

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

6:00 pm – Council meeting

Roll Call – Smith, Hogan, Painter, Garrett and Hillman were present. Hills was absent.

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

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

Financial Report – Smith made a motion to approve financial report and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$506,516.27, Garbage - \$14,697.86, Fruitland Fun Days - \$-575.56, Road - \$44,536.82, LOST Sewar & Water - \$58,695.48, LOST Lawful - \$246,731.34, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77, ARPA - \$146,831.54, Park Activities: Park Improvement - \$41.00 and Park Activities: Shelter - \$33,716.66.

Old Business

Fire Department Update – Henkel advised there were 9 fire calls (3 in the township and 6 auto aid with Muscatine) and 7 medical calls (6 in the township and 1 in the city). The pancake breakfast was a success and had 265 people, which is more than usual. Two members started EMT classes. Voting on a new member next month. Still need daytime help.

Nuisance Abatement/Checklist

Update 106 Emerald Lane – Smith made a motion to grant an extension to November 8th and Painter 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

Update 138 Main Street – Cleaning was started and has stopped. Three cars do not have current registration. Painter made a motion to send a reminder letter and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Update 110 Fitzsimmons – Property needs mowed again. Smith made a motion to send both regular and certified reminder letters to Apartment C and the landlord and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed 4-1 with Painter voting against it.

Update 127 North Street – Still cleaning the property. Will check progress for next meeting, due September 27th.

101 Second Avenue – Hogan made a motion to send an abatement letter based on the nuisance checklist and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Stipend – Painter made a motion to pay actual cost up to \$300 per month with supervisor and mayor/city council approval starting November 2022 and Hillman 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

Bike Path Update – Painter will reach out to the company in Cedar Rapids to survey our proposed bike path to determine cost of the project.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Current plan is good as is just need to update certain items including the census totals and map. Will be added to next months agenda.

Railroad Update – Tabled until next month to research what other cities have received.

New Business

Trick or Treat Date – Painter made a motion to set Trick or Treat date the same as Muscatine every year and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Ordinance Updates – Will proceed with ordinance readings next month.

Discuss Employee Handbook Updates – Updates were discussed and will make the necessary changes. Tabled until next month.

Crimson Lane Road Repair – Tabled until next month.

Combine Shelter/Park Improvement funds – Painter made a motion to combine the funds and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. A public hearing will be held and information posted online and in the newsletter.

ARPA Funds – Ideas were discussed and will be added to next months agenda.

ADA Sidewalk Regulations – Will check into the regulations to see if the ordinance needs changed.

Sidewalk at 128 Turkey Road – Clerks will call property owner to discuss the use of the sidewalk.

Maintaining City Right of Way Tree Line from City Hall to North Street – Tabled until next month.

Loading Concrete – Painter made a motion that whoever wants the concrete may have it but the city will not load the concrete for them and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Citizen's Opportunity

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

Closing Comments – Everyone involved with the memorial benches and park entrance are appreciative and happy with the outcome.

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.

Susie Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem

Torie Roenfeldt, Deputy Clerk