

June 12, 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: Stephanie Bonney, Bill Russell, JD Huff, Danny Little, Jerry Campbell, Jesse Wetzell, Samantha Herrera.

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Copeland, Ashley Copeland, Kooper Copeland, Jess Farrow, Terry Farrow, Zach Bieker, Jamie Bieker, Mark Wrenfrow, Ruby Wrenfrow, Merle Wrenfrow, Parker Wrenfrow, Doug Roberts.

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

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the May 22, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Police Chief Huff recognized the selfless actions taken by employees at Expert Auto for their efforts in assisting first responders during a recent multiple vehicle crash near the intersection of US Highway 95 and NW 3rd Street. Chief Huff presented letters of commendation to Steve Copeland, Kooper Copeland, Jess Farrow, Zach Bieker, Mark Wrenfrow, and Brody Holaday.

A public hearing was opened at 7:03 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding consideration of a proposed amendment of section 10-6B-2A and 10-6B-2D of Fruitland City Code, to allow for a residential dwelling in a storage unit facility in Light Industrial zone.

No testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:05 P.M.

A public hearing was opened at 7:05 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by Steve Copeland for a comprehensive plan amendment and rezone from Single Family Residential and General Commercial to Light Industrial for 712 NW 4th Street, 316 N Whitley Drive, and 314 N Whitley Drive.

No testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the amendment of Fruitland City Code section 10-6B-2A and 10-6B-2D, to allow for a residential dwelling in a storage unit facility in Light Industrial zone. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the comprehensive plan amendment and rezone from Single Family Residential and General Commercial to Light Industrial for 712 NW 4th Street,

316 N Whitley Drive, and 314 N Whitley Drive. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed three (3) Special Event applications for West Valley Church, 100 E 1st Street. Those events are as follows:

1. Father's Day Event- June 18, 2023
2. Back to School Water Party- August 13, 2023
3. Steaks & Rods- September 10, 2023

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Special Event applications for West Valley Church to be held at 100 E 1st Street. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Doug Roberts, representing West Valley Church, 100 E 1st Street explained to the Council that he has spoken to Building Official, Danny Little and they will be constructing the fence in the front yard of the church to meet City Code requirements.

Glenn Peck, 227 Grizzly Drive expressed concerns regarding the location of the stop sign at the W. 1st Street and S. Pennsylvania Avenue Intersection.

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

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

Councilor Pierson moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 699- Code Amendment-section 10-6B-2A and 10-6B-2D of Fruitland City Code, to allow for a residential dwelling in a storage unit facility in Light Industrial zone, by title only. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried. Councilor Peterson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 699. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye, Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 700- Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone from Single Family Residential and General Commercial to Light Industrial for 712 NW 4th Street, 316 N Whitley Drive, and 314 N Whitley Drive, by title only. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried. Councilor Peterson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 700. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye, Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed correspondence with the Rural Community Assistance Corp (RCAC). RCAC has agreed to work with the City of Fruitland and Ardurra to conduct a rate study. The rate study is anticipated to be of no cost to the City and will be conducted July 2023 through September 2023. Councilor Pierson moved to proceed with the rate study with RCAC. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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

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

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

The May 2023 Building Department Activity Report was presented by Building Official, Danny Little. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

Building Official, Danny Little explained that in the current 2022-2023 budget he had budgeted \$30,000.00 for a new vehicle and the price has increased to \$37,626.56. He is asking for additional funding in the amount of \$7,629.56 to purchase the vehicle. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the additional funding request in the amount of \$7,629.50 with fund to be used from General Fund, Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

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

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

The Council reviewed a letter from City Administrator, Stuart Grimes proposing to amend City Code regarding park reservations. Mr. Grimes explained that due to ongoing confusion regarding the use of city parks and the ability to “reserve” them he recommends changing the language from “reservation” to “park use”. The Council discussed the possibility of allowing gazebo reservations for special events. Councilor Pierson moved to have City Attorney, Stephanie Bonney draft an ordinance for Council review. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a Hosted Private Branch Exchange Service (HPBX) agreement between Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and the City of Fruitland. The HPBX agreement is a 3 year renewal for phone services at City Hall. 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 Council reviewed III-A Retiree Coverage Policy. This coverage is available to retiring employees at no cost to the City. Councilor Limbaugh moved to add the Retiree Coverage to the City’s current policy. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The May 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 Carpenter. Motion carried at 7:42 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk