

**FRUITLAND CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 28, 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 (Mayor), Jeff Carpenter, Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

**ABSENT:** Tom Limbaugh.

**STAFF PRESENT:** JD Huff, Matt Brock, Brandon Tarvin, Danny Little, Rick Funk, Jesse Wetzel, Stuart Grimes.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Travis Williams, Julie Taylor, Randy Taylor, Terri Lindenberg, Betty Moscrip, Leigh Simmons, Diana Luoma, Corey Evan, Adilee Elam, Lucenda Day, Jason Hartle.

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 Pierson moved to approve the April 14, 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 Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**3. DIANA LUOMA- PARK PARCEL DONATION:**

Diana Luoma, representing the Moscrip Family Foundation, explained that her fathers will include a provision to donate six acres of land and funds for a city park, contingent on the park being named after him. A proposal is under consideration to instead use the land for a YMCA facility, potentially supplemented by additional land from Moscrip's heirs. The city is being asked whether it would support this concept.

Legal analysis indicates that under the Idaho Constitution, cities are prohibited from donating to or aiding private corporations. However, the YMCA may qualify as a provider of public services due to its community-focused fee structure. Since the land has not yet been transferred to the City, declining the bequest and allowing the land to go directly to the YMCA could avoid constitutional issues. At this stage, the city is not in a position to formally approve or deny the bequest, but it may choose to either support the concept and allow feasibility studies to proceed or opt to retain the land for a public park. Further details and project structure would need to be evaluated before a final decision is made.

**Council Decision:** The Council unanimously expressed support for the concept of establishing a YMCA facility on the donated land, contingent upon the outcome of feasibility studies. Should the studies indicate the project is viable, the Council is willing to allow the bequest to proceed in support of the YMCA project. If the project is deemed unfeasible, the land and associated donation should revert to the City for the development of a public park as originally envisioned.

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Councilor Pierson moved to support the concept and to proceed with project feasibility assessments. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**4. FUNDING REQUESTS:**

4.1. Julie Taylor representing **American Legion Auxiliary** is requesting sponsorship for American Legion Girls State. Girls State is a selective educational program of government instruction for U.S. high school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. There will be two girls from Fruitland that will be attending at a cost of \$500.00 per student.

**Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to sponsor the Girls State in the amount of \$1,000.00 with the funds to be used from State Revenue Sharing, Community Support. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

4.2. Terri Lindenberg representing **Treasure Valley Transit** presented their Annual Public Transportation Report to the Council and requested funding of \$27,000.00 to meet the match requirements for the operations of Snake River Transit. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to have this item addressed at the upcoming 2025-2026 budget year workshop. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

**5. 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 service, effective May 1, 2025. The proposed adjustment is based on the Consumer Price Index for the State of Idaho and would get the pricing in Fruitland in line with the rest of Payette County. The rate increase equates to an additional \$.60 month for the most frequently utilized service level. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to approve the rate increase. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

**6. COUNCIL HEARING- POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG:**

A City Council hearing was opened at 7:39 P.M. to fulfill a request by Wendy Oxnam, 1908 N Allen Avenue, for the opportunity to refute the designation of her German Shepard named Shilo as a Potentially Dangerous Dog. All evidence and witness statements were received by the City Council from Chief Huff.

Chief Huff explained the differences between the designation of a dangerous dog and potentially dangerous dog and has declared this German Shepard named Shilo as potentially dangerous dog due to the unprovoked aggression towards a human and a domestic dog. This designation falls within the definition set forth under Fruitland City Code: 5-2-13.

Wendy Oxnam was not in attendance at the hearing.

No other testimony was given, and the hearing was closed at 7:43 P.M.

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**Council Decision:** Based upon the evidence provided by Chief Huff and testimony regarding the recommendation of Potentially Dangerous Dog designation for the German Shepard named Shilo owned by Wendy Oxnam, 1908 N Allen Avenue, Councilor Carpenter moved to designate the dog as Potentially Dangerous as outlined in Fruitland City Code 5-2-13. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Motion carried.**

**7. CITIZENS REQUESTS-** No Comments were heard.

**8. SPECIAL REQUESTS:**

**8.1. Banner Placement on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & S Pennsylvania Avenue.** The Alma Mater organization has secured three-year sponsorships for 53 historical banners, with the potential to expand the total to 62. The banners are proposed to be displayed along SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and S Pennsylvania Avenue, and the organization is requesting that the city install them. City staff are seeking direction from the Council regarding responsibilities for installation, specifically: who will bear the cost of mounting hardware, and Council approval of the content, placement, and quantity of banners. **Council Decision:** Councilor Pierson moved to authorize the purchase of 15 additional mounting brackets at a cost of \$116.10 each for the current year and to direct staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining responsibilities for future banner installations. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**8.2. Sewer Manhole Survey Project:** The Council reviewed a memo and cost estimate for GIS services agreement in the amount of \$23,762.50 for DTI Mapping Services to establish a survey grade control network within the city limits to facilitate locating and establishing elevations for 342 manholes to assist the City with modeling of the sewer system. This information is needed for completion of the Wastewater PER and Westwater Master Plan. **Council Decision:** Councilor Yasuda moved to approve the GIS service agreement in the amount of \$25,000.00, with funds to be used from Capital Project, Sewer Fund. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Roll call vote:** Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. **Motion carried.**

**8.3. Reschedule/Cancel May 26, 2025 City Council Meeting for Memorial Day:** Councilor Pierson moved to cancel the May 26, 2025 City Council meeting in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried**

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

**9.1. Transportation Engineer Report** was reviewed by the Council. The Council was updated on SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street/S Iowa/S Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Project; W 1<sup>st</sup> Street RR Crossing; and the Pennsylvania Ave, NE 11<sup>th</sup> Street to NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street Phase 1 Project. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. **Motion carried.**

**9.2. Water & Sewer Engineer Report** was reviewed by the Council. The Council was updated on needed manhole data collection options for the sewer master plan report.

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Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Pierson. **Motion carried.**

**10. TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

10.1. **March 2025 Finance Report** was presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 2025 Finance Report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

10.2. **2024-2025 Second Quarter Financial Report** was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Treasurers’ Quarterly Financial Report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried at 8:16 P.M.**

**Prepared by:** Suzanne Percy  
**Date Approved:** May 12, 2025

**City of Fruitland, ID**

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**Kari Peterson, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Suzanne Percy, City Clerk**