

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022

6:00 pm – Council meeting

Roll Call – Present were Garrett, Hillman, Hills, Painter, Hogan and Smith.

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

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

Financial Report – Garrett made a motion to approve financial reports and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Painter will be responsible for financials next month. Fund balances are as follows: Road - \$64,253.91 LOST Sewer & Water - \$58,698.67 LOST Lawful - \$237,251.25.

Old Business

Fire Department Update – Chief Henkel reported they had 5 fire calls in March (3 township, 2 auto aid with Muscatine); 5 medical calls (2 township, 3 in the city) - in April they had 8 fire calls (3 township, 3 auto aid with Muscatine, 1 in the city, 1 training call) 1 medical call in the township. The training call last month was L-M Operation Prom. They have approximately 16 members and 4 have tested for Firefighter 1. Painter asked if the Fire Department could inspect the maintenance shed.

Dogs at 159 Sand Run Road – City Attorney is handling this situation.

Nuisance Abatement – The City Council decided to send a nuisance letter to three addresses. A motion was made by Garrett to send a letter to 161 Sand Run Road and Smith 2nd. Roll call was made and passed unanimously. Painter made a motion to send a letter to 116 Evergreen Lane and Garrett 2nd. Roll call was made and passed unanimously. Garrett made a motion to send a letter to 106 Emerald Lane and Smith 2nd. Roll call was made and passed unanimously.

Memorial Benches at Park – Garrett made a motion to have the maintenance men put one bench on the cement pad in front of the bathrooms at Drake Park and Hogan will come up with a design to put other two benches at Drake Park entrance. Smith 2nd and motion passed unanimously. Hogan would like to add bike rack at Drake Park to next month's agenda.

Discuss Cap Hours for Maintenance Employees – Painter wanted to see a cap of 50 hours split up however we would like. Garrett thinks reducing 728 hours per year was too much. Garrett made a motion to reduce maintenance hours to 58 total from 64 previously – Kirk Bliven being full time with 40 hours and Juan Hernandez part time with 18 hours per week – effective 7/1/2022 to better time management. Hogan 2nd and roll call was unanimous.

New Business

Letts Library Presentation – Barb Thompson presented City Council with a contract to provide library services to the City of Fruitland for \$3,350/year. Hogan made a motion to accept the contract from Letts and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Ball Diamond Updates Approval – ZWB (Zach Boots Construction) advised he would like to update the ball field at his expense at Drake Park by fixing the fence, providing concrete and replacing the dug outs. This will be a one-time event and will be done in the fall. ZWB will provide a sign to display on the fence. Painter made a motion to name the ballfield ZWB Ball Diamond in exchange for ZWB providing the updates and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Ashley Ramer-Loveless was in attendance and was advised to use the \$500 donation to provide accessories for the ballfield.

Approve New Gutter Guard Bid – Painter made a motion to install gutter guards and replace a gutter at the maintenance shop and install gutter guards at the City Hall/Community Center to be completed in thirty days. Hogan 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Block Sand Run Road for Veterans Memorial June 12, 2022 – Garrett made a motion to block Sand Run Road from the south drive of the Community Center to Spencer Avenue from approximately 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 12th for the Veterans Memorial dedication. Smith 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Pass Garbage Rate Resolution 2022-05-10 – Painter made a motion to pass garbage rate resolution 2022-05-10 and Garrett 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

LL Pelling Bid Approval – After discussion, this item will be moved to next months agenda to get more quotes.

Approve Mark Yerington and Derrick Sides on Planning & Zoning Board – Painter made a motion to approve existing members to a new term on the Planning & Zoning board and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Cybersecurity Insurance – Clerk Shoppa advised cost of cybersecurity insurance and this was tabled until next month.

Board Member Openings/Gender Equality – City of Fruitland needs one Board of Adjustments member, two Planning & Zoning members and one Park Board committee member keeping gender equality in mind.

Correspondence – Clerk Shoppa advised there will be a full audit after December 31st, 2022 and the budget may need to be amended. Clerk Shoppa asked for permission to add flyers to garbage bill as long as they are supplied and no additional postage is necessary. Driveway requirements were discussed and tabled until next month for 108 Emerald Lane. Nuisance abatement was discussed and tabled until next month for 127 North St.

Citizen's Opportunity

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

Closing Comments – Clerk Shoppa advised we may need to go to two meetings a month.

Adjourn – Garrett made a motion to adjourn.

Marty Hills, Mayor

Becca Shoppa, City Clerk