

September 11, 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: JD Huff, Danny Little, Mark Little, Jerry Campbell, Matt Brock, Jesse Wetzell, Rick Funk, Stuart Grimes.

OTHERS PRESENT: Annie Knudsen, Krista King, Cortney Nelson, Taylor Little, Kathy Little.

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

Councilor Pierson asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims of 9/11.

Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the August 28, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Mayor Howell appointed Matt Brock as Public Works Director effective October 1, 2023. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried. Mayor Howell presented a certificate of appointment and read the official Oath of Office to Matt Brock whom subscribed to the oath of office as Public Works Director.

Mayor Howell appointed Mark Little as Fruitland Fire Chief effective October 1, 2023. Councilor Peterson moved to approve the appointment. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Motion carried. Mayor Howell presented a certificate of appointment and read the official Oath of Office to Mark Little whom subscribed to the oath of office as Fire Chief.

The Council reviewed a special event permit application from the Fruitland Chamber of Commerce for Trunk or Treat to be held October 31, 2023 from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on SW 3rd Street between Treasure Valley Classical Academy (TVCA) and the Fruitland Community Park. Krista King stood to answer questions and explained that the purpose of the event is to bring the community together and offer a safe and free alternative for families to go trick or treating. They are asking to close SW 3rd Street from S. Colorado Avenue to S. Kansas from 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Council discussed concerns regarding the timing of the road closure as it may conflict with school release. Councilor Pierson moved to approve the request from Fruitland Chamber of Commerce for a special event permit for Trunk or Treat and to waive the fee requirements with the exception that the road closure be set from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. only allowing the road to be closed at 3:30 P.M. upon inspection and approval of the Police Chief. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

City Administrator, Stuart Grimes explained that he was contacted by the National Fitness Campaign to see if the City of Fruitland would be interested in installing an outdoor fitness court at the Payette River Sports Complex. Stuart explained there are different grants that the City could apply for to help lower the cost of the fitness court to approximately \$45,000. The Council agreed that they were interested in the project and would like to discuss this item during the 2024-2025 budget workshop.

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

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

The August 2023 Ambulance Department Activity Report was reviewed. Councilor Carpenter moved to approve the report. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Councilor Peterson moved to cancel the October 10, 2023 City Council Meeting in observance of Columbus Day. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

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

Councilor Peterson moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(b)-Personnel. Seconded by Councilor Pierson. Roll call vote: Limbaugh, aye. Carpenter, aye. Peterson, aye. Pierson, aye. Motion carried at 7:49 P.M.

Regular session was resumed at 7:56 P.M.

Councilor Peterson moved to approve the Payette County Paramedics pay rate increase request for David Morris for Field Training Officer and to create a new Captain position. Seconded by Councilor Limbaugh. Motion carried.

Councilor Pierson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Carpenter. Motion carried at 7:57 P.M.

Brian Howell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Suzanne Percy, City Clerk