

**FRUITLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 2025**

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:** Kari Peterson, Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Stephanie Bonney, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Brandon Tarvin, Danny Little, Rick Funk, Jesse Wetzel, Samantha Herrera.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Thomas, K.C. Croner, Ashlyn Jensen, Tim Davis, Colin Reitz, Kellie Hickerson, Gary Hickerson, Maren Jenks, Jenna Jenks, Annie Knudson, Kellie Black.

Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and roll was taken. A quorum of the Council was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

2.1. **Approval of Minutes:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the March 24, 2025 minutes. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

2.2. **Planning & Zoning Report:** The April 2025 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was presented by Zoning Administrator Danny Little. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS- 7:00 P.M.- Continued from March 10, 2025**

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

**3.1. KM Engineering LLP- 1711, 1715, 1805, 1815 N Whitley Drive- Zone, & Comprehensive Plan Change:**

A continued public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a request by KM Engineering LLP for a zone change & comprehensive plan change from General Commercial to Multi Family Residential for a west portion of 1805 and 1815 N Whitley Drive, from General Commercial to Light Industrial for the west portions of 1711 and 1715 N Whitley Drive.

Tim Davis, property owner & applicant stood to answer questions.

No testimony was given, and the hearing was closed at 7:04 P.M.

**3.2. Trilogy Development- Annexation, Zone Designation of Single Family Residential:**

A continued public hearing was opened at 7:04 P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding a request by Trilogy Development for annexation and zone

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designation of Single Family Residential for the property location of South 2100 Block of E 1<sup>st</sup> Street referred to as Orchard Heights North.

Kelli Black of Bailey Engineering, representing Trilogy Development, stood to answer questions.

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

**4. LAND USE DECISIONS:**

**1711, 1715, 1805, 1815 N Whitley Drive- Zone & Comprehensive Plan Change:**

**Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to table the decision for the request of zone & comprehensive plan change for 1711, 1715, 1805, 1815 N Whitley Drive to allow for the applicant and Planning & Zoning Commission to complete a development agreement. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**South 2100 Block of E 1<sup>st</sup> Street- Orchard Heights North:**

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to deny the request for annexation and zone designation of Single Family residential for the property location of South 2100 Block of E 1<sup>st</sup> Street referred to as Orchard Heights North. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**5. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATIONS:**

The Council reviewed special event applications submitted by the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce and Fruitland School District for the Fruitland Spring Fair and Parade event to be held on May 10, 2025 from 10:30A.M.-4:00P.M. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the special event permits and to waive the fee requirements. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**6. Citizens Requests-** No Comments were heard.

**7. CITY ENGINEER REPORTS/UPDATES:**

7.1. **Transportation Engineer Report** was presented by Transportation Engineer, Bill Russell. The Council was updated on the SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project; W 1<sup>st</sup> Street RR crossing; and consultant negotiations for the Pennsylvania Avenue Phase 1 project. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

7.2. **Water & Sewer Engineer Report** was presented by Transportation Engineer, Bill Russell. The Council was updated on the wastewater collection system model results. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

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**8. BID ACCEPTANCE:**

On March 31, 2025 bids were publicly opened and read aloud for construction of sidewalks improvements for SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S Iowa Avenue, to S Pennsylvania construction project. Those bids were as follows:

<b>BIDDER:</b>	<b>TOTAL BID:</b>	<b>PERCENT OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS:</b>
Lariviere, Inc.	\$321,314.00	37%
Hawkeye Builders, Inc.	\$341,001.00	46%
Granite Construction Company	\$516,343.00	121%

The total funding amount available for the construction is \$234,000. City Engineers, Ardurra recommends the city reject all bids as they all exceed the funding available for the project. They also recommend rebidding the project in September 2025 in hopes that more contractors will bid, and with a strategy of expanding the construction window. **Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to reject all bids and rebid the project in September 2025. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**9. Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report:** The Council reviewed a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Fruitland and Ardurra Group, Inc. to provide professional services in support of the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report estimated at \$94,170.00. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report Contract Proposal & Scope of Work in the amount of \$94,170.00 with funds to be used from Sewer Fund-Capital Projects. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Roll call vote:** Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

**10. March 2025 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

10.1 **Police Department:** The March 2025 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

10.2 **Police Department:** The March 2025 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the March 2025 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

10.3 **Fire Department:** The March 2025 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Tarvin. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

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**10.4 Public Works Department:** The March 2025 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Director, Matt Brock. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**10.5 Building Department:** The March 2025 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

**10.6 Technology Department:** The March 2025 Technology Department Activity Report was presented by IT Manager, Jesse Wetzel. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**10.7 Ambulance Department:** The March 2025 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Rick Funk. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

**10.8 Treasurer's Report:** The March 2025 Bills were presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 2025 Bills. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**11. SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

**11.1 Public Works- Vehicle Disposal Request:** The Council reviewed a request from Public Works Director, Matt Brock requesting permission to dispose of a 1974 International Water Truck. Matt explained that the water truck is infrequently utilized, no longer needed, and has several mechanical issues. If approved, the vehicle will be sold on a government auction website. **Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the vehicle disposal request. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**11.2. Administrative Professionals Day** falls on April 23, 2025. To show their appreciation, the department heads request permission to close City Hall during lunch to treat the administrative staff to a special lunch outing on April 22, 2025. **Council Decision:** Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the request to close City Hall during lunch on April 22, 2025. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**12. IMPACT AREA DISCUSSION:**

The Council reviewed a letter from the Payette County Commissioners referring to Idaho Code 67-6526 which affects city impact areas. The Commissioners request that the city submit any updated growth projections for consideration. The letter explains that due to state code and current water & sewer capacity limitations, the county is considering reducing the city's impact area. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to have City Attorney; Stephanie Bonney draft a letter requesting the area of impact not be reduced less than the 2-mile limit referenced in Section 4(b) of the statute. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

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**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)- Potential Litigation. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried at 7:49 P.M.**

Regular session resumed at 8:25 P.M.

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried at 8:25 P.M.**

**Prepared by:** Suzanne Percy  
**Date Approved:** April 28, 2025

**City of Fruitland, ID**

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**Kari Peterson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne Percy, City Clerk**