

Fruitland Public Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, November 1st, 2022

6:00 pm – Public meeting

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

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

Introduce Andy Cummings and Arielle Giordano from Canadian Pacific Railroad

Discuss Canadian Pacific Railroad Merger – Mr. Cummings, Public Affairs Manager, advised that the Canadian Pacific Railroad has already acquired Kansas City Southern Railway Company and is currently in trust until the Federal Regulation possibly approves in approximately February 2023. After marketing, they are predicting an increase of train traffic of 14.4 trains per day (seven North and seven South) in approximately 2027 which means 19.2 per day total. They believe this is a benefit to communities as they are four times more fuel efficient, eliminate delays and carry goods from start to finish. He believes they will move through Fruitland relatively quickly. They will still run 24/7 but no specific time and speed could go up so they can run more trains per day but will still meet Federal regulations. They will share this with the community and local newspapers. Train length will be shorter per Ms. Giordano due to the quantity of trains running. Canadian Pacific Railroad has advised they will pay to send two fire fighters to Colorado for emergency response training. If the City of Fruitland agrees to not oppose the merger, they will provide a settlement of \$100,000 to use as the City of Fruitland feels is necessary. There is no formula for this amount but it depends on the population and the situation in each particular city. Complaints can still be made if the City of Fruitland decides to accept the settlement.

Citizen's Opportunity – Concerns were presented about the Fire Department response time due to more trains as the alternate route is nine miles with a fifteen-minute response. Other concerns were presented about the horns, timing, spacing and speed of the trains and also possibility of oil spills and the response time.

Closing Comments – Garrett advised that the contract will be discussed at the next regular City Council meeting on November 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.

Susie Garrett, Mayor Pro-Tem

Becca Shoppa, City Clerk