

March 25, 2024

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: Carlton Strough, Stephanie Bonney, JD Huff, Matt Brock, Danny Little, Mark Little, Jesse Wetzel, Samantha Herrera, Stuart Grimes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Carlton Strough, Joe Johnson, Dick Groves, Pat Groves, Nathan Graddock, Alyssa Tuttle, Steve Cleary, Donita Cleary, Corey Evan, Kevin Grandine, Amy Haile, Dan Jennings, Jen Jennings.

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

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the March 11 & 12, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the Environment Information Document (EID) for the City of Fruitland's 2023 Water Master Plan.

Environmental Planner, Carlton Strough of Ardurra Engineers reviewed the EID with the Council and discussed alternatives. Carlton explained that the existing infrastructure at the Fruitland Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is the primary limiting factor in determining if the City has the capacity to accommodate future growth projections. The available water system capacity is the production capacity minus the allocated capacity. Each new infrastructure development is allocated a portion of the WTP's remaining capacity. Based off the water system demand projections, the current Fruitland WTP's capacity will exceed MDD by 2031. Therefore, four (4) alternatives were considered to address these concerns:

- Alternative 1: Leave the existing water system as is and do nothing (No Action Alternative).
- Alternative 2: Supplement the existing water system by developing a groundwater well using City owned groundwater rights.
- Alternative 3: Construct a second WTP along the Snake River and install an extensive water distribution system.
- Alternative 4: Expand the Fruitland WTP, develop an above ground storage reservoir, implement an Infrastructure Replacement Plan, and extend the water system south along SH-95.

No other testimony was given and the hearing was closed at 7:22 P.M.

Councilor Peterson moved to approve Alternative 4. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to table the Snake River Economic Development Alliance update until the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a letter from JD Huff, 6801 Beatrice Drive. Mr. Huff explained that the 25 homes of the Loma Linda Subdivision are having issues with failing drain fields and some need to be replaced urgently. The Loma Linda Subdivision is a County subdivision, located in the City of Fruitland Impact Area. In 2020 the City of Fruitland and Idaho Transportation Department partnered to connect a sewer line to the Interstate 84 rest area at Mile post 1. During the connection process, a sewer line was installed down the center and length of Beatrice Drive. Mr. Huff explained that the residents of the Loma Linda Subdivision that are considering replacing their current drain fields may find a greater benefit of connecting to the city sewer system rather than replacing their drain fields. Mr. Huff is asking the Council to allow the residents of the Loma Linda Subdivision to connect to the City of Fruitland's sewer line as the individual drain fields fail in the future. Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the residents of the Loma Linda Subdivision to connect to the city sewer system upon completion of individual homeowner connection agreements and payment of associated fees. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a donation request from the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce seeking a donation for the Apple Jam fundraiser event to be held on April 12, 2024. Councilor Peterson moved to donate 10 yards of gravel to be delivered within Payette County. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law regarding an appeal of the Fruitland Planning & Zoning Commission denial of a Conditional Use Permit for school use at 1000 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, nay. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, nay. Pierson, aye. Mayor Howell, aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Councilor Pierson moved to schedule the 2024-2025 Budget Workshop for 3:00 P.M. on July 10, 2024 and the Budget Hearing for August 12, 2024. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Motion carried.

The February 2024 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the February 2024 Finance Report. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(f)- Potential Litigation. Seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 7:59 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 8:34 P.M.

Councilor Peterson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried at 8:34 P.M.

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Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Suzanne Percy, City Clerk