February 22, 2016

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, Ed Pierson, Reece Hrizuk, Jeff Carpenter and Stuart Grimes.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Hunter Marrow, Jerry Haines, Mel Person, Carl Hipwell, Michelle Giokas, Jerry Campbell, JD Huff, and Suzanne Pearcy.

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

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Citizen Requests -

Jerry Haines, 1002 Partridge Street, explained that Hidden Meadows Subdivision has a very good Home Owners Association that builds pride in the neighborhood. He explained some residents have complained that the streets in the subdivision are cracking and showing some erosion. Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explained the street maintenance program and stated that asphalt streets will always crack and the cracks are always worse in the winter. These streets are in the five-year maintenance plan.

Mel Person, 2146 NE 16th Street, discussed his growing concerns regarding gas/oil exploration and development agreements. He had several questions and comments for the Council to review and ponder.

- Does the City have any property involved?
- What is the purpose of an impact area?
- What does it mean for the City for the wells to be in the impact area?
- Why should the City care about the agreements?
- Senator Lee said the bond amount is only $5,000.00. Is this enough to cover anything if something were to happen?
- Alta Mesa says they will not frack but the lease agreement says they can.
- What happens when wells play out and they leave?
- How do they include infrastructure?
- Will the wells depreciate property values?

Mr. Person asked that the Council look into the issues and think about what will eventually effect the City and if the Council can possibly do something about it.

City Engineer Reports –

Tracy Ellwein, Transportation Engineer - Written report.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Transportation Engineer report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Carl Hipwell, Water/Sewer Engineer – Written report.

- Meeting with DFF is scheduled for Wednesday, 2-24-16 to discuss discharging their lagoons into the City Waste Water Treatment Plant. Pharmer is working to resolve issues related to filamentous bacteria growth in the DFF pretreatment system. The discharge of long chain coccus bacteria has produced poor-settling sludge that cannot settle in the clarifier and is not removed in the sand filter.

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

Engineer Hipwell explained the bid package for the new WWTP storage building is still in review. He will present the package and request a call for bids in the next few weeks.

The Council reviewed proposed tennis court repairs. Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explained there is approximately 370' of cracks encompassing the four tennis courts. The cost for crack repair and resurfacing of the four courts is $25,000.00. Councilman Pierson moved to repair and resurface the courts in the amount of $25,000.00 with funds to be used from Recreation Fund – Parks Development. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Proposed Resolution No. 2016-01, Public Records Retention Policy, was read at length. Watkins prefaced the reading by explaining we already have a policy in place. However, it is being revisited due to audio/video records from law enforcement and changes to the election laws. Councilman Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01- Records Retention. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a copier lease agreement from Fisher's Technology for a new copier to be located at City Hall to replace the current copier. The monthly lease payment is $175.89. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the lease agreement. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a Water/Sewer Rate Study prepared by City Treasurer, Rick Watkins. No action was taken at this time and it was decided to possibly revisit during budget time.

Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the January 2016 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to enter Executive Session I.C. 74-206(1)(b) - Personnel Evaluation. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Pierson, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Motion carried at 8:44 P.M.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:05 P.M.

Ambulance Director Michelle Giokas has completed her probationary period for employment. Councilman Carpenter moved to deem her probationary period as successful and to increase her salary to $26.00 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Grimes moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried at 9:10 P.M.

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Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk