

**Fertile City Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**

The Fertile City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Daniel Wilkens and Council members Reid Jensrud, and Stanton Wang. Also present was City Administrator Lisa Liden and Director of Public Works Kevin Nephew.

Mayor Wilkens began by explaining that while the committee was tasked with long term plans on equipment needs, right now the focus needed to be more short term due to the need to replace the truck. This was followed by a discussion on the two pickups that Garden Valley had advertised for sale on bids.

It was decided that Kevin Nephew would look at the two Garden Valley pickups and the matter would be brought up at the Council meeting following the special meeting to get approval to submit bids if the trucks meet Nephew's approval.

This was followed by a discussion on the attachments that could be purchased for the John Deere mower. Nephew had gotten pricing on getting a cab for the mower for winter use as well as a broom and a blower. The total quoted cost for the cab and attachments was \$16,825. Also discussed was whether or not a skid steer would work better than equipping the mower for winter use.

The next item up for discussion was the status of the MnDOT tandem axle truck. Council member Jensrud reported that he had been in contact with MnDOT and that the tandem axle would be available in about two weeks and the single axle would be available next year. Kevin Nephew said that we could go ahead and get the tandem axle this year and see how it works for snow removal. Council member Jensrud stated that we could get the tandem this year and the single axle next year and either keep both or sell one of them.

The Garfield Township grader was then up for discussion. Kevin Nephew stated that he would go to the Garfield Township meeting to check on whether that would soon be available and also how much they would want for it. Council member Jensrud noted that MnDOT would have a grader coming up on auction this fall. Administrator Liden said she would get in touch with MnDOT on the grader.

The next meeting date for the committee was set for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

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Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

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Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator