

September 12, 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: Stephanie Bonney, Paul Fitzer, J.D. Huff, Carl Hipwell, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, Michelle Giokas.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dolton, Liz Amason, Mark Cranford, Lynn Gentry, Galen Crawford, Laura Gross, Charles Otte, Don Haagensen, Joanne Gilligan, Kelsee Hale, Chris Hale, Lynn Larsen, Kristina Larsen, Abby Lee.

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

Councilman Stuart moved to approve the August 22, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:02 P.M. to receive public testimony regarding the Council's intent to increase ambulance provider fees in excess of five percent. As there were no oral or written comments offered, the hearing was closed at 7:03 P.M.

Mayor Bishop presented Chief of Police J.D. Huff with a certificate from Safewise proclaiming Fruitland being ranked as the fourth Safest City in Idaho for 2016.

Mark Cranford, representing AM Idaho, LLC, presented a city property lease request for gas and oil exploration. Mayor Bishop remarked there was a "non-surface use" clause in the lease which was added since the last lease agreement was reviewed in 2015. No action was taken at this time in order to give legal counsel the opportunity to review the documents.

Kelsee Hale, 222 SW 3rd Street presented updated information regarding the Fruitland 1st Farmers/Street Market event scheduled for October 8th from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. She explained there were 20-25 vendors committed at this time with one of them from the Twin Falls area. Mayor Bishop requested a site for a City booth in order to handout information regarding the upcoming bond election. Mrs. Hale requested permission to close SW 3rd Street from S. Minnesota Avenue to S. Iowa Avenue all day on October 8th. Councilman Stuart moved to grant the request subject to the City receiving letters from each of the business owners in that area granting permission. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

Laura Gross of Payette Valley Food Connection and Gaylen Crawford of Crawford Farms, 8775 Washoe Road presented a request to revise City Code allowing off site agricultural signs to be displayed in order to promote farm produce stands. The information was reviewed and referred to legal counsel for a recommendation. City Attorney Stephanie Bonney indicated a recent court decision will have substantial impact on sign codes throughout the United States.

Liz Amason, representing Modern Woodmen of America advised the Council that Julia Harrison will be operating a booth at Fruitland Family Fun Day in order to hand out nomination applications for the Home Town Hero Award program.

A letter was received from Jean Lasnick, 8022 N. Pennsylvania Avenue requesting the Council's consideration to annex her property. This property was requested for annexation in 1999 and denied by the Council due to the unavailability of water/sewer utilities. Since that time River Crest Estates Subdivision has been constructed on the west side of N. Pennsylvania Avenue making these utilities more accessible. PWS Campbell will discuss the utilities with Mrs. Lasnick.

Joanne Gilligan, 1383 Anderson Corner Road, Parma, Idaho asked the Council to consider constructing a dog park in Fruitland. Mrs. Gilligan was advised of the ongoing parks and trails committees and encouraged to join a committee.

A written Transportation Engineer report was submitted for the Council's review. Councilman Hrizuk moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

A written Water/Sewer Engineer report was submitted for the Council's review. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Police Activity report was presented by Chief J.D. Huff. He reported that Eric Banasiak has been hired as a full-time patrolman. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Fire Activity report was presented by Fire Chief Rick Watkins. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

A request for information regarding financing of the new fire truck and refinancing of two ambulances was submitted for the Council's consideration. Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the following:

- (Fire Truck) Approval of the July 14, 2016 Commitment Letter.
- (Fire Truck) Authorizing Mayor Ken Bishop and City Clerk Rick Watkins as the signors of loan documents.
- (Ambulances) Approval to extend the maturity date from September 30, 2018 to September 30, 2020.
- (Ambulances) Approval to re-amortize the loan payments over 48 months with the September 30, 2016 renewal.

Motion seconded Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

PWS Campbell submitted a request to have maintenance performed on the City Hall roof. Several leaks have occurred over the years and investigation by a roof professional has determined that there is some loose flashing and several screws in the metal roof should be replaced and calked. A proposal was received from Russell Clinton to perform the repairs at a cost of \$1375.00. Since R&M Building line items are exhausted for this fiscal year, it was recommended the repairs be paid from State Revenue Sharing Fund – Capital Projects. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the request with the cost to be taken from State Revenue Sharing Fund – Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Public Works Activity report was submitted by Public Works Supervisor Jerry Campbell. He also reported a contractor has been hired to move a lot of the concentrated sludge areas in the former Snake River Waste Water Treatment Plant in order to continue the drying process and provide the required areas to sample for DEQ requirements. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Building Activity report was submitted by Building Official Danny Little. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Ambulance Activity report was submitted by Ambulance Director Michelle Giokas. Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2016-07 increasing ambulance provider fees was reviewed by the Council. Councilman Hrizuk moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-07. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The August 2016 Parks & Trails Committees report was reviewed by the Council.

The August 2016 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilman Pierson moved to pay the bills. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

A cost comparison for the administration of the health benefits buy-down program along with the Health Reimbursement Accounts and Flex Spending/Savings Accounts was reviewed between the City's existing provider, PrimePay, and American Fidelity. Councilman Grimes moved to cancel the contract with PrimePay and to approve the Service Exchange Agreement with American Fidelity. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Due to the October 10 meeting being scheduled on Columbus Day and the City Clerk being on vacation during the scheduled December 26 meeting, Councilman Pierson moved to cancel both meetings. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) to discuss litigation with the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 8:48 P.M. The Council came out of executive session at 9:25 P.M.

Councilman Carpenter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.
9:26 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk