

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, October 8th, 2024

6:00 pm – Council Meeting

Roll Call – Smith, Painter, Hills and Hillman were present. Hogan arrived at 6:05. Garrett was absent.

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

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

Financial Report – Smith made a motion to approve the financial report and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$619,184.01, Garbage - \$10,588.15, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$-209.58, Road - \$100,805.63, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,140.33, LOST Lawful - \$375,509.24, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$1,555.93.

Old Business

Fruitland Fun Day – Clerk is waiting on income items so the financials will be discussed at the next meeting. Smith will reach out to Ashley to get the income and other missing items. TanTara is only interested in purchasing two sets of the bag boards for \$80. After Council discussion it was decided we will keep the boards and continue to loan them out.

Library Update – Library Director, Tiffany Stephens, provided an update. She has gotten rid of over 800 outdated books. They received a \$1,000 grant from the Columbus Junction United Fund to replace those books. They will receive 100 new children's books from the Brownstone Book Fund. Over 6 Summer Reading Programs there were 84 participants from Fruitland. Not sure on upcoming Winter events yet.

Shared Use Path Update – A drawing from Bolton & Menk was provided for Phase 2. Due to questions raised by the engineer and Council, Hills will be having a meeting with Ryan to discuss the drawing and official plans. Possibly have a special meeting to approve the plans before the next Council meeting.

Nuisance Abatement – Council looked at 104 Division St and stated it looked cleaned up. That was the last remaining nuisance outstanding. This will stay on the agenda to discuss future ones brought up. No comments were made from the discussion with the City Attorney.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Ryan said he is having a tough time getting Heuer to reply with a quote for the concrete repairs. Hills advised he will stop to discuss with Heuer. Hogan asked about the

repair to Crimson Ave. Hills advised that he has contacted REC about it, and it looks like they are in the process of repairing it.

Discuss Junk & Abandoned Vehicles Ordinance – After discussion with the City Attorney, Council feels that our ordinance does not need to have any changes made.

Parking on Roadway Update – Haven't heard back from Attorney regarding the Iowa Code preventing parking in the right-of-way. Hills will work with the Clerk on language to update the snow emergency proclamation and parking on the street.

Railroad Camera at North Street Crossing – Council discussed how much interest there is in having the camera due to having to provide the internet specifically for the camera. The question was raised on whether the camera will point towards any residents' properties due to the camera being able to be viewed by anybody. Clerk will look into the viewing field for the next meeting.

New Business

Discuss/Approve Sprinkler Repair Invoice for 110 Sunrise Dr – After Council discussion it was decided that the resident would have to pay for the invoice.

Approve Employee Handbook Resolution 2024-10-08 – Painter made a motion to approve Employee Handbook Resolution 2024-10-08 and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Annual Financial Report – Clerk reported the Annual Financial Report was finished but was unable to schedule an appointment with ClerkBooks to double check the report. This will be finished for the next meeting.

Correspondence – Hillman brought up a resident asking about the City decorating Tornado Park for the holidays. Council decided this wasn't of interest for the City.

Citizen's Opportunity – Citizens in attendance discussed the date for Trick-or-Treat, which will be held at the same time as Muscatine.

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

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.


Marty Hills, Mayor


Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk