

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, July 11th, 2023

6:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

Minutes of Last Meeting – Painter made a motion to approve minutes of last meeting and Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Clerks advised City Council that the last minutes were not published by Discover Muscatine and they are not publishing a paper even though it was turned in on time. Clerks are checking with the Muscatine Journal.

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. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$534,254.31, Garbage - \$11,715.21, Park Improvement - \$33,757.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$5,664.08, Road - \$83,306.83, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,780.11, LOST Lawful - \$309,597.00, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77, and ARPA - \$146,831.54.

Old Business

Nuisance Abatement – 161 Sand Run Road Update – Metal has been taken out of front yard. City Council has given them a six month extension until Jan. 17, 2024. Painter made this motion and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. 115 Turkey Road Update – City Council will send checklist for this property to Clerks by 7/17/23 to prepare letter for nuisance abatement.

Bike Path/Sidewalk Update – Clerks advised that Bolton & Menk submitted the utility locate request to Iowa One Call and have received utility mapping. Utility companies will be field locating their facilities with flags and paint markings this week. Their surveyor will be on site either late this week or next week to complete the topographic survey. Once topographic survey is complete they will begin design.

Comprehensive Plan Update/Discuss/Approve Resolution 2023-07-11b – Painter made a motion to make the Comprehensive Plan valid for ten years and approve Resolution 2023-07-11b. Smith 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Resolution for Depositories & Deposit Limits 2023-07-11 – Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07-11 and Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Disaster Recovery Plan Resolution 2023-07-11a – Painter made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-07-11a and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Painter asked for another quote and put on next months agenda.

Discuss Penalty for Vandalism at Drake Park – Garrett made a motion to put the video of the vandalism at the park on Social Media and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk will ask maintenance men about a timer on the lights.

Library Update – Barbara Thompson made a presentation informing City Council that 178 kids attended programs in three months which is a good turnout. She also advised she will be leaving next year and will be hiring a replacement.

Fire Department Update – Haynes advised in June there was 1 fire call and 3 EMS calls in the city. 7 auto aid, 8 fire in the township and 5 EMS. Clerks asked for May numbers since no representative was at the last meeting. Haynes reminded everyone that the Blues & BBQ Fest was this weekend, July 15, 2023. He also advised that 7-9 members will be attending an EMR Class.

New Business

Discuss Building Code Update – Brandon Hatcher made a presentation about the Muscatine County Building Code. City Council would like the clerks to speak to Phil Kaalberg and the City Attorney about this before we proceed.

Discuss/Approve Park Board Expenditure – Kay Chapman from Park Board made a presentation that they would like to see a 55' batting cage with pitching screens added to the ballfield at Drake Park for approximately \$4,600. City Council would like more information before further discussion. They also would like to build a kitchen beside the large shelter which City Council thought would be a good idea and would like more information. The funds from the shelter would be used for this project.

Discuss/Approve Library Contract – Smith made a motion to approve the library contract. Hillman 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Camera Signage – It was discussed that a couple new cameras need to be added for better coverage so hold off on camera signage for now.

Discuss/Approve Suggested Maintenance Checklist for Drake Park per ICAP – Garrett made a motion to approve the inspection list on page 44 of the Public Playground Safety handbook to be performed once every two weeks starting August 1, 2023. Painter 2nd and motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Transfer Resolution 2023-07-11c – Painter made a motion to approve transfer resolution 2023-07-11c and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

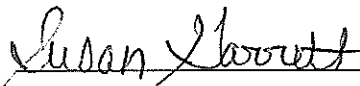
Correspondence – Complaint was made to Garrett that 106 Valley Dr. has possibly two vehicles that are not registered. This will be on next month's agenda. She was also approached by a citizen that the maintenance men was seen picking up brush at the Mayor's house. An anonymous letter was sent to City Council about the condition of Drake Park which we can not address since it wasn't signed.

Citizen's Opportunity - None

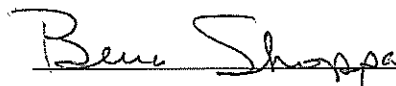
Paid Bills Report – Garrett made a motion to approve paid bills report and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Bills paid were also not published due to the newspaper not responding.

Closing Comments - None

Adjourn – Garrett made a motion to adjourn.



Susan Garrett, Mayor Pro Tem



Becca Shoppa, City Clerk