

April 8, 2024

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

PRESENT: Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: Brian Howell.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Mark Little, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Rick Funk, Danny Little, Jesse Wetzel, Stuart Grimes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Bishop, Cathy Yasuda, Corey Evan, Amanda Johnson, Krista King, Travis Williams.

Councilor Peterson called the meeting to order and roll was taken.

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the March 25, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Stephanie Bonney announced to the Council that Brian Howell has resigned his position as Mayor due to health issues.

Councilor Pierson moved to table the appointment of a Mayor and a Council President to allow time for considerations. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Travis Williams, representing Hardin Sanitation explained to the Council that Hardin Sanitation is requesting a 4% price increase for both commercial and residential service, effective May 1, 2024. 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 \$.55 month for the most frequent utilized service level. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the rate increase. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Kristen Nieskens, Ken Bishop and Cathy Yasuda, representing Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA), presented an annual review to the Council.

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

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the March 2024 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Fire Department Burnout/Training Fund Bank Statements and Finance Report were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 2024 Fire Department Burnout/Training Fund Bank Statements and Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Director, Matt Brock. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Public Works Director, Matt Brock explaining the City has received approval and obtained the necessary IPDES permit from DEQ for the discharge of 60,000 – 120,000 gallons per day of filter backwash water from the drinking water treatment plant into the Payette River via the Washoe Ditch. This water was preciously sent to the Waste Water Facility for discharge. Diverting the water via the Washoe Ditch will release approximately 165 equivalent residential units (ERU's ) back to the waste water system for future allocation. Matt is requesting to use 2023-2024 funds from the Water Fund- Capital Projects in the amount of up to \$50,000.00 in order to complete this project. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the additional funding request of up to \$50,000.00. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Technology Department Activity Report was presented by IT Manager, Jesse Wetzell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The March 2024 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Rick Funk. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Treasurer, Suzanne Percy asked permission to close city hall during lunch on April 25, 2024 to celebrate Administrative Professional Day. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The March 2024 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Stephanie Bonney asked the Council to amend the agenda to add an executive session item, pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)- Personnel. Stephanie explained that she has new, time sensitive information regarding a personnel item that she would like to discuss with the Council. Councilor Peterson moved to amend the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(c)-To Acquire Interest in Real Property and Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)-.Personnel. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 7:48 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 8:14 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 8:14 P.M.

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Kari Peterson, Council President

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Percy, City Clerk