

Fertile City Council Minutes
Special Meeting
May 24, 2022

The Fertile City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.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 Twylla Altepeter with the Fertile Journal. The purpose of the meeting was to review the fee proposal from Mutchler Bartram Architects (MBA) for the Community Center project and to approve the purchase of an above ground fuel tank for the generator at the nursing home.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wilkens at 6:30 p.m. and began with those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The fee proposal from MBA was reviewed first. The project cost was estimated at \$400,000 and the fee would be 8% of the project cost plus an additional \$2,500 for the initial planning work fee. Site visits during construction would cost \$450 per trip. Administrator Liden reminded Council that the City had received a fee proposal from an engineer firm at the time the park building was being designed and her recollection of that proposal was that the cost would be around \$80,000. Liden felt that the current proposal was reasonable in comparison.

The fee proposal from Mutchler Bartram Architects was approved on a motion by Council member Massmann that was seconded by Council member Wise and was carried.

The next item to address was the purchase of an above ground fuel tank for the generator at Fair Meadow Nursing Home. The quote that Fair Meadow had obtained was from Valley Petroleum in the amount of \$8,245.50 for a 1,000 gallon double walled tank. The quote included delivery of the tank.

Council member Massmann asked if there were any other quotes on the purchase and Administrator Liden said there were not. Discussion was then held on the MPCA regulations that wouldn't allow the generator to run on the underground tank that was already at Fair Meadow. Administrator Liden explained that the underground tank was "grandfathered" in under the new regulations only as long as it was used exclusively for providing heat. Getting an above ground tank for the generator would allow the underground tank to stay in place.

A motion was made by Council member Wise to accept the quote from Valley Petroleum to purchase the new tank. The motion was seconded by Council member Kiefert and was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on a motion made by Council member Massmann.

Daniel Wilkens, Mayor

Lisa J. Liden, City Administrator