

February 12, 2018

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, Jeff Carpenter, Ed Pierson, Kari Peterson, Stuart Grimes.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Bill Russell, Carl Hipwell, Danny Little, Jerry Campbell, JD Huff, Michelle Giokas, Suzanne Percy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Ruth, Patricia Ann, Scherri Farley, Sue Bixbey, Julie Fugate, Duke Fugate, Charles Otte, Alma Hasse, Kay Chin, Kit Kamo, Martin Fry, Marc McCord.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the January 22, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell reported the City of Fruitland was presented with a PISCES award from EPA recognizing the wastewater consolidation and upgrade project of the City of Fruitland's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognized 28 clean water infrastructure projects for excellence and innovation within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program (CWSRF). EPA's Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) program celebrates innovation demonstrated by CWSRF programs and assistance recipients. Twenty-eight projects were recognized by the 2017 PISCES program including City of Fruitland, as one of only two award recipients west of the Mississippi River. Fruitland was selected for the Recognized Excellence Award.

Mayor Howell appointed Bill Russell with T-O Engineers as the Transportation Engineer. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request by Scherri Farley, Food Service Director for the Fruitland School District requesting permission to use the Fruitland Community Park for the Summer Meal Program from May 29, 2018 thru July 31, 2018. Proposed hours of operation are 11:30 AM-12:15 PM Monday thru Friday. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request subject to the schedule being arranged with the Public Works Supervisor to avoid conflicts with splash pad construction. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Kit Kamo, Executive Director of the Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA) introduced herself and presented the annual 2017 report to the Council.

The Council reviewed a proposal to erect two additional "Purple Heart City" signs on US-95 at the north and south city limits for the estimated cost of \$240.00. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the request to purchase and install the "Purple Heart City" signs. Seconded by Councilor

Carpenter. Motion carried. Councilor Grimes will research Purple Heart recipients from Fruitland to possibly add their names to the bottom of the signs.

The Council reviewed an agreement from Payette County to use Fruitland City Hall as a polling place for the upcoming Payette County elections scheduled for March 13, 2018; May 15, 2018; August 28, 2018; and November 6, 2018. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Payette County Recreation District to allow overnight parking of self-contained recreational vehicles in the parking lot at Mesa Park during five youth softball/baseball tournaments. The dates for the overnight parking would be: May 5-6, 2018; June 8-9, 2018; June 22-23, 2018; July 6-7, 2018; and July 20-21, 2018. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the overnight parking request. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an Idaho Transportation Department - Idaho Unified Certification for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Pierson, aye. Peterson, aye. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was presented by Engineer Hipwell. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The January 2018 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Campbell explained the fire station may be used Saturday, February 17, 2018 for a funeral for a former member of the Fruitland Fire Department.

The January 2018 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. He reported he has added two new members, bringing total staffing to 27. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2018 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The January 2018 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2018 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Michelle Giokas. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director, Michelle Giokas reported she has been researching the replacement of the second ambulance quarters. With set up, trim, AC and other potential options, the price for the project comes to \$57,972.00. This does not include the prep work that is required by the City of Fruitland. The additional cost to lay a foundation, run plumbing, electrical and add an awning and steps comes to \$10,000.00, bringing the total to \$67,972.00 which exceeds the budgeted \$60,000.00. Michelle is requesting permission to move forward with the purchase of the manufactured home and that she be allotted an additional \$10,000.00 in excess of the budgeted costs; the additional funding to come out of Ambulance - Capital Projects. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the proposal with funds not to exceed \$70,000.00. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the January 2018 Parks & Trails Committees Activity report. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street/S. Pennsylvania Avenue Pedestrian Crossing proposal. Councilor Grimes explained Fruitland School District Superintendent Teresa Fabricius discussed concerns with him regarding the "T" intersection of S. Pennsylvania Avenue and SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Drivers approaching the intersection are focusing on the approaching traffic and cross traffic and not pedestrians that have entered the crosswalk. Councilor Pierson moved to have the Transportation Engineer review the area for recommendations. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft of proposed Ordinance No. 629 - Gas & Oil Operations and discussed additions and modifications with City Attorney, Stephanie Bonney. She will prepare a 4<sup>th</sup> draft to be discussed during a public hearing at the February 26, 2018 City Council meeting.

Councilor Peterson discussed potential annexation opportunities of properties in close proximity to Fruitland city limits.

The January 2018 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 8:54 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk