

## **Fertile City Council Minutes July 11, 2016**

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Reid Jensrud, Dennis Hasler, and Linda Widrig. Also present were Public Works Director Kevin Nephew, City Administrator Lisa Liden, Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Angie Leiting, and Twylla Altepeter.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nephew and there was one addition to the agenda which was the County's request for classification of tax forfeited properties.

The first agenda item to be addressed was the consent agenda which included the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting, and a one-day liquor license request for St. Joseph's Church for their annual Hoe Down. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Council member Widrig that was seconded by Council member Hasler and carried.

Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator Angie Leiting then gave her report to the Council. She reported that they began and ended the month of June with 39 residents, operating at 91.2% capacity. The home had also served a total of 245 home delivered meals.

Director of Public Works, Kevin Nephew, then gave his report to the Council. He reported that there were two building permits pending. One of them, for Todd Ranz on Lincoln Ave. NW, was for a modular home that would be moved in once their current home was demolished. That home would likely be within the setback requirements since it was a large lot. The other permit was for Bruce and Mary Aakhus and would need a variance since they want to add a garage on the side of the house. The garage would be within 10 feet of the curb and part of that is road right-of-way.

Nephew reported that the supplies for the north end sewer extension should all be in by Wednesday and that they would likely start either the following week or the week after that. He explained that they would probably have to hire Butch Olson for part of the project since the first manhole was too deep for Tim Olson's equipment. He reported also that the water extension to St. Joseph's was not quite done since they still had to run a line to the church. This was followed by a discussion of the cost share with St. Joseph's. Also discussed was the potential monthly sewer charge for the customers who would hook up to the new extension on the north end of town. Administrator Liden explained that with both the Olmscheid's and Albert Ave. extensions the customers who hooked up were charged for a share of the installation costs. Those costs were being paid off by an additional monthly charge on their water bill of \$33.33 per month.

Administrator Liden then presented the Treasurer's Report and Bills. She began by pointing out that the revenues for the month of June were higher than the expenses due to receiving property taxes from the County. After a brief review of the Bills, a motion was made by Council member Widrig to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills. The motion was seconded by Council member Jensrud and was carried.

The next item up on the agenda was Resolution #7-1-16. Liden explained that this was a “trigger” resolution in regard to the upcoming sale of bonds for the nursing home project. The bonds were due to be priced later in the week and passage of the resolution would give authority to Mayor Nephew and Liden to sign the bond sale proposal as long as the interest parameters in the resolution were met. Liden also explained that there would need to be a special meeting called in a week or so for the full Council to approve the sale of the bonds.

After further discussion, Council member Widrig made a motion to approve Resolution #7-1-16 Approving the Issuance of Up to \$595,000 of Taxable G.O. Nursing Home Bonds, Series 2016A and \$990,000 G.O. Nursing Home Bonds, Series 2016B If Certain Targets Are Met. The motion was seconded by Council member Jensrud and was carried.

Resolution #7-2-16, Adoption of the Polk County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, was the next agenda item addressed. Administrator Liden explained that the full plan was available for review on-line and that the plan covered all cities and all potential hazards within the County. She explained also that not all potential hazards would apply to the City of Fertile and she cited river flooding and railroad derailments as examples. She explained that the purpose of the plan was to identify what potential hazards existed and to get Cities looking at ways to mitigate the potential effects of given hazards. This was followed by a discussion of how disasters would be handled within the City and who would be in charge in the event of a disaster.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Council member Jensrud to approve Resolution #7-2-16. The motion was seconded by Council member Hasler and was carried.

The final item addressed was the County request for City approval of two tax forfeited properties being classified as non-conservation. Liden explained that the properties were located on Jefferson Ave. SW and on Third Street NW and had homes removed from them last summer. The County needed the City to approve their classification as non-conservation before the properties could be sold at a tax auction.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Council member Hasler and seconded by Council member Jensrud to approve the County classification of the two properties as non-conservation. The motion was carried.

This was followed by a brief discussion of the park bathrooms and the removal of the building on the JR Dale property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Brian Nephew, Mayor

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Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator