

June 22, 2020

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, Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Ed Pierson, via phone conferencing.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Samantha Herrera, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, Rick Watkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Corey Evan, Charles Otte, Jerry Haines.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the June 8, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was presented by Zoning Administrator, Rick Watkins. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy updated the Council on the financial status of the Water Fund in relation to the emergency water system. The system is expected to be in place from June through September, 2020 and will cost approximately \$118,000 to be paid in the current budget year. \$76,030.00 will be covered by the current expenditures line items leaving \$41,970.00 to be covered by the overall water fund budget. The emergency maintenance plan is estimated at an additional \$392,480.00 to be paid in the 2020-2021 budget year. T-O Engineers has submitted an application for emergency funding through Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). The application is currently under review. This item will be discussed at the budget workshop scheduled for July 2020.

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

Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell updated the Council on the status of the water production emergency system. Three 1,000 gpm pumps have been installed at the river and are working as designed. The pumps are automatically controlled and pump into nine sand filters before discharging into the wetwells of the intake building where the existing pumps pump water up to the treatment plant. The City wells have been shut down, wetwells and storage tanks have been filled. Water production is fulfilling the needs of the City. Jerry provided drone pictures to show the location of the emergency equipment. Emergency maintenance work will begin in late summer once the river flows lower allowing access to the well screens.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the Water/Sewer Report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a notice from the Independent-Enterprise announcing their closure as of June 24, 2020. The Independent-Enterprise is the designated official newspaper for the City. The Independent will be folded into the Argus Observer with specific Payette County news being published on special pages each day. All Legals that would have published in the Independent-Enterprise will now publish in the Argus Observer on Wednesdays under an Idaho Legals section. The Argus Observer has the largest circulation in Payette County and is the newspaper that is published nearest to Payette County. All Legals will be uploaded to the Idaho Public Notices website. The cost for publication will align with the Idaho Code regarding legal publication. City Attorney, Stephany Bonney explained Idaho Code 60-106 requires that the City designate an official newspaper for the publication of notices and if no newspaper is published within the City or within the county where the city is located, then the official newspaper is the newspaper published nearest to the boundaries of the City. The nearest newspaper is the Argus Observer located in Ontario, Oregon. Stephanie explained Idaho Code 60-106 conflicts with Idaho Code 50-213 which states “ or the nearest Idaho newspaper of general circulation within the City”. Councilor Grimes moved to designate the Argus Observer as the official newspaper for the City of Fruitland. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a Fruitland School Resource Officer Agreement between the City of Fruitland and School District Number 373. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Police Chief Huff, explaining, he has been working with Pacific Mobile out of Boise to build an 8’ x 40’ office/evidence storage container. The container will be custom built with limited office space, focusing primarily on secure storage space for evidence. The total cost for the container along with setup and furnishing is approximately \$49,435.00. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the purchase of the container not to exceed \$50,000.00 to be paid out of State Revenue Sharing- Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a property agreement request from Judith Shields for exchange of deeded Right-of-Way for her property located at 303 S. Colorado Avenue. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the Right-of-Way Acquisition. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The May 2020 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the May 2020 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Grimes moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)-Personnel. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried 7:54 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 9:07 P.M.

Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 9:09 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk