

July 26, 2021

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, Stuart Grimes, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Russell, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Rick Funk, Danny Little, Samantha Herrera, Rick Watkins, Jesse Wetzell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Limbaugh, Corey Evan, Cyndi Hart, Krista King, Deanna Grimes, Ben Key.

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

Mayor Howell expressed his appreciation and recognized the efforts of city staff for the successful veteran's appreciation event that was held July 22, 2021.

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the July 12, 14 and 19, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2021 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was presented by Zoning Administrator, Danny Little. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Cyndi Hart representing the Chamber of Commerce explained the revised plans for this year's Fruitland Family Fun Days to be held from the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on September 11, 2021. Mrs. Hart explained they are asking permission to close SW 3rd Street from S. Colorado Avenue to S. Kansas Avenue, with "detour/closed to through traffic" signs posted at Nebraska Avenue. They would also like to close S. Kansas Avenue from the post office entrance to SW 4th Street, to run a train ride up and down S. Kansas Avenue. The parking spaces on the north side of the downtown park will be used for vendors with generators allowing SW 2nd Street to remain open. Mrs. Hart also asked that the splash pad be turned off during the event. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the road closure and park reservation requests. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Grant Agreement between the City of Fruitland and the Idaho Department of Commerce for the purpose of providing the City of Fruitland funding support for the Rural Idaho Economic Development Professional Program. The City of Fruitland would be hosting the grant to allow for payment of \$22,750.00 to Snake River Economic Development (SREDA). Councilor Grimes moved to sponsor the Idaho Rural Economic Development Professional Grant Program. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Transportation Engineer Report was presented by Engineer William Russell. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Water/Sewer Engineer, Levi Howell regarding an update on warranty information of the E. 1st Street Lift Station. Levi explained that a warranty walk through inspection was completed prior to the 1-year general warranty. Issues with the pumps were addressed by Star Construction and CH Spencer. The pumps are under an extended 5-year warranty as described in the contract documents. Councilman Grimes move to approve the warranty summary update. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Grimes moved to accept the E. 1st Street Lift Station and release the 1-year warranty. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The June 2021 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the June 2021 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from City Clerk/Treasurer, Suzanne Percy requesting a motion to confirm the agreed upon starting salary and additional benefits for the City Administrator position. Councilor Grimes recused himself of all discussions and decisions in the matter. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the starting City Administrator salary of \$80,000.00 per year, along with two (2) weeks of accrued vacation leave. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

Having been appointed as City Administrator, beginning August 1, 2021 and confirmed by the Council at the March 8, 2021 City Council meeting, Mayor Howell presented an appointment certificate to Stuart Grimes whom subscribed to the Oath of Office as City Administrator.

Mayor Howell appointed Thomas Limbaugh as City Councilor. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried. Mayor Howell presented an appointment certificate to Mr. Limbaugh whom subscribed to the oath of office as City Councilor.

Councilor Peterson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)-Potential Litigation. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 7:30 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 7:56 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 7:57 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk