

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

6:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

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

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

Open Public Hearing – FY24 Budget – Mayor Hills opened public hearing. Brent Bowers requested that taxes be lowered due to new valuations on properties.

Close Public Hearing – Garrett made a motion to close public hearing and Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$556,214.98, Garbage - \$17,615.34, Fruitland Fun Days – \$-1,246.64, Debt Service - \$-14,231.25, Road - \$61,805.94, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,869.66, LOST Lawful - \$284,632.37, 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 – Fire Chief Haynes advised that there were 4 EMS calls in the city, 6 township, 2 mutual aids and 6 auto aid for 18 total in March. He also advised there was a burn ban until further notice for Muscatine County.

Nuisance Abatement – Clerks advised property at 101 Second Ave. extension expires on May 1st. This will be on the next months agenda. Hogan also advised we need to contact the lot beside 115 Turkey Road for tearing down trees. This will also be on next month's agenda. Smith advised 2697 Crimson Ave. has a broken pool. This will also be on next month's agenda.

Bike Path Update – Consider Approval of Bike Path Contract – City Council decided to prepare an information letter to advise residents of the bike path plan. This will be included in the garbage mailing.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Clerks advised that they were still working with Bi-State and may have it completed soon.

Lions Club Project – The City Council would like to see more lighting around the basketball court at Drake Park, sidewalk connecting shelter and toys at Drake Park and toys at the Community Center.

Audit Update – The Clerks advised that all of the audit findings were being taken care of except for segregation of duties due to being a small office.

New Business

Approve Message Board/Road Signs for Veteran's Memorial – Painter made a motion to approve the black message board and brown road signs with the funds that the Lions Club provided. Garrett 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Approve Resolution 2023-04-11 – Garrett made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04-11 and Painter 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

Set Public Hearing to Switch Park Shelter Funds to Park Improvement – May 9th, 2023 – Smith made a motion to set public hearing date to May 9th to transfer funds from shelter to park improvement. Hillman 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Approve Liquor License for 120 Center St. – Painter made a motion to approve liquor license for 120 Center St. and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously with Garrett abstaining from the vote.

Discuss/Approve LL Pelling Bid – Smith made a motion to not proceed with seal coating the roads this year and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. The council is taking it upon themselves to inspect all cement roads in town. The findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

Discuss/Approve New Welcome Sign – Hogan presented a 4x8 metal welcome sign produced by Travis McConnaha for \$780 while using current post to replace existing welcome sign near Crimson Ave. Smith made a motion to approve one sign for now and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

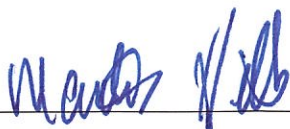
Correspondence – Shoppa advised Briggs asked for the street in front of his house be looked at to repair cement. He will be added to the list for next month's agenda. Shoppa also advised City Council that the Muscatine Police department contacted them about golf carts riding on the new sidewalk to the Shell station which does not allow motor vehicles.

Citizen's Opportunity – Haynes advised that Iowa State Extension lot may not plow sidewalk. Shoppa advised they would send the information letter to them also.

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

Closing Comments – Shoppa advised maintenance men will be purchasing snow blades in July due to budget.

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Marty Hills, Mayor



Becca Shoppa, City Clerk