

July 13, 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.

ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Birdsall (via phone conferencing), David Eastman, Mike Smith.

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

Councilor Peterson moved to approve the June 22, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of notifying the public on the status of funded activities. The City of Fruitland received an Idaho Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Idaho Department of Commerce. This funding is allocated to the State of Idaho from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds are currently being used to construct street improvements on NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street to facilitate job creation.

Jim Birdsall, Assistant Grant Administrator, explained that a public hearing is part of the grant requirements to update the status of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street improvements. Jim explained the creation of 20 new jobs were projected for Swire Coca Cola and 25 new jobs have been created.

Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell stated construction is 100% complete and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street is ready for use.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:05 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:05 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Penn South LLC for Annexation, Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Heavy Industrial to Light Industrial, and Zone Designation of Light Industrial for two parcels in the west 900 Block of N. Pennsylvania Avenue.

Dave Eastman representing Penn South LLC and Woodgrain Millwork explained they have purchased the 10 acres located south of their facility. They will continue to farm 6 ½ acres with the remaining 3 ½ acres on the west side of the property to be used for pellet storage. Mr. Eastman submitted engineer drawings indicating the layout of the property. Mr. Eastman explained there will be no additional truck traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue and loading of trucks will only take place during the day. They are currently working with the gas pipelines to follow their requirements and working with the City regarding industrial development standards as they want to be good neighbors to the abutting residential neighborhood.

Written testimony was received from Michael Rieske of Williams-Northwest Pipeline, Midge Kline of Marathon Pipe Line, William Mason of Mason & Associates, William Russell of T-O Engineers, Peggy Murphy of Farmers Co-operative Irrigation Company, and Sarah Arjona of Idaho Transportation Department.

No further testimony was received and the hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M.

A temporary street closure request from West Valley Church, 100 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street was reviewed regarding S. Pennsylvania Avenue from SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street on September 13, 2020 from 12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. to accommodate their annual Steaks & Rods event. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Mike Smith of Apex Land Group, requested the issuance of building permits for Phase 1 of Zellers Crossing upon approval by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. They would like to pick up building permits once inspection and punch list item are completed but before formal approval from City Council. Mike explained they hope to have all punch list items and final inspection completed by July 23, 2020 and permits released before the August 10, 2020 City Council meeting. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the request contingent on approvals from Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell, Building Official, Danny Little and Zoning Administrator, Rick Watkins. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Transportation Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Peterson 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 June 2020 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request to dispose of a Sensus handled AR4002 meter reader and charging station. City Clerk/Treasurer, Suzanne Percy explained this handled and charging station is no longer functioning or supported by Sensus and has been unusable for several years. Councilor Grimes moved to dispose for the Sensus handheld AR4002. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The June 2020 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Michelle Giokas. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06-Designating an official newspaper. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from City Administrator, Rick Watkins regarding the process of completing requirements of the Idaho Community Development Block Grant for the construction of NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Rick explained in order to meet some of the Fair Housing Program requirements, the City needs to appoint a Fair Housing Resource Person to advocate for, pursue training of, and serve as a complaint clearinghouse to further fair housing practices in the community. Since the City Administrator is appointed to serve as the Title VI (Civil Rights) Coordinator for the City, he recommends this person also be appointed as the City's Fair Housing Resource Person. Councilor Pierson moved to appoint the City Administrator as the Fair Housing Resource Person. Seconded by Councilman Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the abstract of the May 19, 2020 Fruitland City Bond Election, results are as follows:

	<u>Precinct #5:</u>	<u>Precinct #6:</u>	<u>Total Votes:</u>
For	360	278	638
Against	252	174	426

Total ballots cast of 1064 with the total number of votes for the measure totaling 638, which equates to 59.96% of the total votes. A general obligation bond requires a 2/3 (66.67%) majority, resulting in the bond failing. Councilor Peterson moved to accept the Fruitland City Bond Election results. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the 2020 water and sewer rate studies submitted by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Peterson moved to table a decision until after the budget workshop. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The June 2020 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)-Personnel. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried 7:52 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 8:18 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to amend the agenda to add a Personnel Disciplinary Action Item. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Mayor Howell terminated for cause, Michelle Giokas as Ambulance Director. Councilor Pierson moved to affirm the termination. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried at 8:21 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Percy, City Clerk