

February 10, 2020

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

PRESENT: Brian Howell, Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, Michelle Giokas, Samantha Herrera, Rick Watkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Watson, Bill Shawver, Scherri Farley, Steve Lambert, Dan Greig, Charles Otte, Liz Sansom, Kenn Schappert.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by the Estate of Randall Bishop for annexation, comprehensive plan amendment from Rural Residential to Single Family Residential, and a zoning designation of Single Family Residential for property in the south 1300 Block of NW 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

The applicant was not in attendance to answer questions.

Zoning Administrator, Rick Watkins had concerns regarding a possible need for a development agreement if the applicant were to apply for a short plat.

The Council did not feel they had enough information and the hearing was continued at 7:14 P.M. until the February 24, 2020 City Council meeting.

Amanda Watson and Bill Shawver, founders of Atlas Strategic Communications reviewed public relations plan of action and cost options with the Council regarding a General Obligation Bond Election for construction of a new police station and renovation of City Hall. A previous campaign was ran for the November 2019 ballot and failed by eight votes. Amanda explained they have developed two campaign options with different tactics to educate voters of the upcoming May 2020 bond election. They have reused as much material as possible from the previously ran campaign to save on costs. Option A includes: Chamber hosted luncheon, brochures, door knocking, poster distribution, community event, microsite, direct mailing, digital advertising, social media, banners, yard signs, displays, earned media, videos and tours of the police station. Total cost for Option A: \$29,700. Option B includes the same tactics as Option A but does not include poster distribution or yard signs and the direct mailing, digital advertising and social media were scaled down. Total cost for Option B: \$23,200. City Administrator, Rick Watkins presented information regarding the possibility to cut cost of the bond by not including City Hall renovations and to only build the police station. Councilor Pierson moved to approve

Option A, not to exceed \$29,700. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried. Rick will work with Hummel Architects to determine if not including City Hall renovations could be a option.

Dan Greig, representing American Legion Post #33 along with the American Legion Auxiliary, is requesting sponsorship for American Legion Boys State and Girls State. Dan explained Boys and Girls State is a selective educational program of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. There is a total of thirteen girls and three boys that will be attending at a cost of \$400.00 per student. Two of the girls are from Fruitland High School. Councilor Grimes moved to sponsor the Girls State in the amount of \$800.00 with the funds to be used from State Revenue Sharing, Community Development. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Scherri Farley, Food Service Director of the Fruitland School District requested permission to use Gazebo #1 of the Fruitland Community Park for the Summer Meal Program from June 1, 2020 until July 31, 2020. Monday thru Fridays from 11:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Steve Lambert, Principal of the Treasure Valley Classical Academy discussed the schools use of the downtown park with the Council. Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explained the grass areas are being damaged due to the excessive use. A playground equipment inspection was completed and the equipment has not been damaged and is still in good condition. Mr. Lambert explained he received an email from Jerry regarding the Councils concern of the park being damaged due to the use of the school. Mr. Lambert assured the Council they have since made it mandatory the kids only use the hard surfaces and not to use the grass area facing the school that is shaded and getting damaged. Mr. Lambert explained they are currently working on their master plan and plan to cease use of the park by the beginning of the next school year and are willing to contribute to the cost of repair to the grass. Jerry will work with Steve regarding the grass repair cost.

The Transportation Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from T-O Engineers regarding Payment Application #3 and Change Order #1 for the East 1<sup>st</sup> Street Lift Station. The official pump station start-up occurred on 12-18-2019, the work has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract documents and T-O recommends the City accept this project as complete. Approval of Pay application #3 will act as the City's final acceptance of the project, will release the 5% retainage, and will begin the one-year warranty period. In addition, the Council reviewed Change Order #1 to increase the contract time by 26 days due to the contractor needing to obtain a second odor control unit to replace the original unit that was damaged in shipping. The second odor control unit has been installed and is function properly. Councilor Pierson moved to accept

the project as complete, release the 5% retainage, Change Order #1 and begin the one-year warranty period. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explaining the Council approved expenditures for two above ground splash pad features in the current budget. Jerry is preparing to order the features and would like to give the Council an opportunity to assist in decision making as to which features to purchase and install. Based on discussions with the playground sales representative, Jerry recommends the installation of either the "Poly Palm Coco" or the "Sneaky Soaker 2". Councilor Grimes moved to purchase and install the "Poly Palm Coco" at the Crestview Park and to purchase and install the "Sneaky Soaker 2" at the Downtown Park. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2020 Ambulance Department Activity Report was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an Industrial Sewer User's Contract for Swire Coca-Cola. Swire is requesting a rate increase to allow for 2,000 lbs. of additional BOD capacity. BOD accounts for 29.31% of the total monthly bill increasing the monthly base rate in the amount of \$2,580.04 for the total monthly base rate of \$11,382.62. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-01- Allowing for early payments of certain accounts payable. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02- Amending Title I, Section H- Drug Free Workplace Policy of the Personnel Manual. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson discussed a possible dog park with the Council. The Council agreed to allow Councilor Peterson to work with a citizens group to gather ideas and information regarding what development they would like to see in a dog park.

The January 2020 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried at 9:55 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Percy, City Clerk