

November 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: Tom Limbaugh, Jeff Carpenter, Kari Peterson, Cathy Yasuda, Ed Pierson.

ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Brittney Coleman, Kassidy Bryant, Kyle Monees, Alisyn Mosman, Madison Clements, Katrine Rydolea, Atticus Morgan, Ryan Baxter, Peggy Bishop, Corey Evan, Chase Van Weerdhuizen.

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

Councilor Limbaugh moved to approve the October 28, 2024 minutes. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

A public hearing was opened at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding a request by JKB Properties for a zone change and comprehensive plan change from General Commercial to Light Industrial and a Development Agreement for 1227 S. Pennsylvania Avenue.

Ryan Baxter, on behalf of JKB Properties, stated that he received a letter from the city indicating that his property at 1227 S. Pennsylvania Avenue is currently out of compliance with City Code. To bring the property into compliance, a zone change and comprehensive plan amendment are required, shifting the designation from General Commercial to Light Industrial, along with a Development Agreement for the site.

No further 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 proposal to amend the monthly water fees by increasing the water usage fee in excess of 5%. The purpose of the proposed fee increase is to recoup the costs of water system operations.

The proposed amendments involve adjusting the monthly base rate from \$47.20 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU), which currently includes no water usage, plus \$1.80 for every 1,000 gallons used to a new rate of \$46.50 per ERU, which includes 6,000 gallons, with an additional charge of \$5.50 for every 1,000 gallons used beyond that threshold. A recent expenditure analysis revealed that it costs the city approximately \$5.50 for every 1,000 gallons of water produced, while the current charge is only \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons used. On average, a

residential household consumes about 5,650 gallons of water per month. The proposed changes are expected to save the average household approximately \$11.80 per month, while ensuring that higher water users pay a fairer share of the actual costs of operating the water system.

No testimony was given, and the hearing was closed at 7:08 P.M.

Councilor Pierson moved to suspend the rules and read Ordinance No. 711- Zone Change and Comprehensive Plan Change from General Commercial to Light Industrial for 1227 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, by title only. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried. Councilor Pierson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 711. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the Development Agreement for 1227 S. Pennsylvania Avenue. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Yasuda, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried.

Councilor Carpenter moved to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12- Amend Monthly Water Fees, with an effective date of January 1, 2025. Second, by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a special event permit application from the Fruitland United Methodist Church for a Hot Cocoa Comic Con to be held on February 1, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Fruitland United Methodist Church. Several vendors will be invited to the event with potential drawing demonstrations. The event will be held entirely on church property. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request from the Fruitland United Methodist Church for a special event permit for a “Hot Cocoa Comic Con”. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed a special event permit application from the Fruitland Elementary PTO for a Holiday Bazaar to be held on December 7, 2024 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Fruitland Elementary School Cafeteria. Several merchants and food vendors will be invited to the event. The event will be held entirely on school property. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request from the Fruitland Elementary PTO for a special event permit for a Holiday Bazaar. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

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

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

The October 2024 Police Department Activity Report was presented by Police Chief, JD Huff. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The October 2024 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the October 2024 Police Reserve Fund Bank Statement. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The October 2024 Fire Department Activity Report was presented by Chief Tarvin. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the acquisition of a used fire engine in the amount of approximately \$57,000, with \$30,000 allocated from State Revenue Sharing and the remainder funded through the Fire Department's Equipment and Apparatus fund. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The October 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.

Councilor Pierson moved to approve the vehicle disposal request to dispose of a 1996 Chevrolet CK 1500 and a 2001 Chevrolet 1500. Second, by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

The October 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 Council reviewed a Fruitland/Payette County Building Inspection Agreement between the City of Fruitland and the County of Payette for Fruitland to continue providing building and mechanical inspections in Payette County. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the agreement with the following amendments:

1. Page 2- #4: Payment: County agrees to pay Fruitland a portion of the costs for providing the services performed pursuant to this Agreement. Payment shall be as follows:
 - a. County shall pay an amount equal to ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ sixty-five percent (65%) of all collected fees for building, mechanical, manufactured dwellings, and applicable fire and life safety permits issued in Payette County for structures for which inspections are requested.

2. Page 3- #6: Term: This Agreement shall have an effective date of October 1, 2024 and terminate on September 30, 2025. ~~This Agreement may be amended or modified upon the written approval of both Fruitland and County. Either party, upon 180 days written notice to the other, may terminate this agreement.~~ This is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the services provided hereunder and supersedes all prior agreements, proposals or understandings relative to inspection services.

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

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

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

The Council reviewed a memo from City Clerk/Treasurer, Suzanne Percy, explaining the different types of unemployment coverage and it was determined to take no action and to leave the city registration as self-pay.

The October 2024 bills were reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the bills. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried.

The October 2024 Finance Report was reviewed by the Council. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the October 2024 Finance Report. Second, by Councilor Yasuda. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Second, by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 8:10 P.M.

Kari Peterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk