

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

**Tuesday, February 13th, 2024**

**6:00 pm – Budget Session** – Smith, Hogan, Painter, Hills and Hillman were present. Garrett was absent. Discussion was had on salaries and missing expense items. Painter made a motion to adjourn.

**7:00 pm – Council Meeting**

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

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

**Approve Agenda** – Hills added Waste Management Meeting and Smith added Fruitland Fun Day to the agenda. Painter made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** – Painter made a motion to approve the financial report and Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$704,169.80, Garbage - \$10,959.08, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$2,524.09, Debt Service - \$-13,668.75, Road - \$119,562.82, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,962.84, LOST Lawful - \$322,873.12, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$145,140.81.

### **Old Business**

**Shared Use Path Update** – Clerk will check with Bolton & Menk if the final Right-of-Entry letter for phase 1 is necessary to have before proceeding. Council will revisit who is responsible for sprinkler fixes in phase 2.

**Nuisance Abatement** – Painter made a motion to close the abatement on 101 Second Ave and Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Hills will contact 106 Emerald Ln about removing the wood from the public right-of-way. Painter made a motion to close the abatement on 161 Sand Run Rd and the motion failed due to lack of a second. This will be added to next month's agenda.

**Fire Department Update** – 16 total calls in January. 7 EMS and 1 Fire call in the City, 2 Auto Aid calls, and 3 EMS and 3 Fire calls in the County. They will work on a spreadsheet of the calls and provide us a flyer to include with our garbage billing for their annual soup supper.

**Library Update** – For summer programs they had a total of 165 kids, 50 adults, 7 programs, and passed out 400 books. They are requesting \$4,000 for the FY25 budget and will provide us with the calculation formula.

**Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance** – After speaking with the lawyer vehicles can be prosecuted under both the old and new ordinance. Council will look at the ordinance for next month.

**Set Public Hearing Date for Shared Use Path** – Painter made a motion to set the public hearing for the Shared Use Path on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Approve Fruitland Fire Agency Budget FY25** – Moved to next month.

**Set Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate** – Garrett made a motion to set the proposed property tax levy rate to 7.75 and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. This is the rate that will be included in the mailing from the county auditor and is not the finalized tax rate.

**Set Property Tax Levy Hearing Date** – After discussion with Council the proposed property tax levy hearing will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Fruitland Welcome Sign & Banners** – Clerk will look into where this expense could fit in FY24 budget. More discussion next meeting.

**Golf Cart Ordinance Change** – Smith made a motion to remove the language requiring obtaining a permit for golf carts and Painter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. The ordinance change process will be on next month's agenda.

**Waste Management Meeting** – Hills advised he won't be able to make the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and will look into who can go in his place.

**Fruitland Fun Day** – So far there has been no discussion on Fruitland Fun Day for 2024. This will be included on next month's agenda.

### **Correspondence**

#### **Citizen's Opportunity**

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

**Closing Comments** – Another Budget Session was discussed and will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> before the next regular council meeting.

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

  
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Marty Hills, Mayor

  
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Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk