November 14, 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.
STAFF PRESENT: Carl Hipwell, J.D. Huff, Jerry Campbell, Paul Fitzer, Tracy Ellwein.
OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Haines, Jim Birdsall, Terri Lindenberg, Debbie Maxwell, David Jennings, Kelly Dame, Steve Cockerum, Chet Boren.

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

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the October 24, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Terri Lindenberg, Director of Snake River Transit addressed the Council on the funding status of Snake River Transit. She distributed a fact sheet showing the actual costs for the 2015-16 fiscal year and the 2016-17 estimated budget. She explained that City of Payette paid $5000 less than was requested last year. Fruitland paid $15,000. Payette paid $10,000. Payette County paid $20,000. Terri has had meetings with the City of Payette for the 2016-17 fiscal year in which Fruitland, Payette and Payette County are proposed to pay $17,000 each. City of Payette will only pay $10,000 for the service. Therefore, Snake River Transit has proposed to cut the northwest and southeast routes from Payette to compensate for their lack of funding and add eight minutes to transfer between Walmart and the new Waremart when it opens.

Chet Boren, owner of 1619 N. Whitley Drive explained there are several empty commercial spaces in Fruitland and suggested that City Code by amended to not require payment of water and sewer billings to landlords of these empty spaces until they get rented. City Attorney Paul Fitzer explained that legally a system must be in place that treats all users equally. Mayor Bishop thanked Mr. Boren for his suggestions and the Council would take his information under advisement.

Jim Birdsall, James A. Birdsall & Associates explained he has conducted several inquiries with Idaho Department of Commerce for an Idaho Community Block Grant to improve NW 16th Street and N. Pennsylvania Avenue in the area of Woodgrain Millwork. Due to Woodgrain's expansion and increased employment, he has been advised this would be a strongly competitive application. He asked the Council if they would like to pursue Step 2 of his proposal, which would include submitting an application. He explained it would be beneficial if the Council could provide $25,000 to $40,000 cash as a portion of the grant match. Councilman Pierson moved to authorize Step 2 of the grant application process. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Kelly Dame, owner of Woodgrain Millwork explained he is in the middle of a large plant expansion on his property located at 300 NW 16th Street. He has two buildings completed with two more to construct. He has several zoning applications in place and is running up against the weather in trying to construct a temporary parking lot. He asked permission to allow

approximately fifty employee vehicles to park on either side of NW 16th Street from the Farmers Irrigation canal to the Woodgrain offices. PWS Campbell explained that NW 16th Street was designed and constructed for four lanes with parking on both sides even though it is only striped for two lanes. Plenty of width exists to accommodate on-street parking. The consensus of the Council was in favor of the request.

Tracy Ellwein, Transportation Engineer presented her written report and answered questions. Councilman Pierson moved to accept the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Carl Hipwell, Water/Sewer Engineer presented his written report and answered questions. Councilman Hrizuk moved to accept the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Carl Hipwell presented a pay application from J.C. Constructors for $295,135.28 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant construction project. Carl Hipwell presented an invoice for $31,630.46 for extra work Pharmer Engineering put in associated with WesTech performance issues during the Waste Water Treatment Plant construction project. He advised there was a line item in the contract for additional services up to $40,000. Therefore, a contract amendment would not be necessary. It was determined the $31,630.45 to Pharmer should be withheld from J.C. Constructors due to ongoing performance issues. Councilman Pierson moved to table the J.C. Constructors pay request. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

It was reported that Dickinson Frozen Foods has been land applying raw sludge from their belt press on their land located north of their former pond site. It is unsightly and creates offensive odors. This activity along with photographs has been forwarded to DEQ for enforcement action. A letter was reviewed from DEQ to Dickinson Frozen Foods on November 8, 2016 with a cease and desist order. Engineer Hipwell will continue to monitor the circumstances and forward DFF's response to DEQ.

The October 2016 activity report for the Fruitland Police Department was submitted by Chief Huff. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The October 2016 activity report for the Fruitland Fire Department was submitted by Chief Watkins. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The October 2016 activity report for the Public Works Department was submitted by PW Supervisor Campbell. He also reported that it appears DEQ will be unable to perform sludge sampling at the former Snake River WW Treatment Plant until January, 2017. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor Campbell submitted a final inspection report for Phase 4 Northview Ranch Subdivision. Councilman Pierson moved to accept Northview Ranch Subdivision No. 4 and to begin the one year warranty period. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor Campbell submitted a final inspection report for Syringa Springs Subdivision No. 2. Councilman Pierson moved to accept Syringa Springs Subdivision No. 2 and to begin the one year warranty period. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The October 2016 activity report for the Building Department was submitted by Building Official Danny Little. Councilman Hrizuk moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The October 2016 activity report for Payette County Paramedics was submitted by Director Michelle Giokas. Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Pierson moved to read proposed Ordinance No. 616 by title only. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried. Councilman Pierson moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 616, amending the comprehensive plan and rezoning the property located at 704 SW 3rd Street from Single-Family Residential to Multi-Family Residential. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The bills for October 2016 were presented to the Council for review and payment. Councilman Grimes moved to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) to confer with the City Attorney regarding litigation. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 8:39 P.M. Executive session was closed at 9:15 P.M.

Councilman Hrizuk moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter motion carried. 9:16 P.M.

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Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk