A) Call to Order
B) Roll Call
C) Approval of August 26, 2019 Minutes- ACTION ITEM
D) Public Hearings- 7:00 P.M.
   1. Water Rate Increase
   2. Alma Mater Inc., - Variance of Off Street Parking Requirements- 402 SW 3rd Street
   3. Carol Garrison and Jim Birdsall- Idaho Community Development Block Grant Activities
E) Citizens Requests
F) City Engineer Reports – ACTION ITEMS
   1. Civil
   2. Transportation
   3. Water/Sewer
G) August 2019 Department Activity Reports- ACTION ITEMS
   1. Police
   2. Fire
      a. Donation of SCBA Bottles- ACTION ITEM
   3. Public Works
   4. Building
   5. Ambulance
      a. Michelle Giokas, Payette County Paramedics- Part Time Salary Increase Request- ACTION ITEM
      b. Equipment Disposal Request- ACTION ITEM
H) Parks & Trails Committees- Discussion- ACTION ITEM
I) Family Fun Days – Booth Duty Schedule- ACTION ITEM
J) Ordinance No. 659- Water Rate Increase/Sewer Bill Decrease- ACTION ITEM
K) Reschedule October 14, 2019 Council Meeting- (Columbus Day)- ACTION ITEM
L) August 2019 Bills- ACTION ITEM
M) Adjournment- ACTION ITEM

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September 9, 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, Ed Pierson.
ABSENT: None.
STAFF PRESENT: J.D. Huff, Jerry Campbell, Danny Little, Michelle Giokas, Suzanne Pearcy.
OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Otte, Jerry Haines, Kenn Schappert, Jim Birdsall.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M. regarding Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) activities. Jim Birdsall of the grant administration team explained the purpose of the grant request by the City of Fruitland was to construct an extension of NW 7th Street. The request is for approximately $500,000. The grant is administered by Idaho Department of Commerce as authorized by the Federal Housing and Urban Development program.

In order to qualify for the grant opportunity one of three national objectives must be shown:

#1 Benefit low or moderate income residents.
#2 Prevent or limit slum and blight conditions.
#3 Provide relief of imminent threat to health and safety.

Idaho Department of Commerce accomplishes one of the three national goals under five categories:

#1 Grants for public facilities.
#2 Economic development.
#3 Community and senior centers.
#4 Imminent threat grants.
#5 Public parks.

The City of Fruitland grant application proposes using the economic development category by developing infrastructure supporting job creation. The project consists of constructing approximately 1,250 linear feet of street at NW 7th Street extending east of U.S. Highway 95 near the north property line of Swire Coca Cola USA to near the Oregon Short Line Railroad. The street will support Swire’s plant expansion as well as serving other neighboring properties in the area.

Benefits would be creating truck access to serve the Swire expansion, relieving traffic to neighboring streets, creating improved access of emergency responders, improving access to neighboring properties, and helping to create new jobs. The broad cost estimate at this time is
between $950,000 and $1,000,000 for design and construction. Grant writers are currently working with the City Transportation Engineer to narrow down those cost estimates.

The schedule is to submit the grant application September 16, 2019. If the application passes staff review it is forwarded to the Governor’s Economic Development Task Force for review in late October. We should get notice by late November if the grant is approved. If successful, the project would be bid in late December or January with a planned spring 2020 construction. The project should be completed by July 2020.

The draft application and the application handbook are available at this hearing.

Kenn Schappert, Plant Manager of Swire Coca Cola USA explained conservative estimates of proposed job creation are from 15 employees to mid-20’s. Leadership is supportive in assisting the City with this project.

As there were no oral or written comments presented from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:15 P.M. to receive comments regarding a proposed water rate increase effective October 1, 2019. The water base rate would increase per unit (3/4” service) from $37.00 per month to $40.00 per month and the usage would increase from $1.45 per 1000 gallons to $1.55 per 1000 gallons. The sewer rate is proposed to be decreased from $35.00 per month to $32.00 per month. The resulting utility bill net increase would be ten cents per 1000 gallons purchased. As there was no oral or written testimony the hearing was closed at 7:17 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:17 P.M. to receive comments regarding a Variance application submitted by Alma Mater Inc. to reduce the off-street parking requirements at 402 SW 3rd Street to zero. No comment was received. An email was read from Michael Dolton, applicant for Alma Mater, Inc. requesting the hearing be continued until the September 23, 2019 meeting. Councilor Pierson moved to continue the hearing. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

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

The August 2019 Police Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The August 2019 Fire Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Chief Campbell submitted a request to donate twelve surplus Survivair self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) bottles to Gearhart Fire Department near Seaside, Oregon. The Gearhart Fire Department is a small volunteer group that have experienced all of their SCBA bottles certifications expiring. The bottles to be donated have been tested and are useable until June 2021. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the donation. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.
The August 2019 Public Works Activity Report was presented by PWS Campbell. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The August 2019 Building Activity Report was presented by Building Official Little. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The August 2019 Ambulance Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director Giokas. She advised that Payette County Paramedics is on pace to exceed the annual call volume for any year since the service was contracted to the City of Fruitland in January 2003. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director Giokas submitted a request to grant hourly pay increases from $10.00 per hour to $17.00 per hour effective September 1, 2019 for Kelly Mcaughey and Malachi Raass. They have recently increased their certification levels from Emergency Medical Technician to Paramedic. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Ambulance Director Giokas submitted a request to sell two ambulances at auction; or if unable to sell them, donate them to another entity for training purposes. The ambulances are:

- 2008 Ford E450 Ambulance: VIN 1FDXE45P38DA42613
- 1995 Ford E350 Ambulance: VIN 1FDXE30FXSHB20002

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The August 2019 Parks & Trails Committees Report was submitted by City Administrator Watkins. He requested that due to inactivity in this area of operations, the monthly report be limited to adding to the meeting agenda when any activity happens. Councilor Peterson reported meeting with Payette County Recreation District Director Ted Pettet to discuss the proposed Payette River Sports Complex. Mr. Pettet explained the most pressing need in Payette County is open area for baseball fields. Councilor Pierson moved to suspend the activity report until needed. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Bond Issue booth duties were discussed for the upcoming Fruitland Family Fun Day to be held at Fruitland Community Park on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Public Works will make sure the pop up canopy is set up at the designated location along with tables and chairs. The booth will be operated as follows:

- Councilor Grimes - 10:00 am to noon.
- Councilor Peterson - Noon to 2:00 pm.
- Councilor Pierson - 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Mayor Howell 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Mayor Howell will be available throughout the day. Councilor Carpenter will help out as needed since he will be the emcee of the event.

Proposed Ordinance No. 659 increasing the monthly water rates and decreasing the sewer rates was presented. Councilor Pierson moved to read Ordinance No. 659 by title only. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the first reading,

Since the first regular meeting of October 2019 is scheduled for October 14 (Columbus Day), Councilor Pierson moved to reschedule the meeting to Tuesday, October 15. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The August 2019 bills were reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried. 7:52 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk