

August 14, 2023

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

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Russell, JD Huff, Danny Little, Jerry Campbell, Matt Brock, Jesse Wetzell, Rick Funk, Stuart Grimes, Samantha Herrera.

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Mclean, Carolyn St. Germaine, Bryan Hewett, Annie Knudsen, Krista King, Ryan Baxter.

Mayor Howell called the meeting to order and roll was taken.

Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the July 24, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Paloma Holdings LLC., for a comprehensive plan amendment and zone change from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial for 425 S. Whitley Drive.

City Administrator, Stuart Grimes explained that the applicant asked that the hearing be continued until the August 28, 2023 City Council meeting as they were out of town and unable to attend the hearing.

Councilor Pierson moved to continue the hearing for Paloma Holdings LLC for a comprehensive plan amendment and zone change from Neighborhood Commercial to General Commercial for 425 S. Whitley Drive to allow the applicant to attend the hearing to answer questions. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Bryan Hewett of Dove Hearing Center explained to the Council that they would like to provide free hearing tests for all city employees. Councilor Pierson moved to allow hearing testing for any employees that chooses to participate. Testing is to take place at the water treatment plant using the hearing testing trailer. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried. Bryan was instructed to schedule the date and time for the testing with the City Clerk.

The Council reviewed a special event permit application from Insight Matters Inc. for their "Alcohol and Drug Community Family Event" to be held August 30, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the Fruitland Community Park. Erin Mclean stood to answer questions and explained that the event will be a fun filled and interactive environment aimed to engage families, provide valuable resources and foster a stronger sense of community with a goal to address the critical need for prevention and education regarding alcohol and drug abuse. Other agencies will have booths set up to hand out education materials, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn. Erin asked the

Council to waive the fee requirements as they are a non-profit. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the request from Insight Matters for a special event permit and to waive the fee requirements. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a special event permit application from the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce for Fruitland Family Fun Days to be held on September 9, 2023 from 10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M. at the Fruitland Community Park. Krista King stood to answer questions and explained that the purpose of the event is to bring the community together with a free day filled with entertainment, kid's activities and local vendors. They are asking to close Colorado & SW 3rd Street, Kansas & SW 3rd Street, and Nebraska & SW 3rd Street from 7:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M. Krista asked the Council to waive the fee requirements. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request from Fruitland Chamber of Commerce for a special event permit for Fruitland Family Fun Days and to waive the fee requirements. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Transportation Engineer Report was presented by Transportation Engineer, William Russell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Transportation Engineer, William Russell discussed a Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTAPP) with the Council. Bill explained that the RTAPP program is a no-match program with the goal of funding early-stage development assistance for rural and tribal infrastructure projects. Bill recommends the Council consider applying for the RTAPP for the purpose of using the funds for the NW 16th/US-95 Intersection (City Priority No.2) project. Councilor Peterson moved to proceed with the application process. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was presented by Transportation Engineer, William Russell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to schedule the 2023 Fire Fighters Annual Appreciation Banquet for September 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. to be held at Creekside Ranch. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Public Works Department Activity Report was presented by Public Works Director, Jerry Campbell. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Technology Department Activity Report was presented by IT Manager, Jesse Wetzel. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a property disposal request from IT Manager, Jesse Wetzel asking permission to dispose of unusable computers, laptops, printers, tablets, batteries and many various cables and devices. Jesse explained that these items are old, broken and have no value. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the property disposal request. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2023 Ambulance Department Activity Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Ambulance Director, Rick Funk explaining that he had applied for the FY2024 EMS Agency Vehicle & Equipment Grant and has been awarded \$185,000.00 towards the purchase of a new ambulance as well as \$23,567.76 towards handheld radios. Rick explained that these items were included in the 2023-2024 Budget. Councilor Peterson moved to accept the grant. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Ambulance Director, Rick Funk explaining they have purchased all of the equipment from the LifeSaver 1.0 and 2.0 grants. There is still \$4,742.26 left over from the grant, the grant committee advised that as long as identical equipment is purchased the remaining funds could be used. The overall cost of the equipment is \$8,412.00. Payette County Paramedics would need to cover the additional \$3,669.74. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the request for additional funds not to exceed \$4,000.00 to be used from Ambulance Fund, Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The July 2023 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried at 7:34 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Pearcy, City Clerk