Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

6:00 pm - Council Meeting

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

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

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

Financial Report – Garrett made a motion to approve the financial report and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$741,089.62, Garbage - \$10,655.06, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$250.42, Road - \$105,639.74, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,179.31, LOST Lawful - \$387,384.02, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$1,559.39.

Old Business

Shared Use Path Update – Council was presented with the plans and cost of Phase 2. Questions were raised on adding a small ditch next to the path to prevent flooding and if you can drive over the path. Painter made a motion to approve the \$195,073.25 change order. The motion failed due to lack of a 2nd. Clerk will send out a letter to inform the residents about the change of sides before proceeding with approval of Phase 2.

Nuisance Abatement – Council will provide updated checklists to the Clerk by November 26th to draft a letter for review at the next meeting for 106 Emerald Ln.

Fire Department Update – The call log was provided to Council.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Received a bid for \$12,332.25 to fix areas around town. Garrett made a motion to approve the bid and Smith 2^{nd} . Motion passed unanimously with Painter abstaining from the vote.

Fruitland Fun Day – Financials for 2024 were given to Council along with information on the City contribution for the event.

Parking on Roadway Update – Council was provided with draft language for updating the current ordinance. This will be discussed further next meeting.

Railroad Camera at North Street Crossing – Council was provided the information on the privacy concern for the camera. Further discussion next meeting.

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Approve Annual Financial Report – Painter made a motion to submit the Annual Financial Report and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Park Board Members/Meeting Participation – Seven-member group with only four spots filled.

Council will look into the obligations of the Park Board for the next meeting to see how we can get better participation from the members.

No Parking Signs on Mulberry St/Stop Signs on Cedar St – Clerk will send letters to residents on Cedar St and Mulberry St to see the interest in removing the stop signs/no parking sign for next month.

Discuss Possible Vacation of Street Between 2687 and 2689 Crimson Ave – After Council discussion it was decided the City is not interested in proceeding with the process to sell the land. The City will look into getting the items on that area removed and keeping the area maintained.

Correspondence – Painter asked the Council to drive down Evergreen to see potential vehicle issues.

Citizen's Opportunity – Residents discussed interest in having the camera for the railroad and alternate places to have the camera. Residents also discussed the street repairs, the shared use path and Fun Day.

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

Closing Comments

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.

Marty Hills, Mayor

Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk