

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, July 9th, 2024

6:00 pm – Council Meeting

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

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

Approve Agenda – Hogan 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 Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$680,498.75, Garbage - \$1,287.54, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$2,524.09, Road - \$132,204.29, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,015.30, LOST Lawful - \$360,431.42, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$4,760.20.

Old Business

Shared Use Path Update – Hills advised the concrete is done. They are working on the rock/dirt and still need to seed. Hills is getting a bid to see how much it will cost to do new drawings to switch the path to the same side as phase 1.

Nuisance Abatement – Council agreed to close out the nuisance on 104 Sunrise Dr. After looking through the checklist, Garrett made a motion to send a letter to the resident of 104 Division St and the landlord of the property. Hogan 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Update – A fire department representative was not present, but Clerk provided council with the call log spreadsheet from Chief Haynes. For June they had 1 EMS call in the City, 5 Fire and 5 EMS calls in the Township, 3 auto aid and 1 mutual aid.

Library Update – Tiffany advised they have had 4 summer programs averaging 23 kids. They have given out 78 books and donated Pizza Ranch bags. She also advised they have passes to the Blank Park Zoo for kids ages 3-12 available. Kids don't have to be from Fruitland to go to the summer reading programs.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Maintenance guys are continuing to work around town on the remaining roads. Hills is getting a bid to include in our existing contract the repairs they are unable to do. Hills asked council to consider raising the amount for LL Pelling to do the remainder of Sand Run Rd. Hogan made a motion to do the entire \$54,648 for Sand Run Rd and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance – Hills reached out to the attorney but hasn't heard back yet. Garrett provided another definition to consider. Clerk will send to council for the next meeting.

Fruitland Fun Day – Clerk advised the Lions Club folded the sponsor letters and they have been sent out. More discussion next month.

Parking on Roadway Update – Clerk received some suggestions from Council. Hills asked the remaining council members to provide their comments and suggestions. More discussion next month.

New Business

BiState Presentation – Gena McCullough attended the meeting. She provided examples of all the different services that BiState provides for the City to use.

Approve Pay Application – Garrett made a motion to approve the \$24,006.83 pay application and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Garrett made a motion to approve the \$5,668.98 change order for the shared use path and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Library Contract – Smith made a motion to approve the library contract in the amount of \$3,750 and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Transfer Resolution 2024-07-09 – Garrett made a motion to approve transfer resolution 2024-07-09 and Hillman 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Member to New Term on Fire Board of Directors – Smith made a motion to appoint Garrett to another two-year term on the Fire Board of Directors and Hogan 2nd. Motion passed unanimously with Garrett abstaining from the vote.

Appoint New Park Board Member – Garrett made a motion to appoint Leslie Torres to a four-year term on the Park Board and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – Hills advised of railroad repairs starting this week and LL Pelling starting this month. Smith was asked about the rocks on the corner of Cedar St and Hills will speak to the attorney about them.

Citizen's Opportunity – Comments were made on parking on the right-of-way. Underage kids driving golf carts, side-by-sides, etc. was discussed.

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

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Smith made a motion to adjourn.


Marty Hills, Mayor


Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk