

July 29, 2019

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

Present: Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter, Brian Howell, Kari Peterson.

Absent: Ed Pierson.

Staff Present: Suzanne Percy, Danny Little, Jerry Cambell, Jeff Werner.

Others Present: Michael Dolton, Alicia Cavazos, Mario Cavazos, Jerry Haines, Carol Garrison, Jim Birdsall, Ken Bishop, Pat Anne.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Patricia Anne, 1705 N. Whitley Drive, addressed the Council regarding a complaint. She advised she has permission from her neighbor Tom & Debbie Pallis dba Fruitland Outdoor Power Sports, to feed feral cats on their property. She has recently been accosted. The City Clerk explained the matter will be reviewed during a hearing scheduled for the Council's August 26th meeting and any further testimony would be inappropriate at this time. Ms. Anne explained she understood and was just creating a record of her efforts for the future.

Michael Dolton, representing Alma Mater, Inc. presented a letter from Reece Hrizuk regarding a request for the waiver of land use fees, water & sewer fees, and any other city fees related to their efforts to develop the 402 SW 3rd Street property into a public museum. After discussion it was determined to revisit the matter once the land use issues have been completed. Alma Mater, Inc. has requested a Conditional Use Permit for the museum and a Variance to waive off-street parking requirements.

An email was reviewed from Public Works Supervisor Jerry Campbell explaining the punch list for Northview Village has been completed. He recommends development approval and to begin the one-year warranty period. Councilor Grimes moved to accept the development and begin the one-year warranty period. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

An invitation was received from American Legion #33 and American Legion Auxiliary #33 for two representatives and their companions from the City to attend the Girls and Boys State Appreciation Dinner on August 12th. Councilor Grimes will be attending.

The City Transportation Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Peterson moved to accept the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The additional services authorization from the City Transportation Engineer for street lighting and driveway coordination of NW 9th Street construction tabled at the last meeting was reviewed. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Motion carried.

City Transportation Engineer Jeff Werner presented a truck turning scenario at the intersection of NW 16th Street and N. Pennsylvania Avenue as part of their N. Pennsylvania Avenue project design. It was determined the least private property impact would be to request additional right of way from the owners of Desert Rose Estates. Mayor Howell will make contact with the owners to begin the negotiations.

Grant Administrator Carol Garrison and Jim Birdsall addressed the Council concerning a requirement in the application for an Idaho Commerce Department Block Grant (ICDBG) to develop NW 7th Street, to appoint an Environmental Review Officer as part of the Environmental Assessment process. It was recommended the Grant Administrator be the appointee as that person is the most familiar with the regulations. Mayor Howell appointed Carol Garrison as Environmental Review Officer. Councilor Grimes moved to confirm the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

A water rights application submitted by Washoe Irrigation and Power Company requesting an additional 12.3 cfs from the Payette River was discussed. City Attorney Cherese McLain submitted an email explaining her recommendation the City should file a protest in order to confirm information and/or negotiate a few mitigation conditions to protect the City's water right. The diversion point to be used by Washoe Irrigation is approximately ¼ mile upstream from the City's intake station. Ms. McLain also suggested she be assisted by Terry Scanlan of SPF Engineering as a subcontractor in this matter. Mr. Scanlan assisted the City in acquiring its water right permit #65-23088 for 8.09 cfs in 2012. Councilor Grimes moved to approve filing the protest and to the City Attorney subcontracting with Terry Scanlan of SPF Engineering. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The preliminary 2019-20 fiscal year budget was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to tentatively adopt the proposed 2019-20 budget and to schedule a public hearing for August 26, 2019. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Fruitland Police Department's K-9 Officer Ben Key and the City was reviewed. The MOU outlines the terms for compensating Officer Key for 14 hours of pay per 28-day work period in lieu of providing 14 hours of compensatory time off. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the MOU. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

It was determined the annual Fire Fighters Appreciation Banquet will be scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, September 16th at Creekside Ranch. The meal will be provided by Tip Top Catering.

Councilor Peterson asked for insight regarding the meeting held with Amanda Watson and Bill Shawver of Atlas Strategic Communications held last week to discuss strategies for educating the voters for the upcoming police station/city hall renovation bond, as she was unable to attend. Everyone advised the information was well received and they felt confident in Amanda and Bill's abilities. Watkins advised the Council he had been working with the City Attorney in developing the bond ordinance and associated documents. He requested the Council's determination of the length of the \$2.6 million bond amortization. A 30-year bond at 3.0% interest would require \$48.30 per \$100,000 of assessed market value for taxes at the current

circumstances. A 20-year bond would require \$63.59 per \$100,000 of assessed market value. The Council chose to go with the 30-year option.

There was discussion of renting a vendor space to provide a bond election informational booth at the upcoming Fruitland Family Fun Days to be held September 14th at Fruitland Community Park. The Council chose to rent a vendor space versus being an event sponsor.

The June 2019 Financial Report was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Third Quarter Treasurer's Finance Report was reviewed. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

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

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk