

January 13, 2025

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, Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Bonney, Bill Russell, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Rick Funk, Jesse Wetzel, Danny Little, Brandon Tarvin, Stuart Grimes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clint Benson, Jennifer Riebe, Mike Duke, Krista King, Ken Bishop, Annemarie Kelso, Patti Nitz, Lindsey Bratcher.

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

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the December 23, 2024 minutes. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed the following to Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission:

NAME:	TERM ENDS:
Terry Heitz	January 2029
Barry Carlman	January 2029
Sharon Blacketter	January 2029

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the appointments to the Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Ontario Fire Chief, Clint Benson expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the Fruitland Fire Department and all the support the department has given to their department and community.

The Council reviewed a letter from the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to use the meeting room at the Water Treatment Plant for a leadership program to be held from 9:00 A.M. - Noon. on January 23, 2025, February 6, 2025, March 6, 2025, April 3, 2025, May 1, 2025, June 5, 2025. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the facilities use request. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Transportation Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Water/Sewer Engineer Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a 2025 Water Treatment Plant Compliance Reports & Plans Scope of Work, prepared by Ardurra in the amount of \$21,900. The City received a letter from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) outlining the required plans and manuals for the water treatment plant (WTP) that need submitted for the IPDES permit. The required plans and manuals were due in September of 2024. This project, once completed, will allow the City of Fruitland to return to compliance with the WTP backwash discharge line. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the 2025 Water Treatment Plant Compliance Reports & Plans Scope of Work not to exceed \$21,900.00 Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The December 2024 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Huff. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Motion carried.

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

The December 2024 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Tarvin. Councilor Yasuda moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

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

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

The December 2024 Technology Department Activity Report was presented by IT Manager, Jesse Wetzal. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The December 2024 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Rick Funk. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The December 2024 Bills were presented by City Treasurer, Suzanne Percy. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the December 2024 Bills. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Fire Chief, Brandon Tarvin requesting permission to dispose of a 1978 American LaFrance Fire Truck. The vehicle is no longer needed and has reached the end of its service life. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the vehicle disposal request. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed an agreement between the City of Fruitland and Cintas for traffic mats provided for city buildings. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the agreement. Second, by

Councilor Yasuda. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a notice from the Payette County Clerk regarding a tax appeal filed by Idaho Power for operating property tax years 2020, 2021, and 2022. The court ordered reimbursement plus interest back to Idaho Power. Once the County has refunded or credited the overpayment of taxes back to Idaho Power, they must charge each taxing district in the county for a proportional share of the refund or credit. In turn, taxing districts have the option of issuing an additional property tax levy within two years to make up for their share of the refund or credit. The City of Fruitland's property tax income would be deducted the total of \$5,377.41 and the Ambulance District the total of \$32,152.88. Councilor Pierson moved to run a Judgment Levy for the 2025-2026 budget year for the Ambulance District in the amount of the \$32,152.88. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Carpenter moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)- Potential Litigation. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 7:31 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 7:56 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to table the Payette County Building Inspection Agreement until the next City Council meeting to allow time for the City Attorney and County Attorney to discuss the current agreement.

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)- Potential Litigation. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 8:21 P.M.

Regular sessions resumed at 9:17 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 9:17 P.M.

Kari Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Pearcy, City Clerk