

City Council Minutes March 12, 2012

The Fertile City Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Dennis Hasler, Todd Wise and Dan Gisvold. Council member Trish Thorson was not able to attend due to illness.

Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator began the meeting with his monthly report. Robertson told the Council that Fair Meadow began and ended the month of February with 45 residents. There were also 412 home delivered meals and seven days of day care.

Robertson also reported that the Fair Meadow Foundation has now received one of their Federal ID numbers and will soon work on establishing the Foundation's tax exempt status so that they can solicit area funds to help with the Assisted Living project.

There was also some concern about state budget cuts for such activities as Emergency Medical Assistance.

Public Works Superintendent Kevin Nephew then made a presentation before the Council. He stated that the winter weather had given them the opportunity to work on the equipment and that things were going smoothly getting ready for warmer weather.

At this time the Council moved to consideration of the preliminary plat presented by Todd Peterson. Peterson presented the plan for a housing development, located in the northeast portion of Fertile, that will contain two lots already called for and approximately 12 additional lots for sale.

Kevin Nephew and City Administrator Frohrip presented the utility options for roads, water and sewer that could be considered both for the Peterson property and the northeastern part of Fertile as whole. The lift station to serve this area, including the industrial park was discussed.

Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the preliminary plat and call for the public hearing on the final plat. The motion carried.

Frohrip then brought up developments on the road and bridge projects to improve access to the Nature Center. The Council was given the letter from the MN Department of Transportation showing that bond funds in the amount of \$300,000 had been approved for roadwork in addition to the bridge and the associated roadwork that would bring.

Frohrip did point out that work still needed to be done on the road right-of-way, specifically surveying to determine the exact location of the right-of-way boundaries and a legal review of the titles to the property. The combined projects will cost approximately \$750,000 with \$10,000 coming from City funds.



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Libby Eid reported that, for the month of February, some fifteen volunteers had spent a total of 43.25 hours at the Nature Center.

After a review of the minutes of the previous meeting, Council member Gisvold, seconded by Council member Wise, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

After a review of the Treasurer's Report and current bills, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Gisvold, moved that they be approved. The motion carried.

Council member Gisvold then brought up the fact that some work is needed on the pipe used to flood the skating rink.

Frohrip brought up that the City audit was to begin soon but that the on-site portion will most likely take only one day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrip, City Administrator