

June 8, 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.

ABSENT: Bud Reifsnyder.

OTHERS PRESENT: April Ehrlich, Jeff Carpenter, Dana Carpenter, Donald Barker, Jon Fabricius, Bob Pharmer, Carl Hipwell, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, JD Huff, Steve Mozingo, Bert Osborn and Suzanne Pearcy.

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

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

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

Public Hearing-

A public hearing was opened at 7:03 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Donald & Elaine Barker for side yard and rear yard setback variances on the property located at 517 NW 2nd Street.

Donald Barker, 517 NW 2nd Street stated he would like to build a building on the NE side of his lot along the alley. He wants to build to the property line on the alley side. The building will be attached and would be no higher than the residence. He plans to use the building for vehicle storage and workshop. Mr. Barker is requesting an 8' side yard variance and a 7' rear yard variance.

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

Jon Fabricius from Payette Soil & Water Conservation District requested the City donate funds to their organization for match money to federal money they receive. They are requesting to be added as a budgetary item.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the variance requests for Donald & Elaine Barker at 517 NW 2nd Street. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Reports –

Zach Piepmeyer, Transportation Engineer – Written report.

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the 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.

Bob Pharmer of Pharmer Engineering recently reviewed a proposed sewage pre-treatment system from Dickinson Frozen Foods. He reviewed a response letter with the Council which explains the inadequacy of the plans. This has also been discussed with Idaho DEQ.

The Council reviewed the Olde School Redevelopment proposal. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the proposal with funds to be used from General Fund - Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

May 2015 Department Activity Reports –

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

The Council reviewed a S. Kansas Avenue Speed Study. Councilman Pierson moved to draft a Resolution establishing a 25 MPH speed limit for S. Kansas Avenue between SW 4th Street and U.S. Highway 95. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

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

The Council reviewed a memo from Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell requesting to hire a Wastewater Operator as early as August 2015. Jerry explained it would be advantageous to have the new operator on board for all and any training that may take place at the new waste water treatment facility. Jerry is asking for approval from the Mayor and Council to allocate two months of salary and benefits for a new Wastewater Operator II from this year's budget. The proposed salary for Level II Wastewater Operator will be a maximum of \$3800.00 per month. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the hire request with funds to be used from Sewer Fund - Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explaining he received a quote last year to repaint the flag pole at SW 3rd Street & S. Whitley Drive. This item was not budgeted for and the pole is in terrible shape with visible surface rust. Jerry is asking permission to schedule the work this summer while the weather is good rather than waiting for the next budget to begin when the weather will be colder. The estimate to repaint the flag pole is

\$1,200.00. Jerry proposed to take the funds from Street Fund - Capital Projects. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the request with funds to be used from Street Fund - Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

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

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

The Council reviewed a Laundry Service agreement between Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Ontario and the City of Fruitland for linen used by the ambulance department. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Payette County Paramedics Director, Steve Mazingo explaining the current ambulances are older and have high mileage. With the age and greater wear and tear they are seeing growing maintenance costs on the vehicles. Budgeted money for vehicle maintenance is on track to be spent this month. Steve explained the Director of Canyon County Paramedics has two 2 ½ year old ambulances that he has been directed to sell. Both of these ambulances are in service, front line vehicles with under 50,000 miles on them and they each come with a \$30,000 gurney load system. Canyon County is selling these for \$80,000 per vehicle. New they are each \$150,000 without the load system. Steve is requesting the Council consider purchasing one or both of these vehicles and bumping the current front line ambulances into a backup role. Councilman Pierson moved to table the item until the next Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Grimes moved to read Ordinance No. 600 - Level Pay by title only. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried. Councilman Pierson moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 600. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council agreed to schedule a tour of city property for Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 8:00 A.M.

Councilman Pierson moved to approve the April 2015 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(1)(b)-Litigation at 8:25 P.M.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 8:47 P.M.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried at 9:02 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk