August 14, 2017

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

PRESENT: Ken Bishop, Reece Hrizuk, Jeff Carpenter, Ed Pierson, Stuart Grimes. ABSENT: None.
STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Carl Hipwell, Danny Little, Michelle Giokas, Jerry Campbell, JD Huff, Suzanne Pearcy.
OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Ruth, Troy O’Dell, Marty Gergen, Todd Campbell, Steve Schossberger, Paul Knudson, Ross Barton, Kari Peterson, Sam Peterson.

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

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:04 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Mesa Land & Development, Inc. for a re-plat of Brookwood Estates Subdivision.

Marty Gergen, representing Mesa Land & Development, explained the original plat called for 29 lots. The re-plat will reduce the development to 25 lots allowing for larger lots. The subdivision will have city water and sewer. Storm water will be retained on site. Mr. Gergen explained they have met all requirements requested by the City Engineers with the exception they are requesting a variance for lots 21, 23, 24, and 25 as they do not meet the City Code minimum depth requirement of 100 feet.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:08 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:08 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a proposed ordinance that amends Title 10 - Chapters 3 and 9, providing a definition and regulations for portable canopies.

Ross Barton, 712 SW 4th Street explained he received a letter regarding a 10’x 20’ portable canopy that has been in his back yard for several years. He has been working with the City to amend the current City Code to provide for a better definition and regulations regarding portable canopies.

No further testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a proposed increase to industrial sewer rates in excess of 5%. The purpose of the fee increase is to apportion the appropriate share of sewer bond payments to customers with industrial sewer user’s contracts. The industrial sewer users are currently paying their share of the capital costs on the first bond. This fee increase will complete the payment schedule for the second bond.
No testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M.

The August 2017 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was presented by Zoning Administrator, Rick Watkins. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Paul Knudson, 917 Bobwhite Street, requested a waiver of curb, gutter, and sidewalk requirements for property he owns on NW 19th Street. Mr. Knudson explained he owns two parcels of property that access NW 19th Street. He would like to combine the parcels to create one buildable lot. This lot would have 50’ of access frontage along NW 19th Street. To be consistent with the existing development of NW19th Street he is requesting a waiver of the requirement of curb, gutter and sidewalk. This request was supported by City Transportation Engineer Tracy Ellwein. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the waiver request. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Kelly Dame, CFO of Woodgrain Millwork, Inc. regarding a parcel of City owned property containing the water tower located within the Woodgrain Millwork complex. Woodgrain would like to purchase approximately 2,860 square feet of the parcel. Councilman Pierson moved to proceed with the sale process. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

Mayor Bishop requested citizen requests to address the Council and received none.

The Council recessed the meeting in order to attend a demonstration of the new splash pad and view the completed Crestview Park.

Councilman Grimes moved to approve the Brookwood Estates Subdivision Re-plat pending approval of the requested variances. Seconded by Councilman Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilman Grimes moved to table a decision on portable canopy regulations to allow time for further discussions. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

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

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was presented by Engineer Carl Hipwell. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes.

The July 2017 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Chief Huff explained he has budgeted $40,000.00 for new patrol cars. He has an opportunity to purchase three leased patrol vehicles, fully equipped and low mileage for $40,000 and intends to purchase them in the next fiscal year. All vehicles are currently leased by the City of Rupert and he has all of the maintenance records for them. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.
The July 2017 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council scheduled the Firemen’s Appreciation Banquet at O’Dell’s Creekside Ranch on September 26, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

The July 2017 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council scheduled a Ribbon Cutting for the recently completed Crestview Park for September 19, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.

The July 2017 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2017 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Michelle Giokas. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director Giokas explained that to purchase ambulances is a very lengthy process with assembly times of six to ten months. In efforts to reduce the wait time she is asking for the Council’s permission to sign a letter of intent to purchase. This will secure a build slot in the scheduling que immediately and gives up to 60 days to make a formal purchase. Payment is not required until delivery so this will also allow time to secure financing. Michelle intends to piggy-back on recently bid contract awards for the same ambulances she has specified. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the intent to purchase request. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the July 2017 Parks & Trails Committees Activity report.

Councilman Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06-Increase Industrial Sewer User’s Rates. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to read Ordinance No. 627, amending the comprehensive plan and rezoning the south 700 Block of NW 9th Street by title only. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried. Councilman Pierson moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 627. Seconded by Councilman Hrizuk. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Hrizuk, aye. Pierson, aye. Carpenter, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an amended Tentative 2017-18 Budget. Watkins explained final assessed value numbers were received from Payette County since the last Council meeting resulted in a reduced amount of property taxes available to be requested in the General Fund and Ambulance Fund budgets. The shortfall was replaced by Unassigned Fund balances in both funds. Proposed
budget totals were unchanged. Councilman Grimes moved to approve the amendment. Seconded by Councilman Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2017 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilman Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilman Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Grimes. Motion carried at 8:37 P.M.

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Ken Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk