

Fertile City Council Minutes November 13, 2012

On Monday, November 13, 2012, the Fertile City Council held its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew, Council members Dan Gisvold, Dennis Hasler and Todd Wise. Council member Trish Thorson was also present to discuss her resignation.

After discussions on health, Council member Thorson informed the Council she simply could not fulfill the obligations of her position. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to accept Council member Thorson's resignation.

Mayor Nephew then took the opportunity to present Council member Thorson a Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service.

The Council then moved to the issue of a vacancy on the Council. Mayor Nephew discussed the vacancy and nominated Linda Widrig to replace Trish Thorson on the Council for the remainder of that position's term. Nephew pointed out that Widrig had performed important work on community activities, was the next ranking vote receiver in the last election and brought diversity to the Council that was needed. Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Gisvold moved to approve Widrig's appointment. The motion carried.

City Administrator John Frohrip then administered the Oath of Office and Widrig took her place on the Council.

Barry Robertson then appeared before the Council. He discussed progress on the Assisted Living project reporting that the interior footings being poured. Robertson also reported that the annual audit was nearing completion. He presented a subsequent report that showed during the month of October Fair Meadow began with 44 residents and ended with 46. They also served 1,395 resident days out of a possible 1,550. They served 165 home-delivered meals and provided twenty six days of adult day care.

Public Works Superintendent Kevin Nephew then appeared to give his report. The lift station pump problems had been repaired and there would be some additional effort made on the air release valves and the check and gate valves.

As for the Assisted Living, Nephew reported the engineer was working on exactly where the lines would go and that there would be some 600 feet of storm and sanitary sewer and approximately seven manholes. He estimated the work would take about two weeks.

There was also some discussion of inventory updating based upon a question by Council member Hasler concerning how we keep updated on just what we have.

Libby Eid then reported that, for October, eleven volunteers had spent a total of 37.5 hours at the Nature Center.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then reviewed. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills then came up for consideration. There was continued discussion on the Personnel Policy and how hours were accounted for as well as work proficiency and oversight. After some spirited discussion, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills. The motion carried.

Resolution #11-1-12, the Canvass of the last election, then came up for review. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that it be approved. The motion carried.

The road and bridge into the Nature Center were then discussed. According to the email from the County Engineer, he had gone for the two project contracts before they had been bid, and the State wanted to wait until bid results were received early next year. As a result, the Council was presented with Resolution #11-2-12, which nullified Resolutions #9-2-12 and #9-3-12. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise moved to approve Resolution #11-2-12. The motion carried.

Annual liquor licenses then came up for consideration. As the referendum on Sunday liquor had passed, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Gisvold, moved to set the license fee for Sunday liquor at \$100. The motion carried.

As for annual licenses, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Gisvold, moved to approve the preliminary application for Elizabeth Valdez to have a liquor license in the establishment known as Oliver's Bar and Grill.

The renewal applications for liquor licenses at The Other Place/MDS Food and Beverage and Erickson's Smokehouse, as well as an off-sale license for Fertile Wine and Spirits were then reviewed. Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, then moved to establish Sunday liquor and to receive such licenses if they meet State established criteria. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator

