

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

**Tuesday, May 14th, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Agenda** – Painter made a motion to approve the agenda and Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** – Garrett made a motion to approve the financial report and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$760,392.46, Garbage - \$10,321.06, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days - \$2,524.09, Debt Service - \$-13,668.75, Road - \$127,961.00, LOST Sewer & Water - \$53,929.37, LOST Lawful - \$343,941.57, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$131,775.27.

### **Old Business**

**Shared Use Path Update** – Hills advised the contract has been signed and work is scheduled to begin this week depending on weather. Maintenance men have removed welcome sign & L-M sign during construction. Painter advised we need to start thinking about phase 2.

**Nuisance Abatement** – Letter has been delivered to 104 Sunrise Dr. Some work has been done. This will be discussed further after completion date.

**Fire Department Update** – Fire Chief Haynes advised in April there were 3 EMS calls in the City and 2 in the Township, 3 Auto Aid calls and 2 Mutual Aid calls. The fire department addressed the Council's questions. The renovation is on hold but everything is functioning, besides the bathroom. Due to the fire department no longer being a safe place in Fruitland they are not eligible for certain grants. This will be updated the next time the Disaster plan is updated. They do not need a building permit for the renovations and are grandfathered in on the septic tank. After the board meeting, they will put the wall up and bathrooms back in until they can get a grant.

**Discuss Pavement Street Repair** – Received quote from Heuer Construction to repair Sunrise Dr. entrance for \$34,858.00. Hogan made a motion to approve the quote and Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone voted aye with Painter abstaining from voting.

**Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance** – Updates were provided to Council. Painter made a motion to approve the updated language and Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Formal process to update the ordinance will be next month.

**Fruitland Fun Day** – Smith advised Ashley Loveless found a band they might be interested in having. They will be having a meeting to discuss further details. Update will be provided next month.

**Discuss/Approve LL Pelling Bid/Taylor Ridge Bid** – Didn't receive a bid from Taylor Ridge. Painter made a motion to use LL Pelling starting at Box Car Rd and going as far North up to our budgeted amount of \$48,000. Susie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

**Boy Scout Eagle Project** – Bill Brockert advised there is an L-M student trying to find a project to obtain his Eagle Scout badge. Suggestion was a new sign at the Compost site. Hills advised to bring the idea to the Scout leader for approval. After approval, bring a cost estimate to Council for approval. More discussion next month.

**Approve Liquor License for Fruitland Fire Department Blues & BBQ Event** – Painter made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Blues & BBQ event June 29<sup>th</sup> and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Delinquent Garbage Bills** – Currently there are 22 residents with a past due balance of \$75 or more. 13 of those residents will be sent to the treasurer this week. Of those 13 residents, 6 are sent in every 6 months.

**Garbage Billing Policy** – Jennifer made a motion to approve the updated language to the garbage billing policy and Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Housekeeping Performance Review** – Hills advised Kathie will be retiring. The job has been posted and we will hire a new housekeeper after finding the most qualified applicant.

**Discuss/Approve Building Permit/Inspector Fee Resolution 2024-05-14** – Painter made a motion to approve resolution 2024-05-14 and Garrett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence** – Hillman advised of a resident being told by the police department of not parking on the right-of-way. This will be discussed next month. She also advised of a resident wanting a camera facing the railroad so residents can see if there is a train blocking the tracks. Smith advised the second entrance to the Compost site has not been mowed. Hills will discuss with the maintenance men.

**Citizen's Opportunity** – Citizens in attendance discussed pavement street repairs, parking on the street and rights-of-way, and juveniles driving golf carts around town.

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

### **Closing Comments**

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

  
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Marty Hills, Mayor

  
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Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk