Menards	Hand Pump Sprayer	-24.97
Deposit	06/13/2013			Road Use Tax	1,507.40
Liability Check	06/14/2013	eRps	United States Treasury		-885.70
Paycheck	06/19/2013	6509	Roberts, Stephen J		-910.42
Paycheck	06/19/2013	6508	Peters, Cynthia		-90.90
Deposit	06/19/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	3,644.38
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6518	Bill's Family Foods	Food for concession stand for Little League	-520.24
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6519	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-177.33
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6520	Hare Electric	Work on broken underground wire/rewire two po	-440.62
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6521	Haugen Lawn Service	broadleaf control at lagoon	-325.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6522	Iowa League of Citites	Annual Dues	-295.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6523	Menards	Light bulbs, softsoap, hand sanitizer	-21.76
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6524	Pronto	gas for trk/battery-chrme testr/gas for mower	-361.31
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6525	UPS	Water Testing	-22.21
Bill Pmt -Check	06/20/2013	6526	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-43.22
Deposit	06/21/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	939.87
Deposit	06/21/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	3.31
Deposit	06/21/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	261.18
Deposit	06/26/2013			Little League Deposit	442.93
Deposit	06/26/2013			Utility Deposit, RUFT, CC Rental, Ins Reimburs	5,963.25
Deposit	06/27/2013			Local Option Sales Tax	2,161.97
Bill Pmt -Check	06/27/2013	ATM	The Graphic Edge	T-Shirts for Little League	-755.29
Deposit	06/28/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	393.63
Bill Pmt -Check	06/28/2013	6527	Staples	gift for Eddie	-43.77
Bill Pmt -Check	06/28/2013	6528	UPS	sewer testing	-11.45
Deposit	06/30/2013			FertileDays/Utility/CommCtrRent/Ltl Lge Deposit	650.00
Deposit	06/30/2013			Utility Bill Deposit	2,293.42
Liability Check	06/30/2013	EFTPS	United States Treasury	42-1028074	-1,089.15
Liability Check	06/30/2013	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-408.00
Sales Tax Payment	06/30/2013	EFT	Iowa Department of Revenue & Finance		-1,138.00
Liability Check	06/30/2013	EFT	IPERS		-717.89
Deposit	06/30/2013			Interest	3.37
Total Checking					-24,396.66
Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2013			Interest	8.89
Total Roads Revenue Accounts					8.89
Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2013			Interest	2.77
Total Water Revenue Accounts					2.77
Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	06/30/2013			Interest	2.42
Total Sewer Revenue Accounts					2.42
TOTAL					-24,382.78



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- Redemption Mountain—Gerry Fitzgerald
- The Lemon Orchard—Luanne Rice
- Don't Go—Lisa Scottoline
- A Bride for All Seasons—Margaret Brownley
- The Kitchen House—Kathleen Grissom
- The Dog Who Danced—Susan Wilson
- The 9th Girl—Tami Hoag
- Always Watching—Chevy Stevens
- The Heist—Janet Evanovich
- Straight Shooter—Ralph Compton

DVD'S

- The Last Stand—Arnold Scharzenegger
- A Good Day to Die Hard—Bruce Willis
- Silver Linings—Jennifer Lawrence
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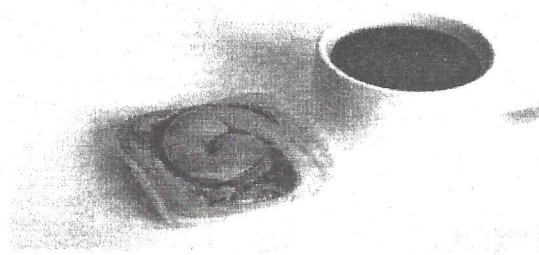
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Thanks to Linda (Suby) and Tom Price and Léon and Shirley Suby for organizing the get-together and reserving the shelter house. The day was overcast and breezy but the rain held off for the noon potluck and socializing.

The family of Andrew and his first wife, Ragnild as well as his family with my grandma Celia are all deceased.

Children born to:

Andrew and Ragnild (Holskar) Suby
Betsy (Suby) Nelson, Anna (Suby) Halvorson,
Peter Suby, and Hilda (Suby) Kilen

Children born to:

Andrew and Celia (Halvorson) Suby
Elbin Suby, Henry Suby, Lewis Suby, William
Suby, Morris Suby, Cora (Suby) Jenkins, Doris
(Suby) Oswald and Arthur Suby

We have fewer first cousins at each reunion as many are deceased, and health, distance, and age prevents many from being able to attend. Some of our children and grand-children shared the day with us.

Linda also invited her Kirk cousins and it was good to have them join us as most of us had know each other growing up in the Fertile and Hanlontown area.

We shared lots of memories of days gone by, caught up on what's happening in our lives now and as always there was plenty of good food. And not to be forgotten, coffee.

Ellamae (Oswald) Butler
Daughter of Doris (Suby) Oswald

REMEMBER THIS COUPLE? Jim & Betty Plunkett He was Pastor of Church of Christ in the 50's. They recently celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary.



Pastor Jim and Betty Plunkett, Lawrenceburg, IND.
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And this couple? **Howard and Beverly Drevs, Kanawha.** They taught school in Fertile in the 50's. They are celebrating their 60th year of marriage.



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Fellowship Time - 9:55 am

Worship - 10:15 am



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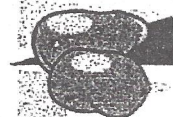
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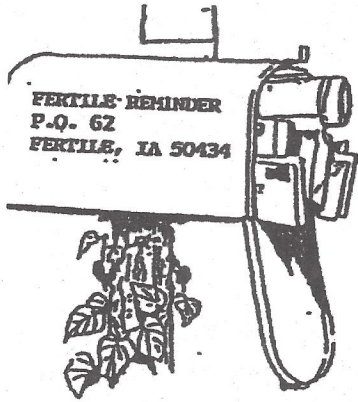
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FERTILE DAYS COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday- August 11th @ 10:00 AM
Bring a Lawn Chair to the Fertile Park Band Stand

Rain Location: the Lutheran Church Building

This Year we are encouraging everyone in attendance to bring a non-perishable food items that will be shared with the "FOOD BANK" in Forest City

Worship songs led by the Lutheran church
Special Music led by the Community Church (Clear Lake)
Message by Rob Perry, minister of the Church of Christ

Join us as we Reflect the Kingdom of God in the Fertile Community by sharing the Gospel Message as one.