

February 28, 2022

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: Levi Howell, JD Huff, Jerry Campbell, Rick Funk, Danny Little, Stuart Grimes, Jesse Wetzel, Samantha Herrera.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Catmull, Jordan Gross, Joe Heinz, Jordan Heinz, Cathy Yasuda, Charles Otte, Andy Tomlinson, Corey Evan.

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

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Jacob Catmull of Evans-Poulson-Catmull, CPA's presented the 2020-2021 Audit. Councilor Peterson moved to accept the 2020-2021 Financial Audit Report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Jordan Gross explaining he has purchased the Hitchcock building located at 402 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and is planning on opening up an eating establishment. Mr. Gross explained he is currently working with the adjoining property owners regarding a shared parking agreement and additional parking will be available across the street using the city parking lot. Mr. Gross is requesting the Council to allow the use of his food truck on the southern part of his property. Councilor Pierson moved to allow the food truck and to waive the street stand permit fee. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an application submitted by Joe & Jordan Heinz for an Open Air Market for Jack Henry Coffee House located at 816 N. Whitley Drive. Mrs. Heinz explained they plan to operate the Open Air Market the same as last year. They will be operating a Farmers Market inside the old nursery building. They are planning on running the market on Thursday evenings starting in May and continuing through September. The vendors at the market will primarily be food vendors. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the Open Air Market. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Cathy Yasuda presented a request to reserve the Fruitland Community Park on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for a Run for the Hills 5k marathon. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request to reserve the Fruitland Community Park. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Andy Tolminson representing Armen, LLC/Atlas Products, LLC, explained to the Council that they have purchased a parcel located on the south side of NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and plan to build a 60,000 square foot facility for a wood pallet manufacturing operation. Directly west of the Armen Parcel is a City of Fruitland water tank and water line that runs north to NW Second Avenue. Mr. Tolminson explained they are in need of water for the facility and for the required fire suppression system. They are inquiring about the possibility of Armen/Atlas Products connecting to the City of Fruitland water service, explaining there would be no cost to the City and they would annex into city limits as soon as the property qualifies for annexation. Councilor Pierson moved to proceed with determining if this connection would be beneficial to the City and Armen/Atlas Products. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

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

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was presented by Engineer, Levi Howell. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,750.00 for the Snake River View Rest Area-Phase 2, for work performed to repair the emergency water line near the existing well. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve Change Order No. 2. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed Change Order No. 3 for the Snake River View Rest Area-Phase 2, increasing the number on contract days. The contract time extension is due to delays in shipping for submersible pumps and control panel. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve Change Order No. 3. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a request from Public Works Supervisor, Jerry Campbell for final acceptance of Brookwood Subdivision No. 2. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request for final acceptance of Brookwood Subdivision No. 2 and begin the 1-year warranty period and to release building permits. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Ambulance Director, Rick Funk explaining employee retention issues due to aggressive recruitment tactics from other agencies, leaving Payette County Paramedics short staffed and the current starting wage is too low for recruitment. Rick asked the Council to increase wages up to \$2.00 per hour for all remaining ambulance staff and to increase the starting wage for a Paramedic to \$20.00 per hour. The requested salary increase will be covered by Capital Projects. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the hourly rate increase request. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The January 2022 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the January 2022 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Councilor Carpenter moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried at 8:05 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Percy, City Clerk