

Fruitland City Council Meeting at City Hall

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

6:00 pm – Budget Session – Smith, Painter, Hillman and Garrett were present. Hills attended via Go to Meeting. Hogan was absent. Reviewed income and expense items to help balance the budget. Clerk will correct Road and Public Works salaries for the March 25th meeting to finalize the budget. Painter made a motion to adjourn.

6:30 pm – Council Meeting

Roll Call – Smith, Painter, Hillman and Garrett were present. Hills attended via Go to Meeting. 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 – Parking on Roadway Update was moved to the top of Old Business. Garrett made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Smith made a motion to approve the financial report and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. Fund balances are as follows: Operating - \$662,030.66, Garbage - \$11,135.22, Park Improvement - \$33,857.97, Fruitland Fun Days – \$251.68, Debt Service - \$-13,106.25, Road - \$120,013.45, LOST Sewer & Water - \$54,157.59, LOST Lawful - \$395,042.94, Iowa Cares Act - \$23,338.77 and ARPA - \$1,570.52.

Old Business

Parking on Roadway Update – The 1995 Iowa Code was provided to council. Smith made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Shared Use Path Update – Hills is working on getting a quote for correcting part of phase 1 and getting a date for when they plan on starting phase 2. Smith advised having our maintenance men clean up the washed-out gravel on phase 1.

Nuisance Abatement – 103 Cedar St has not picked up the certified letter. Council will use the checklist for the items left on the city street area off of Crimson Ave for the next meeting. Hills will contact the attorney again regarding the items left. 127 North St was moved to the next meeting. 106 Emerald Ln will be discussed at the next meeting as well.

Discuss Pavement Street Repair – Hills will work with Bolton & Menk on a quote for redoing the cul-de-sac on Evergreen Ln. Will check on all the areas around town that need seeding done.

Fruitland Fun Day – After removing Fruitland Fun Day from the budget it was decided the only thing the City will be funding is salaries for the maintenance men.

Railroad Camera at North Street Crossing – Garrett made a motion to begin the process of installing the camera and Painter 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Fruitland Fire Agency Budget FY26 – Garrett made a motion to approve the Fruitland Fire Agency Budget FY26 and Smith 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Color Run – Organized by the L-M Student Council. Event will take place on May 3rd starting and finishing at Drake Park. Smith made a motion to allow L-M to reserve Drake Park with no rental fee in order to hold the Color Run event and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Clothing Closet Lease – Information was given on the income and expenses of the building.

Arbor Day Program – Clerk will check with the state to see if this is a legal expenditure. Painter made a motion to sponsor the \$250 for the tree if it is a legal expenditure. If it is not a legal expenditure the City will not sponsor the tree. Smith 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

Community Center Appliances – Clerk will look into purchasing a small chest freezer for the large room.

Sidewalks at the Park – Tabled until next meeting

Sprinkler Improvements at the Park – Hills will reach out to sprinkler repair companies to obtain quotes for the next meeting.

Correspondence – Garrett advised of a complaint received regarding the maintenance personnel. Painter advised of an inquiry to cut the overgrown trees by the basketball court and install an additional light by the small shelter next to the basketball court.

Citizen's Opportunity

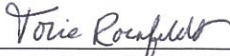
Paid Bills Report – Smith made a motion to approve the paid bills report and Garrett 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Comments – The proposed property tax levy public hearing will be on March 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn – Painter made a motion to adjourn.



Marty Hills, Mayor



Torie Roenfeldt, City Clerk