

FRUITLAND CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 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), Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: Cathy Yasuda.

STAFF PRESENT: Ben Key, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Danny Little, Rick Funk, Brandon Tarvin, Jesse Wetzels, Stuart Grimes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Alicia Reyes, Corey Evan, Lori Lane, Micaela McSweeney, Jayda Keffer, Zenayda Bahena, Gavin Boudua, Robert Rovers, Karen Roberts, Brian Martinez, Lupe Mejia, Mary Justice, Terri Lindenberg, Lisa Burrell, Mary Winchester, Bose George, Alexis Green, Alexis Scott, Daton Defrance, Amanda Reed, Annie Knudsen, Boston Robb, Caden Seals, Vance Jackson.

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 Pierson moved to approve the April 13, 2026 City Council meeting minutes. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

3. Facility Use Requests- Downtown City Park:

3.1. **Fruitland School District, Summer Lunch Program:** Amanda Reed, Food Service Director for the Fruitland School District, requested permission to use the downtown city park from 11:30 to 12:15 Monday -Thursday from June 1- July 23, 2026 for the “Lunch un the Park” program.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to approve the park use request. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

3.2. **Treasure Valley Classical Academy, Field Day:** Aaron Waits, Dean of Students at Treasure Valley Classical Academy, requested permission to use the Downtown City Park for a portion of the school’s Field Day on May 21. The event would take place from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with setup beginning around 8:00 a.m. by adult volunteers. The park would remain open to the public during this time.

Council Decision: Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the park use request. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. **Motion carried.**

4. Special Event Applications:

4.1. **Fruitland Chamber of Commerce- Fruitland Spring Fair:** An application was submitted for a Spring Fair event on May 9, 2026, from approximately 10:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with setup beginning at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Fruitland School District office and surrounding school areas, and will include games, food, vendors, and a parade. Estimated attendance is over 1,000 participants. The event includes one food

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vendor, temporary structures (including an inflatable obstacle course), and entertainment. No alcohol will be present. Trash will be managed with on-site receptacles, and school power will be utilized. Police services will be utilized for the event. A street closure is requested on Highway 95 to Southwest 7th Street from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for the parade route, as shown on the submitted map.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to approve the special event application. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

4.2. Fruitland FFA, Hanging Basket Sale: An application was submitted by Fruitland FFA for a Hanging Basket Sale to be held May 5 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 700 S. Kansas Avenue (Ag Shop), with setup beginning at 8:00 a.m. Estimated attendance is approximately 200 participants. The event will include the sale of plants and food (tacos and drinks) with one food vendor/food truck on site. No alcohol will be served, and no street closures are requested. Trash will be managed via dumpster, and no City services are requested. Staff comments indicated no concerns with the event; however, the Fire Chief noted that the fire hydrant near the Ag Building must remain unobstructed, with no parking allowed within 15 feet. A site plan was provided showing event layout, including food truck parking near the Ag Shop and adjacent school facilities.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to approve the special event application. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

5. Treasure Valley Transit- FY27 Funding Request: Treasure Valley Transit submitted a request for \$29,400 from the City of Fruitland for FY2027 to meet local match requirements for operation of Snake River Transit–Idaho. The service provides public transportation to Fruitland residents and the surrounding region, including connections to Ontario. Ridership from October 2024 through September 2025 totaled 18,036 trips across various user groups. Funding supports operations, administration, and preventative maintenance, which are partially matched by federal funds. Supporting financial documents, including prior year profit and loss and the FY2027 budget, were provided.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to have this item addressed at the upcoming FY2026-2027 budget workshop. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

6. Rivers Edge HOA- Drainage Lot Ownership Request: Rivers Edge HOA requested that the city consider accepting ownership of Lot 25, Block 1, a drainage overflow lot that serves multiple surrounding developments. The HOA stated that the City already performs weed maintenance on the property and that broader community benefit supports City ownership. The HOA proposed deeding the property to the City while retaining an easement for ingress and egress to the pump house and would remain responsible for maintenance and costs associated with the pump house and equipment. City staff indicated there is no direct benefit to City ownership but expressed no issue with continuing current maintenance practices.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to table a decision to allow time to discuss the liability concerns with City Attorneys. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

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7. Citizens Request:

Nuisance Complaint: Marty Justice, representing Rivers Edge HOA, read a letter submitted by a member of the HOA Board regarding concerns about a dust nuisance originating from the adjacent Water's Edge subdivision. He stated that when easterly winds blow, Rivers Edge Subdivisions No. 1, 2, and 3 experience extreme dust impacts affecting HVAC systems, vehicles, homes, and garages, causing continued hardship for residents.

8. Impact Area Recommendation- Transfer of Development Right: From West of 3687 SW 1st Ave, New Plymouth, ID to North of 2450 E 1st Street, Fruitland, ID.

Council Decision: Councilor Limbaugh moved to table a recommendation to allow time for Fruitland Planning & Zoning to make a recommendation. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Motion carried.**

9. City Engineer Reports/Updates:

The Transportation and Water & Sewer Engineer Reports were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the reports. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

10. Fruitland Police Department Requests:

10.1. **Grant Participation Request, Idaho Office of Highway Safety- Speed Trailer Purchase:** The Fruitland Police Department requested approval to purchase a mobile speed trailer system to address traffic safety concerns, including speeding in residential areas, school zones, and high-traffic corridors. The total cost of the equipment is approximately \$20,194.33, which includes the radar message sign, trailer, solar power components, software, and accessories. The purchase is funded through an Idaho Office of Highway Safety grant, with 100% reimbursement to the City, resulting in no net cost to the City's General Fund. Authorization for the purchase has been approved through the FY26 grant project, with federal funding in the amount of \$20,194.33 designated for the equipment.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to approve the grant participation and to upfront the cost of the speed trailer. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

10.2. **Request to Participate, Edgewood Health Care Chairty Golf Tournament:** The Fruitland Police Department requested approval to participate in the Edgewood Health Care charity golf tournament to be held May 29, 2026, at Scotch Pines Golf Course. The event supports local senior centers in Payette and New Plymouth and provides community engagement and networking opportunities. The department proposes entering a four-person team representing the City. The total team entry fee is \$400 (\$100 per participant), with participation by off-duty personnel.

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

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10.3. Intelligence Data Review- Subcontractor Agreement: The Fruitland Police Department entered into a subcontractor agreement with John Brumbaugh to provide intelligence data review services, including analyzing and summarizing law enforcement-related data. Compensation is set at \$15.00 per hour, not to exceed 50 hours or \$750 without prior approval. The agreement began April 23, 2026, and will terminate upon completion of work or when maximum hours are reached. The subcontractor will serve as an independent contractor and is subject to confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements related to sensitive law enforcement information.

Council Decision: Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the agreement. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Roll call vote:** Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Pierson, aye.

Motion carried.

11. First Responders Appreciation Banquet Invitation: Fire Chief, Brandon Tarvin extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council to attend the First Responders Appreciation Banquet to be held on May 28, 2026 at Creekside at 5:30 P.M.

12. SW 7th Street Project- Asphalt Change Order: Paul Construction, Inc. submitted Change Order No. 2 for the SW 7th Street project to realign asphalt between Stations 60+00 and 66+50. The work includes asphalt cutting and removal, hauling materials, and labor and equipment, along with the addition of new asphalt. The total cost of the change order is \$12,605.

Council Decision: Councilor Pierson moved to approve the change order request. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Roll call vote:** Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

13. Snake River Oil & Gas- Lease/Integration Discussion: Requested information from Snake River Oil & Gas has not yet been provided as requested. Councilor Limbaugh moved to table the item. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

14. Resolution No. 2026-06- ITD State/Local Railroads Crossing Agreement- West 1st Street: Council considered Resolution No. 2026-06 approving a State/Local Railroad Crossing Agreement with the Idaho Transportation Department for improvements at the West 1st Street railroad crossing. The project includes installation of crossing signals, a concrete crossing surface, and related roadway improvements in coordination with the railroad. The agreement outlines responsibilities for construction, funding, and ongoing maintenance between the State and the City. The resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06- ITD State/Local Railroads Crossing Agreement- West 1st Street. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

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15. Ordinance No.725- Repeal Chapter 4 of Title 3 “Open Air Markets”

Replaced by Chapter 10, “Special Event Permits”: Council considered Ordinance No. 725 repealing Chapter 4 of Title 3 of the Fruitland City Code, “Open Air Markets.” The repeal is intended to eliminate duplication, as regulations for these activities are now covered under Chapter 10, “Special Event Permits,” which provides a more comprehensive and updated framework. The ordinance consolidates event-related regulations under a single chapter to reduce confusion for applicants and staff. Councilor Limbaugh moved to read Ordinance No. 725- by title only. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.** Councilor Limbaugh moved to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance No. 725. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Roll call vote:** Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

16. Reschedule/Cancel May 25, 2026 City Council Meeting for Memorial Day:

Councilor Pierson moved to cancel the May 25, 2026 City Council meeting in honor of the Memorial Day holiday. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

17. Treasurer’s Financial Reports:

17.1. **March 2026 Finance Report** was presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 2026 Finance Report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

17.2. **FY2025-2026 Second Quarter Financial Report** was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Treasurers’ Quarterly Financial Report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. **Motion carried.**

18. Adjournment:

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried at 7:49 P.M.**

Prepared by: Suzanne Percy
Date Approved: May 11, 2026

City of Fruitland, ID

Kari Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk