

Fertile City Council Minutes December 12, 2016

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Dennis Hasler, Todd Wise, Linda Widrig, and Reid Jensrud. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Nephew, City Administrator Lisa Liden, Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Angie Leiting, Dan Wilkens, Stanton Wang, and Twylla Altepeter from the Fertile Journal.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nephew and there was one addition to the agenda which was approving the hiring of skating rink employees for the winter.

Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Angie Leiting then gave her report to the Council. She reported that they began the month of November with 40 residents and ended with 39, operating at 91% capacity. The home had also served a total of 326 home delivered meals. Leiting also reported that the assisted living was full except for the one unit the office was occupying. Fair Meadow Nursing Home was also full with a waiting list.

Leiting then requested that Council pass a new Resolution regarding the loan that had been made to Fair Meadow in 2015. Administrator Lisa Liden distributed copies of Resolution #6-1-15 which was the original loan resolution as well as Resolution #12-2-16 which would change the terms of the original loan.

Leiting explained that under the original loan, the repayment period was two years. With the assisted living bond payments in addition to the new bond payment for the renovation project, the total amount of payments would be too high to repay the City loan in two years. She asked for a four year repayment schedule on the loan instead.

After a brief discussion, Council member Wise made the motion to approve Resolution #12-2-16 A Resolution Approving an Interfund Loan from the General Fund to Fair Meadow Nursing Home. The motion was seconded by Council member Jensrud and was carried.

Kevin Nephew, Director of Public Works, then gave his report to the Council. He began by reporting that there had been a hydraulic leak in the center column of the grader. They were able to locate the leak and plug that line since it went to a cylinder that he doesn't use. He also reported that the Massey was currently at Pat Chisholm's getting the master cylinder fixed. Nephew also reported that he was having an issue with the lift station leaking at one of the elbows and that he was waiting for a quote from Electric Pump to have it repaired.

Council member Jensrud then reminded Council that he had put the City on a waiting list for a State plow truck when one became available to purchase. He reported that there would be no more trucks available for purchase this year, but that the City was still on the list for next year. This was followed by a discussion on how the truck would function for plowing City streets as compared to the maintainer that was currently used. Jensrud offered to make arrangements to bring one of the trucks to town one day to have Kevin Nephew see how it would operate for snow removal.

The Minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Council member Jensrud that was seconded by Council member Widrig and carried.

The Treasurer's Report and Bills was then presented by Administrator Liden. Liden went over some of the bills that had been paid in November as well as a brief review of the budget to actual report.

Council member Widrig then made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills. The motion was seconded by Council member Hasler and was carried.

This was followed by a discussion on budgeting for and the availability of funds for the construction of new park bathrooms next summer. Liden reminded Council that \$20,000 had been earmarked earlier in the year to be set aside out of the 2016 budget for next year. She explained that there was another \$5,000 available under the 2016 budget in the Parks Buildings category and that amount could be added to the earlier amount that had been earmarked.

After further discussion, Council member Jensrud made the motion to set aside an additional \$5,000 out of the 2016 budget for the park bathroom project in 2017. The motion was seconded by Council member Wise and was carried.

The next item addressed on the agenda was the final approval of the budget for 2017. Liden explained that the only changes made since the preliminary budget was presented in September was the addition of \$2,850 in revenue from airport haying and the changes made in salaries after meeting with the Personnel Committee.

After a brief discussion of the 2017 budget, Council member Hasler made the motion to approve the 2017 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Council member Wise and was carried.

Resolution #12-1-16 City Clerk's Certificate of Final Tax Levy was then addressed by Council. Since there had been no change made to the levy amount since the passage of the preliminary levy in September, a motion was made by Council member Hasler to approve Resolution #12-1-16. The motion was seconded by Council member Jensrud and was carried.

Tobacco licenses for 2017 was the next item addressed on the agenda. Liden explained that the same four establishments that currently held licenses would need to be issued licenses for 2017. Those establishments were Al & Laura's, Northside, JT's, and The Other Place.

Council member Jensrud made the motion to approve tobacco licenses for 2017 for the four establishments that currently were licensed. The motion was seconded by Council member Hasler and was carried.

The final agenda item to be addressed was Council approval of skating rink employees to be hired for the 2016/2017 season. Liden explained that three people had applied for the position and that she recommended hiring all three to staff the rink. She recommended pay of \$8.50 per hour for the one employee who was working for the third year at the rink. Liden recommended \$8.00 per hour for the other two new hires. Council member Jensrud then made the recommendation that one of the other applicants could also be paid \$8.50 per hour since he had been volunteering for the past two winters as well and had put in many hours at the rink. Liden agreed with Jensrud's recommendation.

After further discussion, Council member Jensrud made the motion to hire Logan Wilebski and Reid Sloan at \$8.50 per hour and Isaiah Bauer at \$8.00 per hour for the skating rink. The motion was seconded by Council member Widrig and was carried.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Nephew presented Council member Hasler with a Certificate of Appreciation for his eight years of service on the City Council. Council member Hasler then presented Mayor Nephew with a plaque thanking him for his 28 years of service on the City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator