

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

**Tuesday, February 11th, 2025**

**6:00 pm – Budget Session** – Smith, Painter, Garrett and Hillman were present. Hogan and Hills were absent. Finished discussing income. Discussion was had on salaries. Tiffany from the Letts Public Library presented the proposed budget and is asking for \$4,000. Painter made a motion to adjourn.

### **7:00 pm – Council Meeting**

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

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – Painter made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Agenda** – Due to Hills not being in attendance Shared Use Path Update, Discuss Pavement Street Repair and Railroad Camera at North Street Crossing were removed from the agenda. Painter made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** – Smith made a motion to approve the financial report and Painter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$670,898.39, Garbage - \$11,103.67, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$251.68, Debt Service - \$-13,106.25, Road - \$117,318.61, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,206.36, LOST Lawful - \$387,058.65, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$1,568.88.

### **Old Business**

**Fire Department Quarterly Update** – Updated call log was given to Council. They are still working on the budget.

**Park Board Members/Meeting Participation** – No update was available since Park Board did not have a meeting since the last Council meeting.

**Nuisance Abatement** – 106 Emerald Ln asked for a 60 day extension. Clerk will send a letter informing the residence the nuisance is due 3/24, if at that time they need an extension they can request one for Council to consider at the April meeting. Still waiting to hear from the attorney on the items left on the city street area off of Crimson Ave. Painter made a motion to send 103 Cedar St a letter per the checklists and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fruitland Fun Day** – Council was given the running total for the Fun Day fund. No plans have been discussed for this year. Garrett made a motion to have Fun Day be separate from the City. Garrett rescinded her motion in order to discuss further with all of Council members present at the next meeting.

**Parking on Roadway Update** – Council was given the old ordinance. More discussion at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

**Appoint Scott Baker to Another Term on Board of Adjustments** – Painter made a motion to appoint Scott Baker to another term on Board of Adjustments and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Appoint Member to New Term on Fire Board of Directors** – Hillman agreed to stay on for another term on the Fire Board of Directors. Smith made a motion to appoint Hillman and Painter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously with Hillman abstaining from the vote.

**Transfer Resolution 2025-02-11** – Painter made a motion to approve Transfer Resolution 2025-02-11 and Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Community Center HVAC Unit** – Smith made a motion to approve the \$10,800 bid from Kelly Heating, Cooling & Plumbing and Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Clerk will advise Council when the new unit will be installed

**Fruitland Fire Agency Budget FY26** – Moved to next month.

**Set Proposed Property Tax Levy Rate** – Garrett made a motion to set the proposed property tax levy rate to 7.75 and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. This is the rate that will be included in the mailing from the county auditor and is not the finalized tax rate.

**Set Property Tax Levy Hearing Date** – Garrett made a motion to set the proposed property tax levy hearing on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence** – Smith was asked to look at the basketball court along with Painter to see if any repairs are needed. Garrett attended the Emergency Management meeting and advised they are currently working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan which Fruitland is a part of and will have to approve at a future meeting.

## **Citizen's Opportunity**

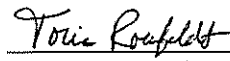
**Paid Bills Report** – Smith made a motion to approve the paid bills report and Hillman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Closing Comments** – The next budget session will be on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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



Susie Garrett, Mayor Pro-Tem



Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk