

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Wednesday, February 15th, 2023

6:00 pm – Budget Session

City Council finished income and expenses including a 5% raise.

7:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

Open Public Hearing – Maximum Property Tax Levy – No citizen comments.

Close Public Hearing

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

Approve Agenda – Painter 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. Hogan will do financials next month. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$581,103.46, Garbage - \$16,957.91, Fruitland Fun Days - \$-1,771.64, Debt Service - \$-14,231.25, Road - \$64,198.54, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,019.66, LOST Lawful - \$263,006.69, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77, ARPA - \$146,831.54, Park Activities: Park Improvement - \$41.00 and Park Activities: Shelter - \$33,716.97.

Old Business

Fire Department Update – Request for Community Center Rental Gift Certificate – Brandon Haynes advised there was a total of 115 calls with 6 fire in Fruitland and 19 EMS from July 22 to current. City Council advised they would like to have monthly calls. Haynes also asked for a gift certificate for a free large room rental from the Community Center to be donated to the Fire Department Soup Supper. Painter made that motion and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Nuisance Abatement – Shoppa advised 161 Sand Run Rd will be updated at the next meeting.

Bike Path Update – Hills provided information for City Council but was not present to discuss. No further information available at this time.

Comprehensive Plan Update – City Council would like more time to update maps.

Discuss Park Board Members – Shoppa advised Kari Finley and Brittany Nowak has joined Park and Recreation Board. Painter made a motion to appoint them and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. One more member is still needed to fill this board.

Discuss Survey Proposal for Fitzsimmons Road – Painter made a motion to accept the proposal from Martin & Whitacre to survey from North St. to Lois Lane for \$4,800. Hillman 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2023-02-15 for Maximum Property Tax Levy – Painter made a motion to pass resolution

2023-02-15 and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

Appoint Member to New Term on Fire Board of Directors – Hillman has agreed to stay on the Fire Board of Directors for another two-year term. Garrett made a motion to appoint Hillman and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously with Hillman abstaining from the vote.

Approve Fruitland Fire Agency Budget FY24 – Not available at this time.

Approve Snow Removal Bid – Bid was declined and clerks were asked to check into a snow blower.

Set City Budget Public Hearing – Due to the Fire Agency budget not approved yet and some scheduling difficulties City Council decided to have the council meeting/public hearing on March 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence - None

Citizen's Opportunity - None

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

Closing Comments - None

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Susie Garrett, Mayor Pro-Tem



Becca Shoppa, City Clerk