

July 25, 2016

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

PRESENT: Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter, Ken Bishop, Reece Hrizuk, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Carl Hipwell, Cy Armstrong, Jerry Campbell, Tracy Ellwein.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kit Kamo, Rob Ruth.

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

Councilman Pierson moved to amend the meeting agenda to add an item entitled Resolution No. 2016-06 for the purposes of applying for a grant opportunity. The reason this item was not previously included on the agenda was the resolution requirement became known at 6:45 P.M. this evening with a due date of July 31, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The July 11, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed by the Council. Councilman Carpenter noted an error on the sixth paragraph of the second page that did not indicate his affirmative vote. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the minutes with the correction. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2016 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission report was reviewed. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

During the Citizens Requests portion of the meeting Mayor Bishop advised he had been approached by Idaho Rural Water Association about an internship/apprenticeship program he and PWS Jerry Campbell had been working on to increase the water and wastewater employee pool in Idaho. To assist with curriculum development, Water Superintendent Scott Mackenzie and Wastewater Superintendent Rick Schultz will be asked to participate.

Stevens-Henager College has approached Mayor Bishop offering to sponsor a \$10,000 and \$15,000 scholarship in general studies to encourage youth to acquire a post-secondary education.

Draft Resolution #2016-06 authorizing application for an Idaho Gem Grant to increase electrical capacity to Fruitland was read at length. Councilman Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-06. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Tracy Ellwein, City Transportation Engineer, submitted a written report for the Council's review. She mentioned that Idaho Transportation Department has approved a "Fruitland Next 2 Exits" sign to be located on westbound I-84 at Milepost 4.5. Councilman Stuart moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Carl Hipwell, City Water-Sewer Engineer, submitted a written report for the Council's review. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

PWS Campbell presented the drawings for the south 100 and 200 Blocks of S. Pennsylvania Avenue for the Council's review and answered the Council's questions.

An updated Intergovernmental Agreement for 9-1-1 Dispatch Service was reviewed by the Council. The most notable changes to the prior document were the addition of the Payette County Paramedics Ambulance Director and Sand Hollow Fire Protection District Fire Chief to the Operations Board. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Mayor Bishop requested the Council's consideration of providing a city-owned mobile phone for Suzanne Percy, Public Information Officer for Fruitland Police Department and Fruitland Fire Department. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the request with the phone to be provided under the Police Department plan. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried. Councilman Pierson offered to assist in developing operations policy for the PIO position.

The June 2016 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

A presentation was reviewed from Idaho Independent Intergovernmental Authority (III-A) regarding the City's health benefits package. There was discussion regarding changing the health benefits medical/pharmacy plan from the Custom Plan (2000) to the III-A Standard 80-B Plan. Differences in the two plans include a 70% co-pay current plan and an 80% new plan, \$30 co-pay for current plan and \$20 for new plan, a \$2000/\$3000 deductible current plan and a \$2000/\$4000 new plan, \$3500/\$7200 maximum out of pocket current plan and \$3500/\$7000 new plan. Savings by switching to the new plan would be \$30,288 per year. Vision and Dental benefits would remain the same. Councilman Pierson moved to contract for the Standard 80-B Plan. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Watkins asked for permission to investigate changing the medical buy-down program to American Fidelity Assurance Company. He explained they offer several plans that would be beneficial at lower costs and would bring several of the volunteer-based programs being offered under one umbrella. Councilman Grimes moved to allow investigation into the new program. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The 2016-17 tentative budget was submitted for the Council's consideration. A modification request was also submitted for the review. Councilman Hrizuk moved to tentatively adopt the 2016-17 budget pending the public hearing scheduled for August 22, 2016 and approving the modifications. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Watkins explained the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer that is assigned with preparing accounts payable was going to be taking vacation leave prior to the August 8, 2016 Council meeting and most of the bills would not be completed. She has since rescinded her vacation request, but with the

meeting date being early in the month, Watkins asked permission to pay the bills as submitted with the Council review and approval being delayed until the August 22nd meeting. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to go into executive session to discuss upcoming litigation subject to section 74-206(1)(f), Idaho Code. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried at 7:54 P.M. Regular session was entered at 8:42 P.M.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried. 8:43 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk