

March 8, 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: Stephanie Bonney, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Rick Funk, Danny Little, Samantha Herrera, Rick Watkins.

OTHERS PRESENT: Laurie Price, Kyra Puga, Adam Puga, Reece Hrizuk, Kenn Schappert, Lynette McCaslin, Mary Jo Franklin, Robert Fischer.

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

Councilor Grimes moved to approve the February 22, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Kyar Puga, Lynette McCaslin and Mary Jo Franklin, representing Crimson Maple Glenn Home Owners Association, explained they are having issues with semi-trucks trying to access Swire Coca-Cola backing up into the subdivisions landscaping and making unsafe turns. They are asking that a temporary concrete barrier be placed at the dead end road to keep the trucks from backing into the subdivision landscaping and to stop unwanted traffic from going behind their fence. Mrs. Franklin also explained they would like the speed limit lowered from 25 MPH to 15 MPH through the subdivision. Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell explained the City cannot place non-crash worthy items such as cement barriers on a public street to control traffic. The City must follow the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines specifying the standards by which traffic control devices are installed. Police Chief Huff explained the City cannot lower speed limits without first conducting a traffic study. Chief Huff has ordered a portable radar sign trailer and will install it on Crimson Circle East once it has arrived. Kenn Schappert, representing Swire Coca-Cola explained the efforts taken by Swire to mitigate trucks trying to access their plant using NW 4th Street instead of using NW 7th Street as instructed. It was decided this situation will self-correct in time.

Mayor Howell appointed Stuart Grimes as City Administrator to begin August 1, 2021. Councilor Pierson moved to confirm the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried. Certification of appointment and oath of office will be conducted at the July 26, 2021 City Council meeting.

Reece Hrizuk, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Frances Evelyn Beazer, explained the Fruitland Police Department, Fruitland Fire Department and Payette County Paramedics have been listed as beneficiaries of the residuary estate in equal shares. Mr. Hrizuk explained Mrs. Beazer's home is part of the estate and a recent appraisal, valued the home at \$275,000.00. Mr. Hrizuk's parents have offered to purchase the home at the appraised value.

Councilor Grimes moved to accept the donation and the sale of the property at the appraised value. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Richard Brown of Snake River Oil & Gas LLC requesting the Council consider granting another opportunity to discuss a mineral rights lease proposal. City Attorney, Stephanie Bonney will send a letter to Snake River Oil & Gas regarding possible negotiations.

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

The February 2021 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The February 2021 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Jerry explained this year's bull riding event will be held June 5, 2021 at the Payette County Fair Grounds. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The February 2021 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The February 2021 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Building Official, Danny Little requesting to hire a new mechanical/building inspector to start on March 22, 2021 at \$20.07 per hour with plans to budget that position at \$22.50 per hour at the next budget year. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the new mechanical/building inspector starting wage of \$20.07 per hour. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Building Official, Danny Little requesting permission to dispose of an HP Design Jet Printer explaining he has purchased a new plotter/scanner to replace this item and would like to try and sale the printer on EBay or the Public Surplus website. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the property disposal request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The February 2021 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Rick Funk. Councilor Grimes moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Ambulance Director, Rick Funk requesting permission to participate in a Hospital Preparedness Program Grant through the Saint Alphonsus Health System in the amount of \$18,633.00 to purchase another Lucas device and two additional

Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPR). Councilor Grimes moved to accept the grant participation. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The February 2021 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)-Personnel and Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)-Potential Litigation. Seconded by Councilor Grimes. Roll call vote: Grimes, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 8:40 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 9:20 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 9:20 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk