

Fertile City Council Minutes
Special Meeting
June 10, 2022

The Fertile City Council held a special meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Present were Mayor Daniel Wilkens and Council members Todd Wise, Mary Kiefert, and Matthew Massmann. Also present was City Administrator Lisa Liden, and Curt Zimmer and Chris Van Hal from Mutchler Bartram Architects.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mayor Wilkens and began with those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Wilkens made introductions and Curt Zimmer and Chris Van Hal introduced themselves to Council.

Zimmer went over the list of potential Community Center projects that had been proposed and stated that he felt the roof and air conditioning were the top priorities. He then went over the rest of the projects that had been listed and discussion was held on other potential projects.

Chris Van Hal stated that the rough estimate for the listed projects was \$400,000 and briefly reviewed the fee schedule for the project. He noted that the \$2,500 fee for scoping the project included working up rough estimates of the cost of each project.

Curt Zimmer noted that the total estimate for the current list was \$400,000 and he asked if that was the top budget or if the City would be willing and able to spend more if needed. Mayor Wilkens stated that it wasn't the top budget and that we needed to fix everything that needed to be fixed even if it costs more.

Council member Wise asked about whether the windows should also be replaced as part of the siding project. Van Hal stated that it would make sense to make that part of the project since it would be better to do it now rather than later and work around the new siding. It was likely also that the windows were not very energy efficient since they were 40 years old.

Council member Wise then asked for Zimmer's and Van Hal's opinions on spray foam for the roof. Zimmer noted that the current rock and membrane would have to be removed regardless of what the current roofing was replaced with. Van Hal stated that they had only had experience with one other spray foamed roof and that it usually wasn't a roofing method used on this type of building.

This was followed by discussion of changing out the heating system to natural gas. Administrator Liden noted that the building was primarily heated with electric and that the fuel tank hadn't needed a refill for over seven years. The annual electric cost for the Community Center was around \$16,000 and it was noted that the total included all electric cost, not just heating. Discussion was held on the cost advantages of natural gas over fuel oil and how a new natural gas heating unit would be much smaller than the current heating unit.

Van Hal and Zimmer noted that they would take a further look at the siding, roof, and air conditioning units following the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. on a motion by Council member Massmann.

Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator