

November 14, 2022

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, Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Bill Russell, Pete Szobonya, Annalisa Noble, JD Huff, Danny Little, Jerry Campbell, Rick Funk, Jesse Wetzell, Stuart Grimes, Samantha Herrera.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Stone, Sheri Freemuth, Addison Coffelt, Curtis Knight, Lisa Woods, Seneca Woods.

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

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the October 24, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Sheri Feemuth and Addison Coffelt of J-U-B Engineers discussed a proposed scope of work and schedule for updating the City of Fruitland Comprehensive Plan. This item will be on the next agenda for consideration.

The Council reviewed a memo from Idaho Department of Health & Welfare and Southwest District Health regarding a proposed walk audit training course. This is a two (2) day walkability training to support safer environments for people to walk and bike in the community. The Council agreed to the participation of the course for a time in April 2023. This item will be on the next council agenda for further discussions.

Councilor Pierson moved to table discussions regarding a water & sewer service agreement for Treasure Valley Classical Academy until the next City Council meeting to allow them more time to review the agreement. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Lynn Stone, 2306 Shamrock Court, expressed his frustration regarding the walking path that was installed at the end of Shamrock Court several years ago. The walking path is 8' wide and there have been several occasions where people have driven motorcycles, 4 wheelers and even small vehicles on the path. Mr. Stone is requesting that the walking path be closed off. This item will be on the next Council agenda for further discussions.

The Transportation Engineer Report was presented by Transportation Engineer, Bill Russell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

T-O Engineers discussed several priority transportation projects and possible funding sources with the Council. T-O Engineers recommends moving forward with application to Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) for the Pennsylvania Avenue Project. The deadline in January 12, 2023 with a 7.34% local match. Councilor Peterson made motion to move forward with the application process for the LHTAC Local Federal-Aid STBG Urban Program. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was presented by Transportation Engineer, Bill Russell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Water/Sewer Report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed customer references and a five (5) year equipment lease proposal from Huntington Technology Finance for computers and body cameras for the Police Department. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the lease agreement. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief, JD Huff explained that the police department has had to respond to several calls in relation to frequent semi-truck drivers trying to enter Swire Coke from the wrong street on NW4th Street and are constantly causing property damage to the landscape buffer at the north-east corner of Crimson Maple Glen Subdivision. Chief Huff is asking the Council to consider installation of a “No Through Traffic” knock down sign and possible barricades to be placed in the middle of NW 4th Street. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh.

The October 2022 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Director, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Technology Department Activity Report was presented by IT Manager, Jesse Wetzell. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The October 2022 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by EMS Chief, Rick Funk. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a State and Local Agreement between the City of Fruitland and Idaho Transportation Department for the development and construction of the W. 1st Street railroad crossing. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the agreement and to adopt Resolution No. 2202-09. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The October 2022 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)-Potential Litigation and Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)- Personnel. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 8:37 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 9:34 P.M.

Councilor Peterson moved to allow Brandy Funk the spouse of Ambulance Director, Rick Funk to work for Payette County Paramedics on a non-paid volunteer basis. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the job description for Public Works Director. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 9:35 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk