October 15, 2018

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, Jeff Carpenter, Ed Pierson, Kari Peterson, Stuart Grimes.
ABSENT: None.
STAFF PRESENT: Bill Russell, JD Huff, Michelle Giokas, Jerry Campbell, Suzanne Pearcy.
OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Otte, Jerry Haines, Chet Boren, Reece Hrizuk, Brian Forsythe.

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

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the September 24, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:02 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request for Annexation and Zoning designation of Single Family Residential for property located in the North 200 Block of NE 8th Street.

Brian Forsythe, 2060 NE 8th Street explained he is requesting to have ¼ acre annexed into Fruitland city limits to build a house on NE 8th Street. Mr. Forsythe stated he is willing to deed the right of way needed for future development of NE 8th Street.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the request for Annexation and Zoning Designation of Single Family Residential for the property located in the North 200 Block NE 8th Street. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Chet Boren, had a citizen’s complaint against Fruitland Outdoor Power Sports, 1715 N. Whitley Drive regarding trespassing and parking cars and motorcycles on his property located at 1711 N. Whitley Drive. Police Chief Huff explained his department currently has an active case regarding this complaint. The Council explained to Mr. Boren this issue is a civil matter and they are not able to take action on the issue.

Reece Hrizuk, 224 SW 3rd Street requested a temporary partial street closure of half a block of S. Iowa Avenue between SW 3rd Street south to the alley to hold a campaign rally/BBQ for gubernatorial candidate Brad Little and other statewide candidates. Mr. Hrizuk is requesting the section of the street be closed from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday October 27, 2018. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the temporary street closure request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Payette County Recreation District proposing to construct an addition to the existing block building located at Mesa Park, 1200 N Pennsylvania Avenue. The building is located directly behind the left field fence on Field #1 and is currently being used as storage for the Recreation District. Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explained the
building and the property is owned by the City and the City has allowed the Recreation District to use the building as storage. Councilor Pierson moved to table this item until the next City Council meeting to allow an opportunity to have a discussion with the Recreation District regarding an agreement. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Transportation Engineer Report was presented by City Engineer Bill Russell. Bill explained the NW 16th Street Rail Road Crossing is expected to be constructed in spring of 2019. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a Cornwall Way Safety Memo addressing concerns raised by a resident on Cornwall Way near Crestview Park. Transportation Engineer, Bill Russell explained a traffic study was conducted and it was determined the 85th percentile speed to be 19 MPH, with a small number of drivers exceeding 25 MPH. No drivers exceeded 30 MPH. These results do not justify a reduction to the 25 MPH speed limit. Councilor Carpenter moved to take no action. 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 September 2018 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Chief Huff explained Officer Brian Wallace is leaving the Department and will be replaced by reserve officer Alex Plaza. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an Intergovernmental Agreement for Consolidated Emergency Communication System (911 Dispatch Services) between Payette County, City of Payette, City of Fruitland, and City of New Plymouth. Councilor Pierson moved to sign the Agreement. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The September 2018 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The September 2018 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 September 2018 Building Department Activity Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The September 2018 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Michelle Giokas. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the September 2018 Parks & Trails Committees Activity report.

Councilor Peterson explained she has been working with property owners who own the portion of canal road between NW 4th Street to NW 9th Street regarding a proposed portion of the Farmers Co-op Trail. Farmers Cooperative Irrigation Co. has a 50’ right of way from the center line of the canal on each side. Ricky York, Manager suggested a 6’ high chain-link fence be placed 25 feet from the ditch bank and constructing the asphalt pathway. PWS Campbell estimated $70,000 to make the improvements. With all of the difficulties in designing this trail with affordable improvements to satisfy the irrigation company, Councilor Pierson moved to remove Farmers Co-op Trail from the Parks & Trails Master Plan. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Greg Allen, Hummel Architects presented drawings and cost estimates for a proposed City Hall/Public Safety Building. The total project cost estimate is $5,654,719. The ambulance portion is $3,245,145 with the balance of $2,409,574 for police department construction and city hall remodels. The Council agreed to discuss a possible revenue bond election with Payette County Commissioners for construction of the ambulance portion of the facilities.


The Council reviewed a memo from Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP). As a member of the ICRMP Joint Powers Agreement the City has the right to participate in the ICRMP Board of Trustees nomination and election process. The current incumbent trustee representative from Region 1 Cities participating in ICRMP is City of Caldwell Mayor, Garret Nancolas. Mayor Nancolas desires to run for another two-year term on the ICRMP Board. The Council agreed to support Garret Nancolas and not propose to nominate a candidate to challenge.

The September 2018 bills and a few October 2018 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried at 8:45 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rick S. Watkins, City Clerk