

SEPTEMBER 2007

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 3 | Labor Day | |
| Sept. 4 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| Sept. 11 | Garden Club | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 13 | Re-cycle | |
| Sept. 15 | Boys and Girls 4-H | |
| Sept. 17 | Library Board Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 18 | Senior Dinner | Noon |
| | City Council Meeting | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 27 | Re-cycle | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, August 21, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Loren Hoffman, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin, Gail Shropshire, City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns and City Clerk Eddie May.

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Berg 2nd to approve the July minutes.* Motion Carried.

4.) Public Hearing - Alliant Energy Franchise

- A public hearing was held in order to hear the public's opinion on the 25 year contract with Alliant Energy for the electric utility.
- There were no comments presented from the public.
- The Council thanked Alliant for their exceptional service.
- *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to waive the 2nd and 3rd hearings.* Motion Carried.
- *Hoffman moved, Berg 2nd to approve the 25 year contract.* Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

5.) Sewer Project – Final Acceptance and Payment Approval

- Terry McCarthy from Yaggy Colby presented the final acceptance and payment information to the Council.
- The project has been completed. A 5% retainage fee is being held for 30 days for the completion of any known tasks. **If any resident has noticed any incomplete repairs, please notify Mayor Russell within the next 15 days.**
- The repairs to the system are covered the next two years. If any repair needs to be re-repaired, it is covered by the project guidelines.
- *Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to approve the final acceptance and payment.* Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

6.) Utility Rates for Apartment Complexes

- Gary Michelson, the owner of the Church Apartments voiced his concerns about the utility rates for the apartments. The City has historically charged minimum fees for each apartment, no matter how many meters are installed. He is asking for a reduced rate, since he is paying for multiple residencies on one lot.
- The Council has asked May to report the average usage rates for each complex within the City limits.
- The City Council will address this issue at the next Council Meeting.

7.) Blacktopping City Streets

- The City received bids from Heartland Asphalt and North Iowa Sand & Gravel for blacktopping the remaining streets to the East of First Street.
- The City has \$20,000 budgeted for road repair. The extra road repairs made after the sewer project came to \$8400. This leaves \$11,600 remaining for additional road repairs. The bids came in around \$20,000. Because the City did not receive the entire Roads budget last year, the Council has decided to wait until spring to make the suggested road repairs.

- *Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids.* Motion Carried.

8.) Mayor's Report

- David, Dwight, Dick and Warren Bruns along with Buck Russell, pulled out the rotted tree which fell into the river.
- Titles for the Fire Trucks have been ordered by Mayor Russell.
- Larson Plumbing and Heating installed a new water fountain up at the ball fields.
- Most of Fertile Days was rained out, but a Big Thank You goes out to all who volunteered to make the events happen in spite of the rain.
- Work orders for mowing the bank-owned properties have been made. If the properties do not get mowed, the City will mow.
- Buck and Mayor Russell hung new flags down Main Street.

9.) City Clerk's Report

- May presented the End of Fiscal Year financials with the Administrative Allocation. The end of the year financials will be submitted to the State with postings submitted to the Fertile Reminder and the Forest City Summit.
- May presented the notice of outstanding obligations (loan balances) that was reported to the State.
- May presented this fiscal year's budget by fund.
- May presented July's financials.
- May met with Electronic Engineering to discuss the security camera system for the City. They will present a bid before the next Council meeting.
- Denny and Sharon Ganz will be resigning as Meter Readers this fall. A Big Thank You to Denny and Sharon for all their hard work. Buck Russell has offered to read the Meters.
- *Shropshire moved, Miller 2nd to approve Buck Russell for the Meter Reader position.* Motion Carried.
- The Fire Department and the Library are working together to write a \$90,000 grant to the WCDA. The Fire Department will be requesting \$64,000 for a truck chassis. (They will be asking for another \$72,000 during the next grant application for the truck apparatus.) The Library will be asking for \$16,000 for new computers, desks, chairs, a copier, fax machine, and several mp3 players to be used with a new audio book program.
- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) City Maintenance Report

- Bruns reported that the fill from the burn pile and road repairs has been used up at the ball fields for a parking lot and at the park as the dike walls.
- Bruns requested the approval to purchase a tool set. The council approved of the purchase.

11.) Committee Reports

- **Community Center** – The committee is putting together an informational survey to send to in-town and area residents regarding the need for and ideas for the facility. They plan on presenting this survey to the Council next month

12.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, September 18, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn – *Renchin moved, Shropshire 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.


City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
 As of July 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-460.00
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-209.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-114.94
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-98.51
Bill Pmt -Check	Bruns, Warren V	-131.58
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-13,218.97
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-3.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-25.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Wattertower Paint & Repair	-1,250.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-3,750.00
Check	Voortek Auto Repair	-150.00
Check	Petty Cash	-50.00
Deposit		4,968.47
Deposit		2,639.15
Deposit		5,004.02
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,348.81
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	1,049.85
Deposit		35.02
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,458.20
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	Low, David	-300.73
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-675.24
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-804.89
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-532.54
Total General Fund Checking		<u>-12,008.45</u>
Total General Fund Accounts		<u>-12,008.45</u>
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		62.67
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>62.67</u>
Wage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.17
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.17</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		<u>3.17</u>
Water Revenue Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.15
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.15</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts		<u>2.15</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>-11,940.46</u></u>

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Life's A Beach – Claire Cook
The Watchers – Mark Andrew Olson
Justice Denied – J.A. Jance
A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
Last Look – Mariah Stewart
Last Words – Mariah Stewart
Almost Dead – Lisa Jackson
Critical – Robin Cook
Play Dirty - Sandra Brown
74 Seaside Avenue – Debbie Macomber
Summer – Karen Kingsbury
Breaking Free – Lauraine Snelling
Large Print
What Matters Most – Luanne Rice
Missionary Daddy – Linda Goodnight
Bachelor's Puzzle – Judith Pella

DVD's

Wild Hogs - John Travolta
Friday Night Lights – Billy Bob Thornton
The Greatest Game Ever Played – Stephan Dillane
The Queen – Helen Mirren
Happily Never After - animated

BOOKS ON CD

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Rusty Nail – J. A. Konrath
Ghost Hunter – Jayne Castle
Double Shot – Diane Mott Davidson

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Library Statistics 2006 - 2007

Books Read - 7456

(Adults - 4467)

(Children & Young Adult - 2989)

DVD's & VHS Watched - 5282

Audio Books Listened to - 305

Magazines Read - 1630

Camera - 15

Total Circulation - 14,688

Circulation to city of Fertile - 7987

Circulation to rural Worth County - 2608

Circulation to other cities & counties - 4093

WITH SYMPATHY

EDWARD A. BUCHANAN SR.
1928 - 2007



Edward A. Buchanan Sr., 78, died July 29, 2007 at his home in Fertile surrounded by his family. Ed was in failing health since 2005. A memorial service was held August 2, 2007 at the Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear Lake with Rev. Dennis Ganz officiating. Inurnment was at Brush Point Cemetery, Fertile.

Ed was born on Dec. 10, 1928 in Marshalltown, the son of Fred & Edith Buchanan. He graduated from Marshalltown High School.

He was in the grocery business for 20 years, working in Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Colfax, Rapid City, S.D and Easter's Super Value in Mason City. He operated Mr. Ed & Chuck's Cafe in Rockwell in 1966 & 1967.

Ed owned and operated Fertile Meats and Grocery with Chuck Waage from 1976 until 1985. They then owned and operated Butcher's Steakhouse until his retirement in 2005, at which time his granddaughter took over to carry on the family tradition.

Ed enjoyed spending time with his family and daily breakfast, lunches and dinner trips to Downtown Cafe and Butcher's Steakhouse. He also enjoyed singing in the Church of Christ Choirs, dancing the Jitterbug and Charleston, watching Lawrence Welk and old movies. Ed loved his dogs.

He was active in the Fertile Booster Club and Lions Club, and sponsored softball tournaments held in Fertile. He was known as a grandpa to all.

Ed is survived by two daughters, Jane Ramon and her husband, Al, of Fertile, and Joyce Hanson and her husband, Mike, of Ventura; one son, Ed Buchanan Jr. and his wife, Jan, of Ventura; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brothers, Fred Buchanan of Great Falls, Mont. and Robert Buchanan of Marshalltown; sister, Betty Piper of Marshalltown; and extended family, Chuck Waage of Mason City and his family; special pets Maggie, Daisy and Jax; and several nieces and nephews.

Ed was preceded in death by his mother, Edith Buchanan; his father, Fred Buchanan; two brothers, Vernon and Gene Buchanan; sister, Mary Boage; and infant grandson, Mark Edward Buchanan.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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- September 24 Manly Senior Center Nail Clinic - Morning- This can be for a nail trim on hands or feet. Please call WCPH at 1-800-765-1388 or 641-324-1741 for an appointment.
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A special thanks to my own angel, Ruth B. and our ladies and Andrew Hall for serving and making the food.

Ed Buchanan Family

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Fertile Garden Club


August 14, 2007

The Fertile Garden Club met at the Church of Christ to carpool to Clear Lake and the Central Gardens. Sixteen members were present for the meeting following the guided tour of the Gardens.

The business meeting was called to order by President Ginny Lovik. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, with Roll Call "What do you enjoy, the most, about Central Gardens". Most everyone mentioned the beauty. The Secretary & Treasurer's Reports were given. Discussion was held on the size of the plaques we should order for the flower beds by the walking bridge. We voted to have the 5x7 plaque. Evelyn will look into seeing if the sign that is by Pronto is for sale. It would make a great way to advertise what is going on in Fertile. Betty & Pat O, will take care of tying up the rose bushes at the arbor. Pat O, will call the Stillwater Nursery to see when we have to order the flowers for the pots and the plant sale. Discussion was held on attendance and it was decided that each person in the club is responsible to check their book and see who is hostess & call one of them if they are unable to attend. The book also tells them if they have to do something at the meeting. Elin Minor asked if the club was interested in decorating a Christmas Tree for Opportunity Village. We voted to decorate one and we will purchase the decorations. It will be a table top for this first year. Then the rain came and we had to adjourn to the Church of Christ to finish the meeting and have our lunch. We sang Happy Birthday to Penny Miller. The meeting closed and we sang the table prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Ginny and Elaine. The next meeting will be our Guest Night on September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

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Fertile Little League 2007

Fertile's baseball diamonds became a flurry of activity this summer with the Little League program doubling in size to over 90 youth participating this season! Sign up began in mid-March and practices began in the beginning of May, with the final PeeWee/Midget games completed in mid-July. We were able to offer T-ball, Coach/Peer Pitch, PeeWee & Midget baseball. It was also encouraging to have enough 3rd and 4th grade girls to play a couple of softball games during the season. Improvements to the ball field were many and included; additional concession stand space, large beverage cooler, new storage shed, playground, picnic tables and park benches. Corporate sponsor banners were a great addition to the outfield and we appreciate the tremendous support we received from the local business community for this project. Each child (and coach) also received a free 'Fertile Little League 2007' t-shirt with their registration this year thanks to local business sponsors.

We would like to thank everyone that came out to watch home & away games. Fertile had a great cheering section! We anticipate another great season in 2008. If you would like to be part of Fertile's summer baseball program or become a sponsor, please contact Tim Kleveland or David Bang for more information on how you can help.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of Fertile Little League 2007:

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PeeWee Coaches: Tim Keuhl, Dan Lee with parent volunteers: Frank Erdman, John Seglem
Midget Coach: Josh Miller with parent volunteers: Tim Tuttle, Randy Harms
Umpire: Jody Kleveland
Dragging/chalking diamonds: Josh Bruns

Special thanks goes to all of our dedicated coaches, assistant coaches and parent volunteers for making our program what it is. Thank you to everyone who worked their turn (and sometimes more!) in the concession stand. We know there were many more that assisted in various ways during the season that have not been mentioned by name. Please accept our gratitude for all you did.

SPECIAL NOTE TO MIDGETS & PEEWEE PLAYERS AND PARENTS

All Midget red 'Fertile' jersey shirts must be returned along with any borrowed gray baseball pants.
PeeWee teams need to return any navy blue or gray pants.

Place shirts/pants in a plastic shopping sack with your name on a piece of paper and drop it by the Bang home at 108 W. Washington, Fertile or Mr. Bang's middle school classroom. All borrowed items must be accounted for.

SENIOR EXERCISES

The Doc told me to start an exercise program. Not wanting to harm this old body, I've devised the following:

MONDAY: Beat around the bush - jump to conclusions - climb the walls - wade through the morning paper.

TUESDAY: Drag my heels - push my luck - make mountains out of mole hills - hit the nail on the head.

WEDNESDAY: Bend over backwards - jump on the band wagon - run in circles.

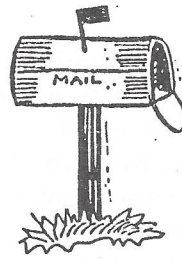
THURSDAY: Advise President Bush on how to run the country - toot my own horn - pull out all the stops - add fuel to the fire,.

FRIDAY: Open a can of worms - put my foot in my mouth - start the ball rolling - go over the edge.

SATURDAY: Pick up the pieces.

SUNDAY: Kneel in prayer - bow my head in thanksgiving - uplift my hands in praise - hug someone and encourage them.

Thanks to Joan Schultz (via Paula Worsley) for sending this our way.



Dear Ladies,

Thanks, Gals, for all your work and dedication. We love the Reminder.

Maynard and Madelyn
Midtgaard

Thanks for much for the news from home in the "Reminder" Keep our subscription going.

Dick & Elenor Varberg

Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for the paper, enjoy it so much, a little bit of home.

Thanks for the good work.

Mary Homerding
El Reno, OK

Dear Reminder,

Really enjoy the paper. Keep up the good work.

Janice (Lee) Asche

Dear Reminder Ladies,

I have notice of my pending dues for your newsletter. I'm sorry I have overlooked the June payment. Guess it was my "Senior Moment."

Don't give up on me; I enjoy receiving the "news" every month of dear old Fertile folks and family.

Have a good August - picnics and all.

Joan Schultz

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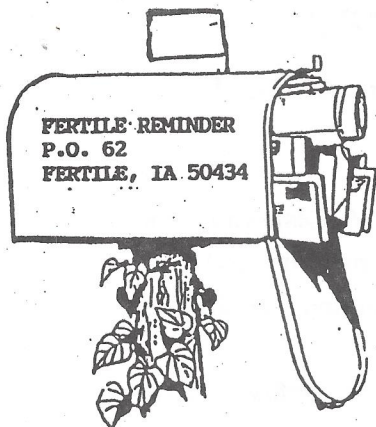
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