

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

6:00 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 the last meeting and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Financial Report – Garrett made a motion to approve the financial report and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$655,818.02, Garbage - \$10,196.65, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$2,524.09, Debt Service - \$-13,668.75, Road - \$121,585.68, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,967.16, LOST Lawful - \$336,890.26, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$133,088.03.

Old Business

Shared Use Path Update – Bids were received and opened on April 2nd. As of March 31, \$12,212 has been spent out of the Sidewalks and Pathways budget line item, and \$14,905 has been spent out of the ARPA budget line item to pay engineering fees. The remainder of the ARPA budget funds and part of the Railroad funds will be used to pay for phase 1.

Nuisance Abatement – The City Attorney approved the letter to be delivered by courier to 104 Sunrise Dr. Clerk will arrange for the delivery and send a copy of the letter to the council.

Fire Department Update – A Fire Department Representative was not present to provide an update. The clerk will ask about the call spreadsheet again.

Library Update – Barbara and Tiffany from the Letts Public Library attended. They provided a breakdown of the FY25 budget to show how the funds will be used. They are currently working on summer programs and will have those determined before the end of the school year.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Hills is working on the specifications to provide to contractors for obtaining a bid for the repair of the Sunrise Drive entrance. The goal is to have the project completed before the end of the current fiscal year.

Building Inspector Fee's – Current inspector fees are \$100 for a house and \$20 for everything else. City Inspector Hansford recommended raising the fees to \$180 for a house and \$45 for everything else. Clerk will look for the document used to update these rates for next meeting.

Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance – Garrett provided a highlighted copy of Muscatine’s ordinance to determine what should be added to the current ordinance. Clerk will send to Council to discuss next meeting.

Fruitland Fun Day – Smith reported that Ashley Loveless is interested in organizing Fruitland Fun Day this year and is looking at doing the same events as last year. Smith spoke to the Lions Club about folding the flyers. Discussion will continue next month.

New Business

Approve Shared Use Path Resolution 2024-04-09 – Garrett made a motion to approve Shared Use Path Resolution 2024-04-09 and Painter 2nd. Roll call was made and was unanimous. Clerk will double check the language pertaining to a resident laying pipe for sprinklers at 121 Evergreen Ln.

Approve Shared Use Path Resolution 2024-04-09a – Garrett made a motion to approve Shared Use Path Resolution 2024-04-09a and Hogan 2nd. Roll call was made and was four ayes with Painter abstaining from voting.

Discuss/Approve LL Pelling Bid – FY25 budget is \$48,000. The bid from LL Pelling is over the budgeted amount for FY25. Hills proposed to provide maintenance on Sand Run Road up to the Budgeted amount. Council rejected that proposal and requested that Hills contact Taylor Ridge Paving & Construction for a bid.

Approve New Member to Board of Adjustments – Smith made a motion to appoint Shad Fordyce to a 5-year term and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.


Correspondence – Hogan advised of some potholes at 120 Turkey Rd. Hills will have Maintenance add this to the list of street repairs.

Citizen’s Opportunity

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

Closing Comments – Hills will contact the City building inspector to ask if he has been requested by the Fire Department to inspect the on-going construction at the Fruitland Fire Station. The City Clerk was requested by Council to invite the Fruitland Fire District Board of Directors and Fruitland Fire Chief to the next meeting.

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.


Marty Hills, Mayor


Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk