

February 9, 2015

A regular meeting of the Fruitland City Council was held at Fruitland City Hall on the above date at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Bishop, Stuart Grimes, Bud Reifsnnyder, Reece Hrizuk, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Pera, Heather Heitz, Terry Heitz, Lucinda Day, Dan Fleisher, Gini Moor, Konnie Baines, Maria Wagenmann, Haley Craig, Ronnie Craig, Zach Piepmeyer, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Dwayne Holloway, Steve Mazingo, and Suzanne Pearcy.

Mayor Bishop called the meeting to order and roll was taken.

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the January 26, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the February 2015 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Public Hearings-

A public hearing was opened at 7:02 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by the City of Fruitland for annexation and zone designation of Single-Family Residential for vacant land adjacent to the north side of Crestview Park.

Watkins explained the City has approximately eight acres of property north of Crestview Park they received in a land swap with Leeroy and Lorrie Tracy. The City would like to annex this property for future park development. Parks are allowed in Single-Family Residential zones with a Conditional Use Permit. Once the annexation and zoning is approved, the City will submit a Conditional Use Permit application to the Fruitland Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:05 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:06 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by the Heitz Family Trust for annexation, zone designation of Light Industrial and comprehensive plan change from General Commercial to Light Industrial, for the property located at 7070 S. Pennsylvania Avenue and 7100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

Terry Heitz, 521 W 1st Street, explained his family has owned this property for several years and his brothers are at retirement age and would like to sell the property. Mr. Heitz explained he took this request to the Fruitland Planning and Zoning Commission with the request of a Heavy Industrial zoning and received an unfavorable recommendation. He is now requesting a Light

Industrial zoning designation, which is the same zoning as the property to the north. Mr. Heitz explained he is requesting an annexation and zone designation of Light Industrial so he can sell the property.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:08 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:09 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Ronnie & Hayley Craig for a variance of a side yard setback at 1865 Walnut Avenue.

Ronnie & Hayley Craig, 1865 Walnut Avenue, explained they are requesting a side yard setback variance from 8ft to 6ft. Mrs. Craig explained their house was built in 2009 and they did not know their home was encroaching by two feet on the southwest property line until their neighbor started construction of their home. They believe the builder used the wrong property pin when measuring the footings. The Craigs explained they will be moving their fence off of the neighbor's property this spring.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:11 P.M.

Citizen Requests -

Mary Pera, Marketing Manager of GemText – Boise, explained a textile recycling donation bin program to the Council. Ms. Pera explained they would like to place two donation bins in Fruitland. The bins are 5'x 5'x 6'tall to be placed in commercial locations with property owner permission. GemText will maintain a 10' radius around the donation bins with a hotline available for any problems concerning the bins. The bins will be checked a minimum of once every two weeks and more frequently as donations are made. Ms. Pera showed examples of textiles that are recycled and explained a significant portion of the proceeds gained in the recycling of clothing items will benefit the Rose Advocates and the Maple Tree House. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the textile recycling donation bin program in Fruitland. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Geni Moore representing the Payette County Recreation District, explained they would like to host a summer movie night every 3rd Friday for the months of May through October starting at dusk. They would like approval to operate past curfew hours of 11:00 P.M. Ms. Moore explained the screen is not very large and they will only have two speakers with no bright lights. They do not feel the movie will have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Councilman Pierson moved to approve attendance if time exceeds 11:00 p.m. pending advising the neighbors and approval of the Chief of Police. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a letter from Rick Schultz, 401 Cornwall Way, explaining he would like to deed a portion of his property consisting of an easement access road and storm water basin the City maintains along with a corner section that the City uses to maintain the basin. Mr. Schultz explained the property is not useable except for the City access and maintenance of this area and other easements. Deeding the property to the City would reduce possible liability issues and concerns. There is some question on the storm water basin which was thought to have been

deeded to the City when the home was originally purchased. It needs to be verified that it was surveyed and transferred to the City. Councilman Grimes moved to accept the donation of the property with the understanding the City will have the area surveyed and City Attorney will draft the appropriate document(s). Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Land Use Decisions -

Councilman Pierson moved to approve a request by the City of Fruitland for annexation and zone designation of Single-Family Residential for vacant land adjacent to the north side of Crestview Park. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve a request by the Heitz Family Trust for annexation, zone designation of Light Industrial and comprehensive plan change from General Commercial to Light Industrial, for the property located at 7070 S. Pennsylvania Avenue and 7100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve a request by Ronnie & Hayley Craig for a variance of two feet on the west side yard setback at 1865 Walnut Avenue. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Downtown -

Dan Fleisher, representing the Apple Jam Committee, explained to the Council they had raised \$5,500.00 to donate to the City for banner poles as a beatification project for downtown Fruitland. He is opposed to electronic signs and wants the money to be used for a banner pole system.

Konnie Baines, representing Alma Mater Inc., stated the Olde School would benefit from the use of the proposed banner pole system.

The Council agreed to have Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell contact Lytle Sign Company to get engineered drawings and research a pulley system for a banner pole system for the SW 3rd Street area. This item will be placed on the next City Council agenda for further discussion.

The Council discussed the need for larger flower pots to be displayed in downtown Fruitland. Lucinda Day representing the Fruitland Lion's Club stated she found 11" plastic pots in Portland, OR. The Council agreed to have Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell research the size and weight limitations for the flower pot holders to determine what size flower pots can be purchased.

City Engineer Reports –

Zach Piepmeyer, Street/Transportation Engineer - Written report.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Street/Transportation Engineer report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Carl Hipwell, Water/Sewer Engineer - Written report.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Water/Sewer Engineer report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

January 2015 Department Activity Reports –

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the January 2015 Police Department Activity report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the January 2015 Fire Department Activity report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the January 2015 Public Works Department Activity report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the January 2015 Building Department Activity report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the January 2015 Ambulance Department Activity report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed holiday pay as written in the Personnel Policy. Watkins explained the personnel policy was re-written in 2010. There is conflicting information regarding Holiday Pay. This item has been given to the City Attorney Bert Osborn for review with amendments to be forthcoming.

The Council reviewed email correspondence from Travis Gerhard of New York Life requiring the City to sign a New York Life Worksite Employer Agreement Form in order to meet with City Employees. Councilman Pierson moved to cancel the life insurance presentation through New York Life. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a 2013-14 Audit Contract with Collaborative Solutions, LLC. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the audit contract. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed Public Safety Building options. Due to construction cost estimates for new structures, Watkins suggested researching the possibility of the City purchasing and renovating the Olde School property. HDR will contact architect/planning colleagues to tour the building to see if this is an option worth pursuing.

The January 2015 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hruzik. Motion carried at 9:07 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk