

January 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Fruitland City Council was held at Fruitland City Hall on the above date at 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Brian Howell, Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson (via phone conferencing), Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Justin Gibb.

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

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the December 11, 2023 and January 2, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

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

The November 2023 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the November 2023 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Mayor Howell presented an election certificate to Thomas Limbaugh whom subscribed to the oath of office as a City Council member for a 4 year term.

Mayor Howell presented an election certificate to Jeff Carpenter whom subscribed to the oath of office as a City Council member for a 4 year term.

Councilor Limbaugh moved to elect Councilor Peterson as City Council President. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

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

NAME:	TERM ENDS:
Mike Smith	January 2028
Jim Ashley	January 2028
Cathy Yasuda	January 2028

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

The December 2023 Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission Report was reviewed. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Justin Gibb, owner of Stellar Investment Properties is requesting to install two vending machines in the Downtown City Park. Mr. Gibb explained that he would like to provide refreshment services at the park, via vending style. The service would be at no cost to the City other than to provide the electricity needed to run the machines. He is asking permission to install one snack machine and one beverage machine and to install the machines on the south wall of the existing restroom. The Council discussed legal issues regarding providing electricity to a private company and using tax dollars to benefit a private business and issues regarding other vendors and companies wanting to sell food and goods at city parks. Councilor Pierson moved to deny the request. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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

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

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

The December 2023 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the December 2023 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a memo from Police Chief Huff requesting permission to purchase three new Lifeloc breath testing instruments through a grant received through Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). ITD requires the City to make the initial purchase, with reimbursement by ITD shortly after. The total cost for the three new units is \$2,661.63. Councilor Pierson moved to accept the grant with initial funds to be used from General Fund, Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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

The December 2023 Fire Department Burnout/Training Fund Bank Statements and Finance Report were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the December 2023 Fire Department Burnout/Training Fund Bank Statements and Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The December 2023 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 requesting permission to dispose of 1,350 liner feet of 12” PVC pipe at public auction. The pipe was once used to irrigate prior to the development of the Payette River Sports Complex and is no longer used. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the property disposal request. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The December 2023 Building Department Activity Report was reviewed. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

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

The Council reviewed a Volume Licensing Microsoft Products and Services Agreement. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The December 2023 Ambulance Department Activity Report was presented by Ambulance Director, Rick Funk. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

A Sale of Property Agreement was made on March 25, 2005 between Fern Jones (SELLER), 721 SW 3rd Street and 717 SW 3rd Street and the City of Fruitland (BUYER). The agreement allowed for Mrs. Jones to remain in possession of her house located at 721 SW 3rd Street for as long as she continues to live therein. At any time Mrs. Jones vacates the property, the BUYER may do with that building as the BUYER sees fit. City Administrator, Stuart Grimes informed the Council that Mrs. Jones had recently passed away and the family has asked for 30 days to remove her belongings. Once empty, the property will then be inspected. This item will be on a future Council agenda to discuss how the Council would like to proceed.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried at 5:25 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Pearcy, City Clerk