

March 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, Reece Hrizuk, Ed Pierson, Bud Reifsnnyder.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: April Ehrlich, Liz Amason, Carl Hipwell, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, Steve Mazingo, and Suzanne Percy.

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

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the March 2015 Planning & Zoning Commission report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried. Zoning Administrator Watkins reported he had met with the Payette County Commissioners and Chairman of the Payette County Planning & Zoning Commission this morning regarding the Transfer of Development Right (TDR) process and the lack of consideration given to recommendations of the City towards the requests in the Impact Area. Future discussions are a possibility.

The Council reviewed a request from Payette County Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation regarding a Transfer of Development Right request for Kevin & Lisa O'Neil, NE 16th Street. Councilman Pierson moved to send an unfavorable recommendation to the Payette County Planning & Zoning Commission stating the area is being developed like a subdivision and needs to be planned and platted appropriately. Seconded by Councilman Reifsnnyder. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Payette County Planning and Zoning Commission for a recommendation regarding a Transfer of Development Right request for Randy Pryor, 2160 NE 16th Street. Councilman Grimes moved to send an unfavorable recommendation to the Payette County Planning & Zoning Commission stating the area is being developed like a subdivision and needs to be planned and platted appropriately. Seconded by Councilman Reifsnnyder. Motion carried.

Councilman Hrizuk representing the Apple Jam Auction requested a donation to their annual fund-raiser auction. Councilman Pierson moved to donate one ten-yard load of gravel to be delivered within Payette County. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Liz Amason, 490 N. 20th Street, Payette, Chapter Activity Coordinator for Modern Woodsmen of America informed the Council they can assist with fund raising efforts with grant matches. She

also has an on-line community calendar at oridalineup.com. The Mayor and Council were also invited to attend a meeting at Hideaway Grill on March 25th for a Boys & Girls Club meeting.

City Engineer Reports –

Zach Piepmeyer, Street/Transportation Engineer - Written report.

- The US-95 sidewalk construction may be allowed by ITD without closing access points.

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

Carl Hipwell, Water/Sewer Engineer - Written report.

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

Councilman Pierson moved to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$43,710.89. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Grimes moved to have Pharmer Engineering acquire an architectural review proposal for the Olde School building to determine what the review might cost. Seconded by Councilman Reifsnnyder. Motion carried.

February 2015 Department Activity Reports –

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

The Council reviewed a request from Police Chief Huff to dispose of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor patrol car. The vehicle is in poor condition and not worth any more repair expenses. Chief Huff would like to place the vehicle on Public Surplus.com and sell the vehicle at public auction. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the request for sale of surplus property. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Councilman Grimes moved to schedule the 2015-16 Budget Hearing for August 24, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Deputy Clerk, Suzanne Percy requesting to offer Direct Pay and Equal Pay services to water/sewer customers. The City would need to purchase a Utility Direct Pay module from Caselle. The license fee would be a one-time charge of \$2,700 and the monthly software support fee would increase by \$68.00 per month. The Bank of the Cascades will charge \$15.00 per ACH file along with \$0.08 per customer that signs up for the Direct Pay service. The approximate monthly cost to the City to offer Direct Pay would be \$219.00 if all 1,700 utility customers signed up for Direct Pay service. Equal Pay is a free service provided with the Caselle software. Councilman Pierson moved to approve Direct Pay service and City staff to develop an Equal Pay policy for review. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from City Administrator, Rick Watkins explaining in 2014 the Fruitland City Council adopted a Parks & Trails Mater Plan in order to put together concepts for a series of connected pedestrian and bicycle trails, new recreational parks and updating existing parks. There are 19 separate projects that could all be developed at one time. In order to bring these projects along it is recommended that citizens be recruited to participate on one or more of 19 committees depending on their interest levels. Each committee would be allotted \$1,000 to cover any expenses they may encounter during their component development process. City Staff and Engineering staff will be available as requested. Building Inspector, Danny Little will be the liaison between the committees and City Administrator. The City Administrator will report to the City Council on a monthly basis regarding the progress of each committee. Councilman Grimes moved to proceed with the Parks & Trails Committees concept. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Hrizuk moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried at 8:03 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk