April 22, 2019

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, Ed Pierson, Kari Peterson, Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter. 
ABSENT: None. 
STAFF PRESENT: JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Suzanne Pearcy, Danny Little. 
OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Burt, Ashley Couchis, Terri Lindenberg, Debbie Maxwell, Jerry Haines, John Maxoutoupolis, Billie Miller, Russell Cope, Travis Johnson, Sarah Weatherspoon, Rob Ruth.

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

Councilor Peterson moved to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The April 2019 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 Payette County for recommendations pertaining to two applications for Transfer of Development Rights from Daryl Eldred, 5470 Custer Road to property owned by Harvey Stepp, 1750 & 1770 NW 24th Street. Councilor Pierson moved to send a favorable recommendation to Payette County for the request to transfer development rights. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an Impact Area recommendation request from Payette County regarding an application submitted by Casey Curtis for development of 4.27 acres at US-95 & Spruce Drive. He is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for RV Storage. The Council discussed that this property is surrounded by city limits and the negative impact this property would have on the City if the proper development standards were not followed. Councilor Carpenter moved to proceed with a Category “B” Annexation process. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Ashley Couchis presented a request to reserve the Fruitland Community Park on August 17, 2019 for a charity 5k adult and kids run to raise money for “Operation Underground Railroad.” She reminded the Council that her group had conducted the same program last year. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request to reserve the Fruitland Community Park. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

John Maxoutoupolis requested permission to present his Allstate Benefits Program to City Employees. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request to present an Allstate Benefits Program with City employees and to schedule the presentation with the department heads. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.
Jim Burt, 1200 Tara Court, presented a Pickle Ball Program proposal to the Council. Mr. Burt is requesting pickle ball striping be added to two of the current four tennis courts. Mr. Burt has contacted Drew Judson, Tennis Coach for Fruitland High School and indicated there would be no conflicts with the school’s program. PWS Campbell advised he had contacted a firm that stripes tennis courts. He explained to stripe a tennis court with black paint for pickle ball play would cost approximately $600. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the request with funds not to exceed $1,200.00 to be expended from Recreation Fund - Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Terri Lindenberg, representing Snake River Transit presented the annual Public Transportation Report to the Council and requested funding of $20,000 for the 2019-20 budget year. This request could possibly be reduced to $17,000 if they can find a sponsor to advertise on their newest bus.

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

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

The Council discussed motion procedures for City Council meetings. City Administrator, Rick Watkins explained this item was brought up during a Planning & Zoning meeting and that according to Roberts Rules of Order, City Attorney Stephanie Bonney explained small organizations do not necessarily need to second motions that are made. She only asks that whatever method is used, it should be consistent. The Council agreed to continue with the current process of seconding motions to be voted on.

Councilor Pierson moved to cancel the May 27, 2019 City Council meeting due to conflict with the Memorial Day holiday. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.


The March 2019 Finance Report was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the March 2019 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Quarterly Finance Report was reviewed. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the Treasurer’s Quarterly Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an updated project cost estimate for the City Hall/Police Facilities Bond. Estimated project cost is $2,578,246. The Council agreed to proceed with bond election procedures for the upcoming election on November 5, 2019.
The Council reviewed a memo from City Administrator, Rick Watkins regarding public relations firms for leading public information efforts for the upcoming bond election. Councilor Pierson moved to send out requests for qualifications of public relations firms. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 7:57 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk