March 26, 2018

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

ABSENT: None.
STAFF PRESENT: Danny Little, Jerry Campbell, JD Huff, Suzanne Pearcy.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Ruth, Dan Greig, Stephen Cook, Gary Duff, Charles Otte, Michael Pugh, Amber Miller, Sydney Miller, Jamie Miller, Travis Evenden.

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

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The March, 2018 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was presented by Zoning Administrator, Rick Watkins. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Seven Oaks Development, LLC regarding the Final Plat of Syringa Springs #3 Subdivision. City Engineer Will Mason provided a letter of recommendation to approve. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Final Plat of Syringa Springs #3 Subdivision. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Dan Greig, Adjutant of American Legion Post 33, requested sponsorship for American Legion Boys State and Girls State. Dan explained Boys State 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. Mr. Greig explained they have selected one boy and one girl from Fruitland to attend this year. The sponsorship for Boys State is $400.00 and the sponsorship for Girls State is $375.00. Sydney Miller, Fruitland High School senior, presented her experience with the Girls State program she attended last year. Councilor Grimes moved to sponsor the Girls State and Boys State participants in the amount of $775.00 with funds from State Revenue Sharing - Community Development. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

Stephen Cook, representing the Payette County Library District Project provided information for the Council to review regarding a proposed Payette County Library District. Mr. Cook explained the concept for the creation of a Payette County Library District and answered questions.

The Council reviewed a request from Mike Pugh of Intermountain Gas Company. Mr. Pugh explained IGC is modifying their meter reading method from a drive-by reading system to a radio reading system that will require antennas to be installed in order to read the gas meters in
Fruitland. Mr. Pugh is requesting permission to install flat panel antennas on the City water tower located in the area of 300 NW 16th Street for their gas meter readings system. Councilor Grimes moved to table a decision to allow time for Mike and Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell to work out details regarding the City “piggy-backing” off of Intermountain Gas Company antennas for the ability of the City to also remotely read water meters. Also, work with the City Attorney to develop a use agreement. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

There were no citizens requests presented.

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 Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to schedule the 2019 Budget Hearing for August 27, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a proposed Gas & Oil Well Site Permit Application and discussed the application fee. Councilor Pierson moved to develop a resolution for the application fee utilizing the City Engineer Review Deposit structure. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the current Accessory Structures Code. Police Chief Huff explained the Ordinance Officers currently have a list of 375 accessory structures that appear to be out of compliance with the current code. The Council agreed to work on educating the community regarding the Accessory Structures Code by developing an informational guide to be included in the utility bills and posted on the city’s website.

The Council reviewed an Ambulance Vehicles Financing Proposal. City Treasurer, Rick Watkins explained the City has received the two new ambulances ordered last autumn with invoices of $174,139.00 each for a total of $348,278.00. A financing package with First Interstate Bank was developed with options of an amortization schedule that involve semi-annual payments for terms of 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, or 6 years. Councilor Grimes moved to accept the 5-year amortization schedule in the amount of $77,524.88 per year for both ambulances. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed sponsorship information for Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc. Councilor Carpenter volunteered to represent the City of Fruitland and Councilor Peterson volunteered as the alternate. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the sponsorship dues in the amount of $254.35. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The February 2018 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the February 2018 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried at 8:39 P.M.
Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk