

City Council Minutes April 9, 2012

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 9, 2012 at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Todd Wise and Dennis Hasler. Council members Dan Gisvold and Trish Thorson were unable to attend.

The meeting began with Barry Robertson, Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator making his monthly report. Robertson reported that the Nursing Home had begun the month of March 2012 with 45 residents and ended with 42. There were also 273 home delivered meals and nine days of adult day care provided.

There was also discussion on finances for Assisted Living and values on Summerfield.

The Council then turned to gravel bids for this year's work on City streets and roads. The City received bids/quotes from D.R. Gravel, Lindberg Enterprises and Christian Excavating. After some discussion, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to accept the offer from Lindberg Enterprises. The motion carried.

At 7:00 p.m. the Council meeting was adjourned and the public hearing opened on the proposed Todd Peterson Subdivision. The proposed Peterson Subdivision would provide some thirteen housing lots and some ten to eleven of these would be available to purchase.

Administrator John Frohrip pointed out the plat map, and stated that the utility companies would be called in to discuss the easements that would be necessary. There was also some discussion of the financing tools such as Tax Increment Financing. He also introduced the concept of the easement map which would eliminate many plat map changes.

There followed more discussion on the location of the road through the housing development. There was discussion on whether or not the roadway would be paved and when curb and gutter would be constructed.

Several citizens attended and had comments. Mel Bohnenkamp asked concern on how the project would be paid for and whether or not he would be asked to pay special assessments. Frohrip responded that the primary financing would be through Tax Increment and hookups and that the lift station would have financing from Tax Increment and new hookups in the service area. Those who benefit directly will be asked to participate in the payments. There were further discussions on the road, where it was located and whether bordering properties not in the initial project area would be assessed for curb and gutter. Frohrip suggested they meet with the City Attorney and work out an agreement. This suggestion was agreed to.

As for road paving, there was some discussion of a flush fund for such projects as road paving. Frohrip informed those present that Fertile has no such fund.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nephew closed the hearing and reopened the City Council meeting. Council Member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve Peterson's Plat. The motion was carried.

March, fifteen volunteers had put in a total of 45.5 hours at

The minutes of the last meeting were then reviewed. Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report and the last month's bills were then reviewed. Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

Some time was then spent on the Nature Center road progress.

As in past years, the Council was asked to consider Fire Relief Gaming permits for the local establishments. These included The Other Place, Erickson's Smokehouse and Oliver's Bar and Grill. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise, moved that the permits be approved. The motion carried.

The Council then turned its attention to a request from Oliver's Bar and Grill to close down a portion of Lincoln Ave. from 7:00 p.m. Saturday, July 7 until noon on Sunday, July 8, 2012 for a street dance. After consideration of the application, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the request. The motion carried with the provision that Oliver's provides appropriate insurance for the event.

The City Council then looked at the considerations for bonding for the Assisted Living project and for Peterson's Development, including a lift station that would also serve the Industrial Park. This lift station would serve the whole northeastern quadrant of the community. After discussion on the process, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, called for the approval of Resolution #4-1-12 calling for a public hearing on the issuance of \$3,000,000 in bonds for the Assisted Living Project. The motion carried.

After further discussion, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise, moved to approve Resolution #4-2-12 calling for a public hearing on the establishment of two TIF Districts. District #1-1 would be an Economic Development District for the Industrial Park and District #1-2 would be a Housing District that would hold the Peterson Housing Subdivision. Both of these would be inside of Development District #1. The motion carried.

Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, then moved to pass Resolution #4-3-12 relating to the issuance of Assisted Living Bonds by the Economic Development Authority, and the related public hearing. The motion carried.

The Council then considered Resolution #4-4-12, calling for a public hearing on the establishment of business subsidies in Fertile. Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise, called for the adoption of Resolution #4-4-12. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.