

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

6:00 pm – Budget Session – Smith, Hogan, Painter, Hillman and Garrett were present. Hills was absent. Salaries and expenses were discussed. The library and fire department will be finalized for March 26th as well as council deciding what expenses to cut to balance the budget. Painter made a motion to adjourn.

7:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

Open Public Hearing – Shared Use Path – Justin Ernst from Bolton & Menk was in attendance via Go To Meeting to answer questions. Questions addressed involved the distance from the edge of the path to the road, the material used in the area between the road and the path, irrigation concerns, and adding signage. Clerk will put the plans on the website for residents to view.

Close Public Hearing – Painter made a motion to close the public hearing and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approve Agenda – Approve Fire Agency Budget was taken off due to not having for the meeting. Painter made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Hillman made a motion to approve the financial report and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$699,408.67, Garbage - \$19,589.51, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$2,524.09, Debt Service - \$-13,668.75, Road - \$121,871.37, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,003.58, LOST Lawful - \$334,639.48, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$136,874.04.

Old Business

Shared Use Path Update – Bolton & Menk will be sending a certified letter to the final Right-of-Entry needed for phase 1.

Nuisance Abatement – The wood has been moved at 106 Emerald Ln. A vote was made to close the nuisance abatement on 161 Sand Run Rd with all council members voting yes.

Fire Department Update – Clerk reported there were 14 calls for February with 2 EMS and 0 fire calls in the City. Clerk will reach out again about the Excel spreadsheet for the calls.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Still working on getting a quote for the approach on Sunrise Dr.
Moved to next meeting.

Building Inspector Fee's – Hills spoke to Hansford about getting his recommendation for the fee's.
Hansford will be discussing with the Clerk for next meeting.

Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance – Clerk will send to council a highlighted version of Muscatine's ordinance to discuss the additions to Fruitland's current ordinance. Discussion will continue next meeting.

Fruitland Welcome Sign & Banners – After reviewing the budget we will wait until next budget year to purchase another welcome sign.

Fruitland Fun Day – Smith got last years information to look over for this year. There is interest on doing the event this year. They will need volunteers to help out in order for the event to happen. It was mentioned to see if the Lions Club would be interested in helping. Added to next month.

New Business

Approve First Reading of Golf Cart Ordinance No. 2024-001 – Painter made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-001. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

Waive Second and Third Readings of Ordinance No. 2024-001 – Smith made a motion to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance No. 2024-001. Roll call was made and was unanimous.

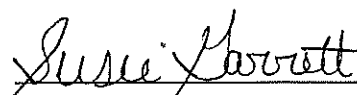
Correspondence – A complaint was made about speeding on Emerald Ln. More information will be gathered and we will come up with a solution. A telephone box on North St. has been left open, Clerk will have maintenance guys look into getting it fixed.

Citizen's Opportunity

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

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Susie Garrett, Mayor Pro-Tem



Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk