

## **Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall**

**Tuesday, August 8th, 2023**

### **6:00 pm – Council Meeting**

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

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

**Approve Agenda** – Hills added Municipal Water System to new business. Painter made a motion to approve amended agenda and Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** – Hogan made a motion to approve financial report and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$529,072.52, Garbage - \$19,358.41, Park Improvement - \$33,757.97, Fruitland Fun Days - \$5,534.08, Road - \$90,456.03, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,831.98, LOST Lawful - \$270,910.43, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77, and ARPA - \$146,968.73.

### **Old Business**

**Discuss Survey Results** – Seth Whitacre from Martin & Whitacre made a presentation on the new survey results. Painter and Hogan agreed to chair this project. Copy of survey will be sent to lawyer for review. Add to next month's agenda.

**Nuisance Abatement** – Smith and Hillman created checklist for 161 Sand Run Road and those will be sent to the rest of the members of City Council to decide what needs to be completed next month. Clerks advised 115 Turkey Road is complying with nuisance abatement per phone conversation.

**Bike Path/Sidewalk Update** – They have completed the topographic survey and have created an Auto Cad base map of existing conditions and existing utility locations. They will now work on preliminary design. Painter and Smith will contact Bolton & Menk for a meeting and report back to City Council at next meeting

**Discuss Pavement Street Repair** – Clerk advised that she contacted two contractors and have not received quotes back. Statement/Scope of work needs to be prepared and sent to contractors. Hogan and Hills will chair this project and meet with maintenance men to go over the roads.

**Discuss Penalty for Vandalism at Drake Park** – Clerks advised that the suspects have not been charged yet.

**Discuss Building Code Update** – After further discussion, City Council has decided that this is not the direction that they want to take with our building code but that it does need updated.

**Fire Department Update** – Clerk advised that Fire Chief Haynes advised her that there was 0 fire for the City, 2 EMS for the City, Township Fire 2, Township EMS 2 and Auto Aid 4.

**Discuss/Approve Park Board Expenditure** – No park board members were present.

## New Business

**Reliable Network Solutions Bid for Support** – Jon Hartman made a presentation and Painter made a motion to approve the Silver Package for \$243/month for 36 months. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss/Approve Social Media Policy** – More information was necessary to approve social media policy. City Council advised to send to lawyer to approve.

**Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance** – Table until next month as Garrett was not in attendance.

**Street Financial Report** – Clerks advised City Council report was finished and numbers matched so this will be submitted to Iowa Department of Transportation.

**Discuss/Approve Park Expenditure** – Painter made a motion to approve the bid for the mesh replacement panels for Drake Park slide up to \$1500 to include freight. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss/Approve Carpet Cleaning Expenditure** – After inspection of carpet, Hogan made a motion to approve carpet cleaning and Painter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. This will need to be reviewed every year.

**Appoint Kurt Sothmann to Another Term on Board of Adjustments** – Painter made a motion to appoint Kurt Sothmann to another 5 year term and Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. One more person is still needed to fill this board.

**Municipal Water System** – Hills advised that Muscatine Power & Water will be taking water and sewer to Deep Lakes and they would like to know if we are interested in installing water in Fruitland as this will give us fire hydrants but allow you to keep well for irrigation. This will be on next month's agenda and put on the newsletter that this is being discussed.

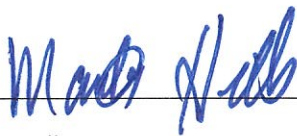
**Correspondence** – Smith advised that there was a peddler in town with no peddlers permit. Smith also advised that compost driveway needs mowed.

## Citizen's Opportunity

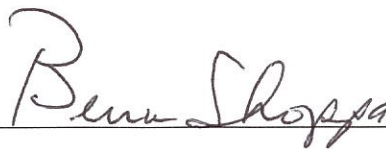
**Paid Bills Report** – Painter made a motion to approve paid bills report and Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closing Comments** – Clerks advised ADA Warning pad was installed on Crimson Ave. but there is a crack under cement so homeowner is to be careful during snow removal. Smith updated City Council that Fruitland Fun Day was coming along very well. Clerks advised new abatement will be added to next months agenda for 104 Sunrise Drive.

**Adjourn** – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Marty Hills, Mayor



Becca Shoppa, City Clerk