

May 8, 2017

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

PRESENT: Jeff Carpenter, Ken Bishop, Reece Hrizuk, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: Stuart Grimes.

STAFF PRESENT: J.D. Huff, Jerry Campbell, Tracy Ellwein, Danny Litle.

OTHERS PRESENT: Terri Lindenberg, Debbie Maxwell, Charles Otte, Rob Ruth.

The meeting was opened by Mayor Bishop and the roll was taken.

Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the April 24, 2017 City Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:02 P.M. to receive testimony regarding a request by Oregon Potato Company for a Variance reducing the amount of off-street parking required for development of vegetable storage facilities on their property located at 7070 & 7100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. As there was no one in attendance representing the applicant, Zoning Administrator Watkins answered questions related to the request. City Code would require one parking space per 1000 square feet of building or 135 parking spaces. Since the entire facility is used to store vegetables for future processing, there are only a couple of employees needed for the program. The applicant is requesting five parking spaces. No written or oral testimony was provided. The hearing was closed at 7:07 P.M.

Terry Lindenberg and Debbie Maxwell, representing Snake River Transit presented their annual request for funding in the 2017-18 fiscal year. SRT is requesting \$17,000 be budgeted. The past winter was difficult for ridership. SRT has also realized a slight decrease in Medicaid funding. Ms. Lindenberg answered questions and provided an updated route map and schedule that became effective April 1, 2017.

The Variance requested by Oregon Potato Company was discussed with Mayor Bishop voicing his disappointment in the applicant not sending a representative to the meeting. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the Off-Street Parking Variance, reducing the requirement to five parking stalls. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Tim Davis, owner of a parcel of property at the northeast corner of SW 3rd Street & S. Minnesota Avenue is putting plans together for commercial/industrial development of this property. The SW 3rd Street frontage happens to be part of the storm drainage gallery for SW 3rd Street. Mr. Davis is requesting permission to utilize this area as part of his landscaping requirement. He is proposing to landscape the area with automatic sprinklers, grass, and trees at his expense. He would provide the water to irrigate the landscaping with the understanding the City would maintain the landscaping. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the proposal pending a formal written agreement. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

City Engineer Tracy Ellwein presented the results of the bid opening held May 4th for the S. Pennsylvania Avenue improvements to Blocks 100 and 200. One bid was received from Warrington Construction in the amount of \$551,616. This bid was \$95,581 higher than the engineer's estimate. The total shortfall estimate over budget will be \$177,157 to complete this project. A proposal dated 5/8/2017 to fund this project was submitted by Treasurer Watkins. Councilman Pierson moved to award the project to Warrington Construction utilizing the City Treasurer's recommendations and negotiating the contract on some of the bid items. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Payette County Recreation District submitted their 2017 request for allowance of the overnight parking of self-contained recreational vehicles in Mesa Park parking lots for five different youth softball/baseball tournaments. Councilman Pierson moved to allow the overnight parking request. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

There were no citizen requests.

The City Transportation Engineer report was presented by Engineer Tracy Ellwein. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

The April 2017 Police Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The April 2017 Fire Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The April 2017 Public Works Activity Report was presented by PWS Campbell. Councilman Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

A request was reviewed from Swire Coca Cola to purchase a used ISCO Teledyne 6700 FR wastewater sampler from the City. The City owns a few of these samplers, but does not use them any longer. Swire Coca Cola proposed a purchase price of \$750.00, representing 25% of a new sampler. Councilman Pierson moved to sell the used sampler to Swire Coca Cola for \$750.00. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The April 2017 Building Activity Report was presented by Building Official Little. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

The April 2017 Ambulance Activity Report was reviewed. Councilman Hrizuk moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The April 2017 Parks & Trails Activity Report was reviewed.

The April 2017 bills were reviewed. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Mayor/Council salaries for fiscal year 2018 was delayed pursuant to a motion by Councilman Hrizuk to table discussion until the full Council was present. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried. 7:50 P.M.

Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk