

**Fertile City Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**April 28, 2014**

The Fertile City Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Linda Widrig, Tanner Lehmann, and Dennis Hasler. Present also were Dan Wilkens, Twylla Altepeter, David Lehmann, Matt Erickson and Lee Duckstad. Lehmann, Erickson and Duckstad were present since they had submitted sealed bids for haying the airport property.

The special meeting was called to order by Mayor Nephew at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Nephew began the meeting by informing those present that it was brought to his attention immediately prior to the meeting that the City had a signed airport lease contract with Daniel Wilkens. He explained that the lease was dated July 2011 and was signed by John Frohrip and Dan Wilkens. Prior to receiving a copy of the lease before the meeting, Mayor Nephew was not aware of a signed lease agreement, so he explained that Administrator Liden would have to check with the City Attorney on how to proceed on terminating the current lease with Wilkens before a new lease could be awarded.

Mayor Nephew then offered two options regarding the sealed airport haying bids. He explained that the Council could proceed on opening the bids and allow for verbal bidding as was advertised. The high bid could then be accepted pending resolution on the Wilkens lease.

The second option that was offered was to keep the bids sealed until the City Attorney had advised on how to proceed. A special meeting could then be called to open the bids and that those who had submitted bids would be informed as to the date of the special meeting. David Lehmann then inquired whether or not any other bids would be accepted and Mayor Nephew assured him that no further bids would be accepted.

Mayor Nephew stated that he preferred the second option of leaving the bids sealed pending further information from the City Attorney. Those present agreed with following that option, so the meeting was adjourned.

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Brian Nephew, Mayor

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Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator