

February 27, 2017

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: J.D. Huff, Jerry Campbell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Birdsall, Mike Smith, Craig Smith.

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

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the February 13, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The February 2017 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission report was presented by Zoning Administrator Watkins. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

An Access Easement and Maintenance Agreement was reviewed regarding a request by Agile Homes. The Easement and Agreement refer to a small access across city property at the north end of Whitley Court. The Easement would make access to their Design Center for handicapped parking available. The documents have been reviewed multiple times by City Staff and City Attorney. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Access Easement and Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Jim Birdsall of James A. Birdsall & Associates updated the Council on the progress of submitting an application for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant to complete a portion of NW 16th Street west of N. Pennsylvania Avenue. This grant in concert with a Local Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant which has already been submitted could improve the remainder of NW 16th Street, the intersection of NW 16th Street/N. Pennsylvania Avenue, and 500 feet of N. Pennsylvania Avenue south of NW 16th Street. In discussions with the Idaho Department of Commerce it was suggested an increased amount of City funds as grant match would make the application more competitive. Councilman Pierson moved to commit an amount not to exceed \$54,000 as local cash match for the ICDB Grant to be disbursed from Street Fund-Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

The City Water/Sewer Engineer report was reviewed. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Campbell submitted his proposed Fire Department Command Structure for the Council's consideration. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Command Structure. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Campbell discussed several changes he would like made to Title 5, Chapter 1 “Fire Department” in City Code. Watkins explained this code was developed in 1951 when the fire department was first established. He suggested this chapter be repealed since there are no other departments within the City of Fruitland outlined in City Code. The fire department has a solid set of Standard Operating Guidelines that have been approved by City Councils in the past. Councilman Grimes moved to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance repealing Chapter 1 in Title 5 of Fruitland City Code. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The January 2017 Finance Report was reviewed. Councilman Hrizuk moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed JC Constructors Pay Application #27 for \$224,999.52. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the request if it is reduced by \$82,264.76 to total \$142,734.76. This reduction would reflect extra City Attorney, City Engineer, and City Staff time as well as accrued interest on the bond due to the long amount of time to complete the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried. 7:43 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk