

FEBRUARY 2011

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Feb. 1	Senior Dinner	7 p.m.
	Fertile Girls Night Out	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	Recycle Day	
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day	
Feb. 15	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
	DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES	
Feb. 21	Library Board Meeting	
Feb. 24	Recycle Day	

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Penny Miller and Cindy Peters and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Pat Renchin; and Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.
- Quorum was not met. A meeting was scheduled for November 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was: Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the October Minutes. Motion Carried.

Community Center

- The City received a \$90,000 grant from the Worth County Development Authority, the charitable arm of the Diamond Joe Casino, to purchase the former Cherry Tree Builders property. The property will be used for a community center and city hall. The property was purchased for \$125,000. The remaining \$35,000 will be paid for with a line of credit with a 5% apr. The discussion was whether to get the line for the \$35,000 only, to be paid off in 15 payments; borrow \$55,000 to be paid off in 24 payments, or borrow \$65,000 to be paid off in 28 payments. The payments will come out of the monthly allocation we receive from the Casino – no tax payers money would be involved. The additional amounts, above the \$35,000 to purchase the building, would be used if needed to start the remodeling process. Our next WCDA grant will finish the project.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a \$65,000 line of credit, \$35,000 to be used to purchase the building and \$30,000 to be spent according to a budget to be approved at the next council meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous, Motion Carried.

Mayor's Report

- Crescent Moon has removed the porta-poties as of Nov 1st
- LeDoux signs has checked the Welcome to Fertile sign
- The DNR will be re-mapping the flood plain in 2012 for FEMA funding issues
- Buck and Joyce Russell worked on the Christmas lights for Main street, Lights will not be hung on the bridge or in the park due to continued vandalism – Last year the City lost all of the lights due to cut wires
- The Garden Club will be hanging new seasonal flags down main street
- Fred Hare will be hanging the decorations on the light poles
- The snow plow is fixed and ready to go for this year.
- To date, the Fertile Fire Departments have received \$265,608.98 from the WCDA, Worth County Fire Departments have received over \$1,332,861.90 (7 towns)

City Clerk's Report

- WCDA stated that any connection to their cabling will require a full internet connection fee each month. This would mean that the city would need to pay \$560 per month for all of the necessary security camera connections. At this point, running our own cable and/or implementing a city wide wireless network would be more cost effective.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (33% of year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	46%	34%	38%	39%	40%	
Expense	36%	18%	35%	33%	30%	
Net Income	\$8,437.80	\$4,842.76	\$1,300.57	\$4,642.13	\$2,474.50	\$12,341.89

- Penny motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve October's bills. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

- Housing Committee -- The CDBG housing grant has completed the first round of funding for two projects in Fertile. The second round has started and will fund remodeling projects for three homes in Fertile.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, December 21st, 2010, at Fertile City Hall.

City of Fertile

Bills Paid

As of October 31, 2010

6:13 PM

12/22/2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrual Basis	Amount
0011110 - Checking						
Deposit	10/04/2010			Casino Revenue		2,489.07
Deposit	10/06/2010			Utility Bills		1,101.87
Paycheck	10/06/2010	5375	Bruns, Warren			-307.47
Paycheck	10/06/2010	5377	Russell, Joyce			-543.24
Paycheck	10/06/2010	5376	May III, Edgar F			-358.21
Deposit	10/06/2010			Liens		2,199.15
Check	10/07/2010	5374	USPS	Utility Bill Postage		-56.00
Deposit	10/12/2010			Utility Bills - PayPal		395.26
Liability Chec	10/13/2010	EFTPS	United States Treasury	Payroll Liabilities		-1,076.25
Liability Chec	10/13/2010	I-Que	IPERS	Payroll Liabilities		-611.61
Paycheck	10/13/2010	5378	Koch, Craig A.			-688.31
Check	10/13/2010	Debit	Intuit	Checks		-220.49
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5379	Crescent Moon	Porta-Poties		-315.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5380	Hawkins, Inc.	425950		-10.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5381	IDNR	IA9820010		-135.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5382	IMWCA	Workman's Comp Adjustment		-213.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5383	Larsen Plumbing & Heati	Water Plant Repairs		-227.97
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5384	LGI	Water Testing		-11.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5385	Pronto	Fuel and Oil		-124.40
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5386	Saturn Builders	Housing Grant - Gould		-8,808.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5387	UPS	Water Testing		-18.74
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5388	Waste Management	Waste Removal / Recycling		-2,105.74
Bill Pmt -Che	10/13/2010	5389	WCTA	Phone & Internet		-137.58
Deposit	10/14/2010			Property Taxes		22,852.23
Deposit	10/19/2010			Roads		1,351.74
Deposit	10/20/2010			Deposit		5,886.03
Bill Pmt -Che	10/20/2010	5392	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas		-135.45
Bill Pmt -Che	10/20/2010	5393	CarQuest	Batteries		-31.99
Bill Pmt -Che	10/20/2010	5394	NIACOG	12th Monthly Installment		-300.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/20/2010	5395	Pronto	Fuel and Oil		-20.52
Bill Pmt -Che	10/20/2010	5396	Verizon Wireless	cell phone		-42.64
Check	10/20/2010	5397	Fertile Public Library	Credit on Menard's Bill		-11.99
Deposit	10/27/2010			Utility Bills / RUTF		5,836.40
Bill Pmt -Che	10/27/2010	5398	Alliant Energy	Electricity		-1,031.42
Bill Pmt -Che	10/27/2010	5399	Iowa Rural Water Associ	Annual Dues		-200.00
Bill Pmt -Che	10/27/2010	5400	Miller's Diesel and Autom	Snow Plow Repairs		-901.12
Paycheck	10/27/2010	5401	Koch, Craig A.			-630.62
Deposit	10/27/2010			Housing Grant - Gould		8,808.00
Liability Chec	10/29/2010	eFile	Iowa Department of Reve	Payroll Liabilities		-353.00
Sales Tax Pa	10/29/2010	eFile	Iowa Department of Reve	Sales Tax		-1,483.00
Deposit	10/31/2010			Interest		58.67
Total 0011110 - Checking						29,868.66
110b - Roads Revenue Accounts						
Deposit	10/31/2010			Interest		9.93
600b - Water Revenue Accounts						
Deposit	10/31/2010			Interest		18.09
610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts						
Deposit	10/31/2010			Interest		13.48
TOTAL						29,910.16



City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes December 21, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the November Minutes. Motion Carried.

Sealed Bids for the old Fire Station

- The City published notices in both the Northwood Anchor and the Forest City Summit requesting sealed bids for the purchase of the old Fire Station at 205 West Main.
- Bids were due by midnight on December 14th. The City received two bids.
- Fred Hare presented the highest bid at \$25,000.
- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the \$25,000 bid from Fred Hare. Roll call vote was unanimous, Motion Carried
- Fred has agreed to allow the City to leave the current warning siren at the building and to give the City access to the siren controls as necessary.
- Fred will gain possession of the building as soon as the proper paperwork has been filed by the City Attorney and the City has been able to move the contents of the building to the current City Hall/Maintenance building and/or the new building.

Fire Department

- The Fire Department announced that they will be looking for grant funding (not to impede upon the WCDA grants for the Community Center / City Hall and Library projects) for a new Emergency Response / Bunker vehicle. The current vehicle was made in 1978. The new vehicle will cost \$230,000. The Fire Department is looking for help to find and write the grants. The Council agreed that the City can help point them in the right direction, but that their time needed to be focused on the previously mentioned projects. The Fire Department understood and agreed.

Community Center

- On Dec 13th the City closed on the new property. The deed has been filed with the County Recorder. The building was purchased with a \$90,000 WCDA grant and a \$35,000 loan to be paid off in less than 2 years. The City also secured an additional \$30,000 available if necessary to get the remodeling project started.
- The City has secured insurance for the building.
- Bids were received from Brcka Construction and Larsen Plumbing and Heating for the remodeling project. Hare Electric is waiting for the Electric Inspector and Fire Marshall to preview the plans before submitting their portion of the remodeling bids. Bids for the cabinetry are still forth coming.
- The City has the option to accept additional bids.

Mayor's Report

- On Nov. 24th, Craig notified Mayor Russell that he had accepted another full-time job. Buck Russell has taken over the water and sewer responsibilities, still supervised by Warren Bruns. Jeff Berg and Josh Miller have taken over the snow plowing duties. Eddie May and Matt Olson are alternates. The City will accept applications and consider either one full-time, or two part-time people to fill the position.
- On December 5th, the Globe Gazette published an article about the City of Fertile. They interviewed Mayor Russell and others in town. While the article was not 100% accurate, it was still a great plug for our little town. ☺
- Vandalism: before the snow covered them, someone pulled up one of the new picnic tables at the ball fields. Luckily it can be re-installed with minor effort. Vandals have also pulled off the drop-box cover at the Library.
- The water tower was cleaned and inspected this spring. The interior lining is in good condition and only needs to be re-cleaned and inspected every 2 years. The exterior is in poor condition and needs to be painted within the next 3 years.
- Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve a 10 year contract with Maguire Iron to inspect and clean the tower for \$1550 every two years. Motion Carried.
- Brcka Construction installed a 10 foot garage door in-between City Hall and the Maintenance Garage. Once the new building is ready to move City Hall into, we will move the items from the old Fire Station into the current City Hall/Maintenance Shed building, thereby converting it completely into the Maintenance Shed only.

City Clerk's Report

- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (42% of year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	54%	39%	46%	47%	48%	
Expense	38%	22%	42%	43%	37%	
Net Income	\$13,733.86	\$5,361.70	\$1,836.79	\$2,925.81	\$2,723.36	-\$2,375.65

- Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve November's bills. Motion Carried.

- Penny motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the following liens: 210 W Main for \$295.92, 207 E Main for \$312.92, 104 Mill for \$289.38, 110 W Main for \$661.49 and 308 W Main for \$957.89. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Buck is learning the new computerized controls at the water plant from Fred Hare
- Eddie has been in training to be a back-up snow plow driver. He got the snow plow stuck twice on his first night out, once on his second night out, and did not get stuck on his third time out. It appears that he is learning from his mistakes ☺ (We greatly appreciate your patience, as us newbies are learning the ropes.)
- Eddie felt a little better though; knowing that he is not the only one giving Frank's towing some good extra Christmas cash, as the Waste Management Recycling truck and a County plow got stuck within a week from his fiascoes. – Tis the season.
- Jeff and Josh will be going around town trimming up several trees and bushes that have been hitting the snow plow. Also – please remember the snow ordinances and park your vehicles off the road, and move back your garbage and recycle bins when the plow is going to be out and about.

Committee Reports

- Housing Committee – Rome has had some issues with his remodeling, but the contractor will be taking good care of him and get the issues fixed asap.
- Garden Club – the first flag poles sent to us were not strong enough to handle the weight of the flags in the wind. They have been returned and new wooden ones were sent in their place.

Other Business

- Dan Lee, at 101 West Main Street, applied for a variance to allow his commercial sign to be posted in a residential lot.
- Pat motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve a variance allowing a commercial sign, of the current size and location, to be erected and maintained at 101 West Main Street for Riverside Construction. Motion Carried.
- If the business were to change, or if the sign were to be made bigger, or moved closer to the edges of the property, the variance would have to be re-approved.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, January 18th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- All City Department budgets are due for this meeting.

City of Fertile					6:02 PM
Bills Paid					12/22/2010
As of November 30, 2010					Accrual Basis
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
0011110 - Checking					
Deposit	11/01/2010			Housing Grant Income	9,851.00
Deposit	11/02/2010			Library Funding (direct deposit error)	2,065.60
Deposit	11/03/2010			Utility Bill Deposit	1,103.75
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5403	May III, Edgar F.		-432.32
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5402	Bruns, Warren		-307.47
Paycheck	11/03/2010	5404	Russell, Joyce		-494.74
Check	11/03/2010	5405	US Post Office	Utility Bill Postage	-84.00
Deposit	11/03/2010		Diamond Joe Casino	Casino Fund Income	2,378.10
Check	11/08/2010		Verizon Wireless	new phone for maint	-64.19
Deposit	11/10/2010			Utility Bill Deposit	3,541.31
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5406	Crescent Moon	porta-potties	-315.00
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5407	Hare Electric	4-way light bulb, water plant bulb	-186.68
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5408	Hawkins, Inc	chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5409	IFACWSRF	sewer loan payment	-2,385.00
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5410	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	Wintzenz Concession Stand, Water Heat	-741.19
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5411	LGI	water testing	-53.75
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5412	Miller's Diesel and Auto	snow plow	-242.52
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5413	Pronto	gas	-34.95
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5414	Satem Builders	Housing Grant - Gould house	-9,851.00
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5415	UPS	water samples	-18.83
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5416	Waste Management	garbage/recycling	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/10/2010	5417	WCTA	phone/internet	-137.31
Paycheck	11/10/2010	5420	Koch, Craig A.		-873.43
Check	11/10/2010	5421	TOK Real Estate LLC	utility deposit refunded	-150.00
Check	11/10/2010	5418		VOID.	0.00
Check	11/10/2010	5419		VOID.	0.00
Deposit	11/12/2010			Liens/Taxes	2,856.27
Deposit	11/12/2010			LOST	2,028.67
Deposit	11/16/2010			Streets	1,594.55
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/24/2010	5422	Black Hills Energy	natural gas	-219.22
Bill Pmt - Cr	11/24/2010	5423	Verizon Wireless	cell phone	-42.64
Paycheck	11/24/2010	5424	Koch, Craig A.		-188.44
Paycheck	11/24/2010	5425	Koch, Craig A.		-363.71
Deposit	11/26/2010			Utilities deposit	4,737.51
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	93.39
Total 0011110 - Checking					11,430.02
110b - Roads Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	9.62
600b - Water Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	16.86
610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts					
Deposit	11/30/2010			Interest	12.50
TOTAL					11,469.06

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2010 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; and Maintenance Manager Buck Russell. Absent were: Council Member Tad Miller and City Clerk Eddie May. Minutes were recorded by Council Member Penny Miller.
- Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the December Minutes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing on the sale of the old Fire Station

- The regular meeting was closed at 7:04 and the Public Hearing was opened.
- Mayor Russell read a letter, prepared by City Attorney John Greve, giving the legal description of the old Fire Station located at 205 West Main Street.
- The public was asked for any opinions or objections regarding the sale of the old Fire Station building to Fred Hare for the sum of \$25,000.00. No objections or other opinions were given.
- Jeff Berg motioned and Pat Renchin 2nd that we approve the sale of the old Fire Station located at 205 West Main Street. Roll call vote was held, Motion carried.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 pm and the regular meeting was reopened.

Budget Submissions

- The budget for the Worth County Sheriff's office was turned in to the Mayor for our review. They have asked for \$6.25 per person for the 360 people who reside in Fertile for a total budget of \$2,250.00 for the fiscal year 2011-12. Cindy Peters motioned and Pat Renchin 2nd to approve the Worth County Budget. Motion carried.
- Lisa May turned in the budget for the Fertile Library for review. The budget was increased by \$500 from last year to cover increased utility costs and other expenses.
- Dan Miller turned in the budget for the Fire Department for review. The Fire Department requested \$11,000.00 for 2011. The membership has risen from 7 to 14 and they will need more bunker gear as well as an expensive mandated radio upgrade.
- Penny Miller, from the Fertile Garden Club, turned in their budget for the year 2011. They are asking for \$700, which is down from last year.
- Fred Hare brought to the council's attention that the electrical service for the lighting on Main Street needs to be replaced. It is old and keeps burning out. He thinks we should move the electrical box, from the pole outside, into the old city hall, so that it could be inside instead of out in the elements. Fred gave an initial quote of \$12,000 to \$15,000.
- The lawn mower needs to be replaced for the city. Three quotes were given to the Mayor for the council's review: \$8,719.20 from Doug's Service in Garner for a Toro; \$5,550 from Kramer Hardware in Clear Lake for a Country Clipper; and \$5,000 from North Central Sales & Service in Leland for a Country Clipper. This price includes the trade-in of our current mower. All of them will service the mower and replace it while the mower is repaired with a loaner.
- The Library, Fire Department, Garden Club and special item budgets will be reviewed and approved or adjusted at a special budget meeting on February 2, 2011. A public hearing will be held on February 15th to approve the final budget numbers.

Community Center

- The state electrical inspector "grandfathered" in the current electrical service for the community center. This will save the city a lot of money that might have been required to re-work the service. The building currently is wired for 3-phase which is more than we will ever need. Fred will downsize it to a single-phase to save money.
- It was suggested that the air lines in the new building be used by the Fire Department. Pat moved and Cindy 2nd that the Fire Department be allowed to remove the air lines in the community center building and transfer them to the Fire Department building. Motion Carried. Any lines not used by the Fire Department will be returned to the community center building.
- The Community Center/City Hall 2nd phase WCDA grant application is due. The city requested quotes for electrical, plumbing and construction to submit for the grant. According to our city ordinances any bid less than \$50,000 does not require more than one bid be procured. Larson Plumbing and Heating quoted \$50,000, Hare Electric quoted \$39,855 and Breka Construction quoted \$37,000. Pat Renchin motioned, Cindy Peters 2nd that the city of Fertile submit a grant application for the 2nd phase of the City Hall/Community Center in the amount of \$102,000 to WCDA. Motion carried. The 3rd, and final, phase of the City Hall/Community Center grant will be applied for in the fall WCDA grant awards.

Mayor's Report

- In 2010, the WCDA gave the City of Fertile \$209,793.08. Street improvements and purchase of the community center/city hall building for \$176,818.90. Fertile Days award of \$2,000.00, Monthly awards to City of Fertile total \$30,974.18 (used for Fire Department loan payments and a new water heater in the Library).
- A letter was sent requesting snow removal for the property at 110 West Main Street.
- The first week of January, the mayor and city clerk packed the contents of the old city hall up in preparation for the move to the new city hall. On January 8th, everything was moved to the new city hall building. The City of Fertile would like to thank Dan, Penny and Josh Miller for their assistance and for the use of their truck and trailer. Thanks also to Cindy Peters, Warren Bruns, Buck & Joyce Russell and Eddie May for helping out.
- On January 7th, WCTA moved the phones to the new building.

City Clerk's Report

- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (50% of year)

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	63%	53%	53%	55-4%		
Expense	47%	28%	49%	49%	44%	
Net Income	\$13,205.73	\$7,553.18	\$1,940.47	\$3,509.79	\$3,031.64	\$30,580.89

- Cindy motioned, Pat 2nd to approve December's bills. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Report

- Buck reported that everything was running smoothly. Buck mentioned that the lagoon building needs painted, and sealed and the roof needs to be repaired as well. The gates at the lagoon need to be replaced and or removed. We could consider removing the secondary gates and install just one main gate. Warren said that another valve was leaking in the west lagoon (little cell) and we need to have that repaired.
- Advertisement for a maintenance person was listed in the paper on January 12th and also posted at various locations around town. 3 applications have been received so far. 2 of the applications were from people who do not live in Fertile and that is a pre-requisite for the job. They were not interested in moving to Fertile. Another applicant will graduate from NIACC in May. He stated that he would be willing to move to Fertile. The mayor and council will interview any and all applicants for this position.
- Tad Miller asked Cindy Peters to bring the idea of sharing the costs of a city maintenance man with another community. Cindy Peters had talked with the Mayor of Harlontown, and they were not interested. The council discussed the pros and cons and determined that we would probably not be able to share hours with another city.
- The council has decided that the water meters will not be read and will be estimated for the months of January and February due to the large amount of snow and ice this winter.
- UTILITY BILLS can still be dropped off at the drop box located in the old city hall building.

Committee Reports

- Fertile Days committee will meet at the new city hall on January 25th at 7:00 pm.

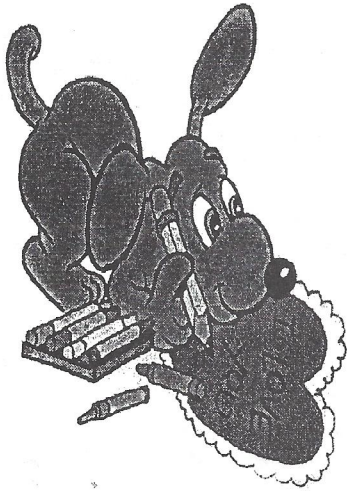
Other Business

- Cindy Peters will be researching and getting an estimate for three security cameras to be placed around town; much like Heritage Park of North Iowa has currently. They will utilize a "live cam website" which can be viewed by the public at any time via the internet. We will need to budget approximately \$3,000.00 for the cameras.
- Pat moved and Jeff 2nd to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in special session, Wednesday, February 2nd, 2011, at Fertile City Hall to discuss the budget, and at 7:00PM in regular session, Tuesday, February 15th, 2011, at Fertile City Hall. A public hearing will be held during this meeting to approve the budget.

City of Fertile	01/18/2011	2:53 PM			
Bills Paid	01/18/2011				
As of December 31, 2010					
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Accrued Bal
					Amount
001b - General Fund Accounts					
Deposit	12/01/2010			Deposit	
Liability Check	12/01/2010	1046	IPERS		3,324.73
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5428	Bruns, Warren		-724.00
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5429	May III, Edgar F.		-307.47
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5427	Russell, Grant		-908.43
Paycheck	12/01/2010	5428	Russell, Joyce		-146.99
Deposit	12/01/2010			LOST	-518.31
Liability Check	12/02/2010	EFTPS	United States Treasury		1,914.90
Liability Check	12/02/2010	EFTPS	United States Treasury		-628.08
Deposit	12/03/2010			Deposit	-582.80
Deposit	12/03/2010			Deposit	1,054.82
Deposit	12/07/2010			Deposit	2,951.46
Deposit	12/08/2010			Deposit	273.59
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5430	Advantage Business Solutions	Computer for Joyce, Annual Backup	820.98
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5431	Alliant Energy	electricity	-411.28
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5432	Central Lock & Key Inc.	re-key water plant, sewer plant, etc.	-1,087.35
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5433	Hawkins, Inc.	chlorine	-328.74
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5442	Warner Ace Hardware	phone / internet	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5435	Larson Plumbing & Heating comm cr	snw fence, winter supplies	132.22
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5438	LGI	water testing	-237.40
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5437	Mills Fleet Farm	8010 2041 0001 1703	-155.25
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5438	UPS		-23.80
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5439	USA Blue Book		-37.48
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5440	Waste Management	484-004578-0513-1	-99.52
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5441	WCTA	phone / internet	-1,843.74
Check	12/08/2010	5434		VOID:	-149.34
Bill Pmt - Check	12/08/2010	5443	NIACOG	housing grant	0.00
Check	12/13/2010	5445	First Security Bank & Trust	new building	-2,800.00
Check	12/13/2010	5444	First Security Bank & Trust	loan for new bldg	-123,000.00
Deposit	12/14/2010			VOID:	35,000.00
Deposit	12/14/2010			VOID:	0.00
Deposit	12/14/2010			Worth County Development	90,000.00
Deposit	12/15/2010			Deposit	1,180.56
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5448	Black Hills Energy	natural gas	2,899.59
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5447	Central Lock & Key Inc.	rekey comm ctr	-983.34
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5448	Verizon Wireless	main cell phone	-170.00
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5448	ICAP	insurance - New Building	-42.64
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5450	NIACOG	housing grant	-373.00
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5451	Salem Builders	Housing Grant - Gould	-9,951.00
Bill Pmt - Check	12/15/2010	5452	Young Construction	Housing Grant - Waage	-11,533.00
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Deposit	12/15/2010			Housing Fund	-300.00
Deposit	12/17/2010			Streets	40,729.00
Check	12/21/2010	5455	Fertile Public Library		1,394.99
Check	12/23/2010	5454	USPS	VOID: Library Funding deposited in wrong ac	0.00
Check	12/23/2010	5456	Russell, Joyce V	water samples	-20.04
Deposit	12/30/2010			reimbursement / recording fee	-218.20
Bill Pmt - Check	12/30/2010	5450	Alliant Energy	electricity	-11,542.83
Bill Pmt - Check	12/30/2010	5457	Fertile Reminder	annual advertising	-1,341.38
Bill Pmt - Check	12/30/2010	5458	Frank's Repair	snow plow towing and truck repairs	-200.00
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Bill Pmt - Check	12/30/2010	5483	Slaytas	office supplies	-37.79
Bill Pmt - Check	12/30/2010	5484	UPS	water samples	-18.70
Deposit	12/31/2010			PayPal Deposit	670.54
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5471	Berg, Jeffrey	council fees	-406.34
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5472	Miller, Tad	council fees	-332.46
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5473	Penny, Miller	council fees	-443.28
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5474	Peters, Cynthia	council fees	-480.22
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5475	Renchin, Pat	council fees	-332.46
Paycheck	12/31/2010	5476	Russell, Joyce	mayor's salary	-868.50
Deposit	12/31/2010			Interest	109.14
Total 001b - General Fund Accounts					8,435.40
110b - Road Revenue Accounts				Interest	9.95
Deposit	12/31/2010				
600b - Water Revenue Accounts				Interest	16.48
Deposit	12/31/2010				
810b - Sewer Revenue Accounts				Interest	
Deposit	12/31/2010				
TOTAL					12.28
					8,474.11



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Burning Range - Ralph Compton

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Emily's Choice - Sharon Gillenwater

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Magnolia - Diana Palmer

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DVD

Salt - Angelina Jolie

Easy A - Emma Stone



LIBRARY NEWS

This year the Christmas Open House had to be postponed until Dec. 18 due to the blizzard. We still had a great turnout. 40 kids came to see Santa, receive gifts, candy & tell him what they wanted for Christmas. There were lots of smiles. **Thank you Hare Electric & Larsen Plumbing & Heating for helping make this possible.**

Matt Odden from Mason City won the \$100 Walmart gift card. We would also like to thank these individuals & Businesses for donating prizes for the drawing: **Craft Communications, Downtown Café, Humble Beginnings, Loni Knudson, MBT, Dawn Millard, Carolyn Nedved, Pronto, Sew Many Blessings, Shryock Racing, Subway, TSB, Linda Tuttle & Walmart.**

THANK YOU SANTA & HIS FAVORITE ELF!!!!

IN REMEMBRANCE

RUTHERFORD B. (RUDY) MONSON

1925 - 2010

Rutherford B. (Rudy) Monson, 85, died November 22, 2010, at his home in rural Forest City. Funeral services were held Nov. 27, 2010 at Winnebago Lutheran Church in rural Lake Mills with Pastor Bill Peters officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Rutherford was born on a farm in Mt.



Valley Township, near Forest City on Nov. 17, 1925, the son of Nick & Etta (Olson) Monson. He was baptized and confirmed at Winnebago Lutheran Church in rural Lake Mills. He received his elementary education in rural schools near his home and he graduated from Forest City High School in 1943.

He served in the U. S. Marine corps during World War II, entering the service on March 23, 1944, and fighting in the South Pacific with the Marine Corps "Scouts and Snipers." After his discharge from the service he returned to the Forest City area. On Dec. 28, 1947, he was united in marriage to Doris Myre at the Little Brown Church in Nashua and the couple made their home on the family farm east of Forest City.

Rudy was a lover of life. After a lifetime of farming he enjoyed spending time attending parades, local threshing shows, buying, fixing up and collecting antique John Deere tractors and classic cars and watching old John Wayne movies.

Rudy knew and would tell you about the genealogy of everyone in the county, even going back as far as 100 plus years!

He loved driving around the countryside sharing stories and checking everyone's crops. Once you got in Dad's car, you weren't sure just how long the ride would last.

Jane's Cafe in Fertile was a favorite gathering spot for dad and all his buddies as they daily kept one another abreast of all the local "happenings." Central to Rudy's life was spending time with his family. He was never happier than when surrounded by all this immediate and extended family.

Rudy is survived by his children: Craig (Teresa) Monson of Forest City; Ardella (Dale) Johnson of Edina, MN; Murray (Donna) Monson of Boon, IA; and Dr. Mark Monson of Mora, MN.

Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren and a sister, Evelyn Budlong of Mason City.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Doris, son Norman, brother Merle Monson, sisters Ora Syckes, Margie Olson, Sally DeBaker and Gertie Smith, and a nephew, Greg Syckes.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

FERTILE AREA CHURCH NEWS

Fertile Lutheran Church
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David Halverson, Lay Minister

9:30 Sunday Worship Service
10:40 Sunday School
Wed. 5:00 P.M. Confirmation
Class

Fertile Church of Christ
3493 Eagle Ave.
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9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Fellowship Time
10:15 Worship Service

Celebration Community Church
805 10th Ave. No.
Clear Lake, IA 50428 10:00

9:00 Sunday School
9:45 Fellowship
Praise & Worship
6:00 p.m. Sunday - Youth
Group

DUANE HIGGINS

1926 - 2010

Duane Higgins died November 23, 2010 at the Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona at the age of 84.



Graveside memorial services were held Dec. 4, 2010 at Bingham Township Cemetery in Woden with Father Randy Schon officiating.

Duane Higgins was born April 20, 1926 at the family farm east of Titonka, the son of George and Irene (Koppen) Higgins. He attended school in Titonka and graduated at the age of 15 in 1943. He enlisted in the U. S.

Marine Corps and served for two and a half years before being honorably discharged.

Upon returning to the Titonka area, Duane began farming and was united in marriage to Doris Davis on August 3, 1948. Doris died on July 19, 1971, and Duane was united in marriage to Arlis Monson on February 14, 1975. Duane was employed at Forester and Winnebago Industries in Forest city. After having back surgery and becoming disabled, Duane retired in 1977.

Duane enjoyed computer games, watching television, casinos and dancing in his earlier years. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wesley.

He is survived by his wife, Arlis of Titonka; children, Michal Higgins of Leland, Patrick Higgins of Fairmont, MN, Kathy (Ron Dautremont of Iowa City, Brian (Vicki) Higgins of Clear Lake, Debra (Monte) Steinfeldt of Buffalo Center, Dennis Higgins of Titonka, a step-daughter, Susan (Tom) Mead of Brooklyn Park, MN; 9 grandchildren and a great-grandson; a sister Darlene Hagen of Titonka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Doris; infant son, Daryl; brother, George; sister-in-law, Thelma Higgins; and brother-in-law, Wayne Hagen.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

MARLYS A. BOOK

1937 - 2010

Marlys A. Book, 73, of Fertile, died Dec. 3, 2010 at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina, MN. Funeral services were held Dec. 6 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. Burial was at Madison Township Cemetery, Forest City.



Marlys A. Book was born in Lake Mills on Nov. 22, 1937, the daughter of Lester and Myrtle (Peterson) Evenson. She grew up in Lake Mills and was united in marriage to Harold Book on Jan. 10, 1953 at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills.

The couple farmed in rural Forest City their entire married lives, later moving into Fertile. Marlys was a wonderful wife and homemaker, devoted to caring for her loving husband and her children. She made an awesome potato salad and her family remembers her wonderful ice-cream desserts. For many years she did painting and cleaning with her sister-in-laws, Em and Violet. She enjoyed playing bingo with her mother and friends and liked doing craft handwork-sewing, crocheting, knitting, woodworking and gardening.

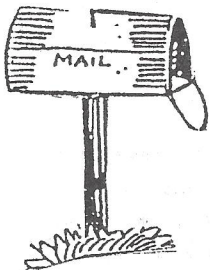
Marlys is survived by her husband, Harold; her children, Allan Book, Linda Levang and Floyd (Rene) Book. She was also survived by 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Marlys was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter Debra Koester; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Our deepest sympathy to the family

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- Jan. 26 Blood Pressure check - 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center in Northwood. Free to public.
- Feb. 3 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office - the first Thurs. of the month in Northwood from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Children under 6 years of age may receive a FREE lead test at this time. Call ahead for appointment.
- Feb. 9 Nail Clinic at the whistle Stop Senior Center in Manly - 9:00 a.m. Please call to schedule an appointment with Shana.



Dear Ladies,
 We do enjoy the Fertile Reminder. Keep it coming.
 Thanksgiving is past!
 Christmas at Last.
 Merry Christmas to all and a Happy 2011.
 Ruth Beighly

Dear Ladies,
 Thank you for keeping us updated on news about Fertile. Enclosed is my donation to keep it coming for another year. On Nov. 7th about a hundred people reminded me that I'm getting old. It was my 85th birthday.
 We had fourteen good years at Fertile.
 Alice Hedin

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you everyone for all of the get well cards I received after my hospital stay Dec. 7th. Thank you also to those who remembered me with Christmas cards. Special thanks to the Alan Suby family who were to my home to sing Christmas Carols on another cold winter night. Thank you also the sack of treats. So kind of you to think of me.
 God bless you!!
 Viola Roberts

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OLE AND LENA

Ole came home out of breath and puffing. He explained, "I ran behind the bus and saved 75 cents."

"Hmmpf," snorted Lena. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save \$2.50."

A neighbor asked Ole why the Norwegian government doesn't draft men until age 45. Explained Ole, "Dey want to get dem right out of high school."

Down at Sons of Norway, Ole likes to spin a few tales about his days as a sailor in the Norwegian Merchant fleet.

"Yah, I remember vell," said Ole, "when a Norwegian tanker filled vid red paint collided vid a Danish tanker loaded vid blue dye. Da two ships sank and left 500 men MAROONED."

Sven marvelled at the agreeable way Ole got along with Lena. He asked Ole, "What is your secret?"

"Vell," said Ole, "I always tell her da truth. . . even if I have to lie a little."

Ole met his friend Axel on the street corner and inquired about his family.

OLE: Where is your brudder Ingvald now?

AXEL: Oh, Ingvald is at Harvard.

OLE: Harvard? What is he studying?

AXEL: He's not studying anything. . . dey are studying HIM,."

Ole says he is grateful for soap operas and TV game shows. He says, "At least it keeps millions of vimmen drivers off da road most of da day."

Little Ole said, "I vish I had enough money to buy an elephant." Ole responded, "Why would you want an elephant?"

LITTLE OLE: I don't. I jüst van da money it would take to buy vun.

Lena decided that she and Ole needed a bit of culture. So they purchased tickets to the ballet. After watching the performance for 30 minutes, Ole leaned over to Lena and remarked, "I don't see why dey dance on their toes. Why don't dey jüst get taller dancers?"

Ole and Lena won a contest and the prize was a trip around the world. When they arrived in Russia, they were assigned a special guide named Rudolph. As Rudolph was showing them around Red Square, it commenced to rain a bit . . . and then some sleet came down. "Yee viss," exclaimed Ole, "Here comes da snow." "Oh no," said Rudolph the Russian. "It is RAIN!"

"And I say it is SNOW", retorted Ole.

Lena, trying to be the diplomat said, Now, now, Ole, calm down. . . after all, Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear.

Ole went to a Minneapolis bank to cash a check. Since Ole had no account at the bank, the clerk asked if he could identify himself.

"Sure," said Ole, "is there a mirror around here?"

"Yes," said the clerk, "on the wall behind you." Ole moved over to the mirror, looked carefully and then turned around to announce:

"Yah, it's ME all right."

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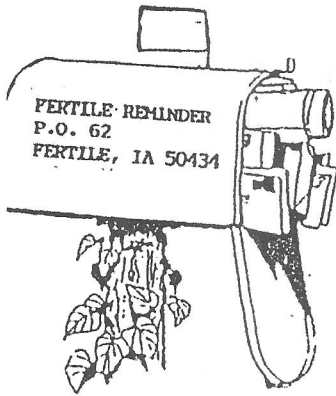
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