

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022

6:00 pm – Council meeting

Roll Call – Smith, Hogan, Painter, Hills, Hillman and Garrett were present. Legal Counsel Mike Walker was also present.

Minutes of Last Meeting – Garrett made a motion to approve minutes of last meeting and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Agenda – Painter made a motion to approve agenda and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Council will vote to use closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss litigation strategy with legal counsel – Painter made a motion to enter into closed session and Garrett 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous. Motion was made to close closed session by Painter and Garrett 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

Financial Report – Garrett made a motion to approve financial report and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Road - \$58,531.60 LOST Sewer & Water - \$59,553.67 LOST Lawful - \$245,183.16.

Old Business

Fire Department Update – Representative was not present.

Nuisance Abatement – No update on 161 Sand Run Road. Council needs to visit 106 Emerald Lane and 116 Evergreen Lane to determine if nuisance exists.

Dogs at 159 Sand Run Road – Garrett made a motion to contact City Attorney and get advise on how to proceed. Painter 2nd and motion passed 4-1 with Smith voting against it.

Fruitland Garbage Rate Discussion – Painter made a motion to raise garbage rate \$1 effective 7/1/22 and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Park Board Ball Park Improvement – Painter made a motion to approve up to \$1,500 to provide materials to put cement in dugouts at Drake Park. Hogan 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Memorial Benches at Park - A discussion was held to approve three new donated benches at Drake Park and the location will be decided next month after further discussion with Park Board and the maintenance personnel.

Update Council Meeting Start Time – Garrett made a motion to adjust council meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Smith 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Employee/Mayor/City Council Payroll Updates – A motion was made by Garrett and 2nd by Smith to raise City Council pay to \$40/month and \$40/additional meeting (form required) after the next election per Iowa Code Sec. 372.13 (8). Motion passed unanimously by roll call. Garrett made a motion to raise Mayor pay to \$2,400/year and

this motion died due to lack of second. Painter made a motion to raise Mayor pay after the next election per Iowa Code Sec. 372.13 (8) to \$1,800/year and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously by roll call. Providing full time employees a health stipend was discussed and City Council asked clerks to get comparisons from other surrounding areas. Cleanliness of the community center was discussed and decided to visit the possibility of raising rates and a discussion about how to improve cleanliness.

Correspondence – Smith advised the scheduling of the Drake Park ballfield needs to be visited to make reservations fair. City Council will make suggestions at next meeting. Clerk Shoppa updated City Council that the railroad tracks on Sand Run Road will be fixed in the next few months.

Citizen’s Opportunity

Paid Bills Report – Garrett made a motion to approve the paid bills report and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.

Marty Hills, Mayor

Becca Shoppa, City Clerk