

City Council Minutes July 9, 2012

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9, 2012 at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Dennis Hasler, Todd Wise and Dan Gisvold.

Public Works Superintendent Kevin Nephew then reported to the Council. Nephew began with reporting on street resurfacing and the work that was being done with MinnDak who is in the area working on a Norman County road project. Nephew suggested that the Council look at budgeting more for street repairs.

There was also some discussion on the condition of the City shop, especially the roof. The discussion focused on the type of roof that was needed. It was suggested by Mayor Nephew that the City look at a steel roof to lessen the need for repairs in the future.

The road grader was then discussed. Kevin Nephew informed the Council that the grader had been out of service and had needed a new pulley and associated modification to go back into service. Discussion then took place on the options for dealing with this necessary piece of equipment.

The Council then took up the issues of the Nature Center road and bridge project. John Frohrip reported to the Council that the road portion of the project would need more negotiation because the right of way for the road had never been purchased from the Nephews, who had owned the brickyard and thus the road.

The current negotiations had shown that Margaret Nephew had passed ownership of the property onto the children. One of these children, Joan Nephew, wanted, in return for the passage of ownership to the City, additional compensation either in the form of paving the private driveway from the roadway to the Nephew house or the extension of water service to the house. The preliminary estimate of either of these alternatives was determined to be \$8,500.

After some discussion, Council consensus was that the extra \$8,500 was a lot of money for this right of way. Mayor Nephew asked Frohrip to contact those involved and get further information for the next Council meeting.

There was then some discussion on the 125th Anniversary and related activities. Such activities as the car and tractor show and the cemetery walk sparked a lot of activity and interest. Mayor Nephew commented that he had heard a lot of favorable comments and stated that this type of activity should be considered for an annual event.

There was some discussion of mosquito spraying. Although there wasn't much of a problem, the City sprayed twice before the Fair to make sure there wasn't a problem.

Libby Eid reported that, for June, some 16 volunteers had put in a total of 52 hours at the Nature Center.



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After a review of the last meeting's minutes, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

The Treasurer's Report and the current bills were then presented. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

Then St. Joseph's Catholic Church made application for temporary liquor and gaming permits for their annual Hoe Down fundraiser. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator