

**FRUITLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 13, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Fruitland City Council was held at Fruitland City Hall on the above date at 7:00 P.M.

**1. Meeting Opening:**

**PRESENT:** Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson (Mayor), Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Fitzer, Bill Russell, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Danny Little, Rick Funk, Brandon Tarvin, Jesse Wetzal, Stuart Grimes.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Travis Williams, Ella Smith, Katie Pett, Zoe Essinger, Mya Rios-Martinez, Robyn Ashley, Tom Giggins, Asher Aldrich, Kaleb Baskett, Kobie Baxter, Dylan Duncan, Grant Helber, Melissa Gonzalez, Wade Moore, Corey Evan, Alexis Scott, Andrew Cooper.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and roll was taken.

*A quorum of the Council was present.*

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the March 23, 2026 City Council meeting minutes. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M.:**

*There were no conflicts of interest declared by the Council.*

A Public hearing was opened at 7:01P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comments on a proposal considering updates to the Public Records fee provision. Amending section 1-9-1 of Fruitland City Code to ensure consistency with current Idaho law. The proposed amendments include establishing fees for copies, labor, and related costs associated with public records requests; clarifying that fees reflect actual costs in accordance with Idaho Code; allowing for recovery of legal review costs when necessary; and setting provisions for non-residents requesting records.

No testimony was given, and the hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

**3.1. Ordinance No. 724- Public Records Fees and Procedures:**

City Clerk Suzanne Percy presented Ordinance No. 724, proposing amendments to Section 1-9-1 of the Fruitland City Code related to public records request fees and procedures.

The ordinance updates the City's code to align with the Idaho Public Records Act and addresses increasing volume and complexity of requests. Key changes include clarifying the fee structure, confirming no charge for the first 100 pages and two hours of labor for

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Idaho residents, and specifying when fees may be applied for labor, copies, redaction, and legal review.

The ordinance also distinguishes between resident and non-resident requests and establishes procedures for managing large or complex requests, including allowing clarification, installment production, response time extensions, and advance payment of estimated costs.

The amendments ensure compliance with Idaho law, allow recovery of allowable costs, and reduce uncompensated staff time.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to read No. 724- Public Records Fees and Procedures, by title only. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Motion carried.** Councilor Limbaugh moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 724. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Roll call vote:** Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

**3.2. Resolution No. 2026-05- Master Fee Schedule Amendment (Public Records):** City Clerk Suzanne Percy presented Resolution No. 2026-05 to amend the City's Master Fee Schedule to update public records request fees. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-05- Master Fee Schedule Amendment (Public Records), attached as Exhibit A. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

#### **4. Hardin Sanitation- Rate Increase Request:**

Travis Williams, representing Hardin Sanitation, explained to the Council that Hardin Sanitation is requesting a 3.5% price increase for both commercial and residential services, effective May 1, 2026. The increase is based on the Consumer Price Index for Idaho and is intended to align Fruitland's rates with those in the surrounding area. The adjustment would result in an approximate increase of \$0.62 per month for the most commonly used service level.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the rate increase. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

#### **5. Special Event Applications:**

**5.1. Fruitland High School, End of Year Celebration (Field Day):** The Council reviewed a special event permit application from Fruitland High School for an "End of Year Celebration" to be held on May 13, 2026 from 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. They are requesting to have food trucks located on their property. There will be games, food and yearbook signing. **Council Decision:** Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the special event application. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

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**5.2. Mayor’s Youth Council- Street Closure Request:** Ella Smith, representing the Mayor’s Youth Council, informed the Council that Idaho Power has agreed to hang a large American flag across the roadway for the “One if by Land” America 250 5K Run/Walk, scheduled for April 18, 2026.

For safety purposes, a request was made to temporarily close SW 3rd Street from Colorado Avenue to Kansas Avenue beginning at 9:00 A.M., with the roadway to be reopened prior to noon.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the road closure request. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**6. Semiquincentennial Celebration – July 4, 2026 Parade Discussion:**

Council discussed coordination for the Payette County Semiquincentennial Celebration on July 4, 2026, including a proposed parade route within Fruitland city limits.

The proposed route would begin near City Hall, proceed east on SW 2nd Street, south on Kansas Avenue, east on SW 3rd Street, and continue south on Pennsylvania Avenue, concluding at Fruitland Middle School.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve cooperation with the event. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**7. Citizens Request:**

No comments were heard.

**8. Snake River Oil & Gas- Lease/Integration Discussion:**

The Council reviewed correspondence from Snake River Oil & Gas regarding an integration order issued by the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission for acreage within the City of Fruitland.

The order credits the City with approximately 15.13 acres for participation and proposes that the City be “deemed leased” under a royalty structure of 15% with a four-year term.

An initial payment of \$2,269.50 was provided based on the credited acreage.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to table further discussions and requested a detailed map, including property ownership, be provided. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

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**9. Idaho Transportation Department- State/Local Railroad Crossing Agreement (West 1<sup>st</sup> Street):**

Council considered a State/Local Agreement between the Idaho Transportation Department and the City of Fruitland for improvements at the West 1st Street railroad crossing. The project includes installation of new railroad signals, a concrete crossing surface, and associated roadway improvements such as approaches, curb, gutter, sidewalks, pavement markings, and signage. Under the agreement, the City will be responsible for procuring a contractor, completing construction of specified improvements, and maintaining those improvements, while the State will provide reimbursement for eligible project costs and oversee compliance with project requirements.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the State/Local Agreement between the Idaho Transportation Department and the City of Fruitland for improvements at the West 1<sup>st</sup> Street railroad crossing (ITD Project No. A023(020)), Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye; Carpenter, aye; Yasuda, aye; Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

**10. Consent Agenda:**

10.1. **March 2026 Department Activity Reports:** The March 2026 Department Activity Reports were reviewed and discussed in detail with each department head. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the reports. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**11. Ambulance District: Western Idaho Health Care Coalition Grant**

**Acceptance:**

Chief Funk informed the Council that Payette County Paramedics was awarded a \$14,000 grant from the Western Idaho Healthcare Coalition to support training programs. The funding will be used to develop and implement a Field Training Officer (FTO) program and leadership training, aimed at improving staff performance, retention, and overall service quality.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to accept the WIHCC Grant. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

**12. City Administrator: Letter to Payette County Planning & Zoning:**

The Council reviewed a draft letter, to be submitted to Payette County Planning & Zoning regarding a potential oil and gas drilling application on the Mary Ann Miller Trust property.

The letter outlines concerns that the proposed well location does not meet required setback distances from property lines, structures, and irrigation facilities as required by Payette County Code. It also notes inconsistencies in submitted maps and measurements.

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The City expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to nearby residents and future development within city limits and requested that Payette County deny the application at the proposed location.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the letter to be submitted to Payette County Planning & Zoning. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**13. Treasurer’s Report- March 2026 Bills:**

The March 2026 bills were presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 2026 bills. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**14. Executive Session:**

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) – Personnel. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye; Carpenter, aye; Yasuda, aye; Pierson, aye. **Motion was carried out at 7:50 P.M.**

Regular session resumed at 8:52 P.M.

**15. Adjournment:**

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried at 8:53 P.M.**

**Prepared by:** Suzanne Percy  
**Date Approved:** April 27, 2026

**City of Fruitland, ID**

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**Kari Peterson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne Percy, City Clerk**