

**FRUITLAND CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 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), Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: JD Huff, Matt Brock, Danny Little, Rick Funk, Brandon Tarvin, Jesse Wetzel, Stuart Grimes, Scott Crimin, Raul Orneals, Scott Mackenzie, Clint King, Travis Villines, Pam Duncan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Corey Evan, Sarah Stice, Dawn Huff, Cody Erlei, Bronte Erlei, Sarah Gross, Cy Armstrong.

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:

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the consent agenda including the February 9, 2026 City Council minutes and the February 2026 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report.

Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

3. Employee Recognition- Travis Villines:

Public Works Director Matt Brock nominated Travis Villines, Wastewater Superintendent, for the 2025 Southwest Idaho Operator Section (SWIOS) Operator of the Year award. Travis has served the City of Fruitland since 2013, with 25 years in the industry, and holds Wastewater Treatment Class 3 and Wastewater Collections Class 2 certifications. The nomination highlighted Travis's sustained hard work in maintaining regulatory compliance despite ongoing challenges with major industrial dischargers, operating the wastewater plant efficiently with limited staff, training collections personnel, and assisting with other Public Works duties, including winter operations. He was recognized for his leadership, productivity, and dedication to keeping the City's systems compliant and efficient.

SWIOS selected Travis as the 2025 Collections Operator of the Year. He will advance to consideration at the Idaho Operator Conference and potentially at the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association conference.

10. Notice of Retirement- Police Chief JD Huff:

The Council received a letter of retirement from Chief of Police J.D. Huff, effective March 1, 2026. In his letter, Chief Huff expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community and indicated his commitment to assisting with a smooth transition prior to his departure.

Councilor Peirson moved to accept the resignation. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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11. Mayoral Appointment- Interim Police Chief:

Mayor Peterson appointed Scott Crimin as Interim Police Chief. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the appointment. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

4. Mayoral Proclamation- Commitment to Volunteerism:

Mayor Kari Peterson proclaimed the City of Fruitland's commitment to volunteerism. The proclamation affirms the City's support for compassion, community service, and unity, and formally commits the City to promoting volunteer opportunities through JustServe.org and recognizing the contributions of volunteers. Councilor Pierson moved to support the proclamation. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Motion carried.

5. Citizens Requests:

Youth Collaboration Meeting Invitation- The Council received information regarding a March 9, 2026, Payette County youth collaboration meeting hosted by 1P Kids Succeed at the Payette Public Library. The meeting will discuss potential participation in the five-year Communities for Youth initiative focused on youth mental health and substance misuse prevention.

6. 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 Yasuda. Motion carried.

7. Engineering Master Service Agreement:

The Council considered approval of a Master Services Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. establishing terms and conditions for professional engineering and related services to be provided under future task orders. The agreement provides for a one-year term with automatic annual renewals unless terminated, outlines payment procedures, insurance requirements, dispute resolution, and termination provisions, and includes a schedule of hourly rates and reimbursable expenses.

Council Decision: Councilor Carpenter moved to accept the Master Services Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc., Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye; Carpenter, aye; Yasuda, aye; Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

8. Treasurer's January 2026 Financial Report:

The January 2026 Finance Report was presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the January 2026 Finance Report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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9. Executive Session:

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) – Personnel. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye; Carpenter, aye; Yasuda, aye; Pierson, aye. Motion was carried out at 7:25 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 8:42 P.M.

12. Adjournment:

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. **Motion carried at 8:42 P.M.**

Prepared by: Suzanne Percy
Date Approved: March 9, 2026

City of Fruitland, ID

Kari Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk