

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, December 12th, 2023

6:00 pm – Budget Session – Smith, Painter, Hills, Hillman and Garrett were present. Painter arrived at 6:06 pm and Hogan attended via Go To Meeting. Expenses were discussed and Garrett made a motion to adjourn.

6:30 pm – Council Meeting

Roll Call – Smith, Painter, Hills, Hillman and Garrett were present. Hogan attended via Go To Meeting but abstained from voting.

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

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

Financial Report – Garrett made a motion to approve the financial report and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$731,096.07, Garbage - \$11,088.04, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$2,520.87, Road - \$109,062.90, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,030.18, LOST Lawful - \$305,185.58, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$147,509.84.

Old Business

Bike Path/Sidewalk Update – Per Iowa DOT the correct terminology is “Shared Use Path”. Language will be updated to the correct terminology. Mailbox fixes are included in the cost breakdown. Sprinkler fixes are up to the city to decide who fixes. Questions regarding how far off the street, connecting to the street, and who signs for the research farm will be discussed with Bolton & Menk and discussed further next month.

Nuisance Abatement – 101 Second Ave will be discussed next month. Will get clarification from the lawyer on how to proceed with the abatement on 104 Sunrise Dr.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Hills and the maintenance men are working on a statement of work to get a bid for just the approach on Sunrise Dr.

Fire Department Update – Representative was not present to provide call numbers.

Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance – Clarification is needed on whether existing vehicles are prohibited under the new ordinance and will be discussed with the lawyer.

Building Inspector Retirement – Smith made the motion to hire Matt Hansford as the city building inspector and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Bathroom – Will get a bid to level the park bathroom and discuss next month.

Electronic Sign Repair – Clerk will proceed with ordering the controller boxes and fixing the sign.

New Business

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Resolution 2023-12-12 – Painter made a motion to approve ARPA resolution 2023-12-12 with the updated language of “Shared Use Path” and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Parking on Roadway/Sidewalk/Right-of-Ways – A letter with the ordinance will be sent to all residents with the December 18th garbage billing.

QuickBooks Upgrade – Clerk will proceed with purchasing the QuickBooks upgrade.

Vacuums for Community Center – Clerk purchased one vacuum from Neal’s Vacuum & Sewing Center that includes a one-year warranty. We will purchase a second one if the first one is sufficient.

Approve LL Pelling Proposal – Garrett made a motion to approve the LL Pelling proposal and Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Set Public Hearing Date for Bike Path – Tabled until next month to get more information.

Correspondence – Painter advised of a squirrel problem on Evergreen Ln. City Officials are reviewing the information.

Citizen’s Opportunity

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

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Marty Hills, Mayor



Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk