

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular/Virtual Session at City Hall on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

President Darlene Kerr, Treasurer Ray Carey, Councilor Mark Miciotto, Councilor R. Lee Outen and Councilor Mike Hammond.

Also present at the table were:

City Manager Marc Henderson, Chief Brian Swafford, Deputy Treasurer Mark Swift and City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas.

Our guests included:

Public Works Director Michael Gibbons, Katherine McAllister from GMB, Joseph Smith, Robin Henderson, Grant Henderson and Roland Palmer.

Attending virtually was:

City Solicitor Mitchell.

At 7:00 p.m. President Kerr called the regular Council meeting to order. Council President Kerr recited the Lord's Prayer and Council President Kerr led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Hammond moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Councilor Outen seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

Reports- Treasurer, City Manager and Department Heads

Treasurer Carey delivered the Treasurer's Report. For June 2020 the City recorded \$359,000 of revenues and \$766,000 of expenses for a net deficit of \$407,000 for the month. Year to date the City has recorded \$7.81 million in revenues and \$7.87 million in expenses for a net surplus of \$60,000. **Councilor Outen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Councilor Miciotto seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

Chief Swafford delivered his report on behalf of the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

- Code Enforcement closed 35 cases last month bringing the total to 171 for the year to date.
- There were 19 part one crimes. There were 2926 total calls for the month of June.
- National Night Out has been tentatively scheduled for October 6, 2020.

Public Works Director Gibbons delivered his report.

- The parking lot on Brown Street has been completed.
- Ditch mowing will be done next week.
- The water plant underground piping will start next week.

Katherine McAllister from GMB advised that the Fruitland Water plant is 20% complete at this point and the wells have been completed. The solar plant project was recently approved by MDE and the advertising will start on that. The drainage study is 30% complete at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Paid Bills**

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the paid bill report. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen and seconded by Councilor Hammond the paid bills were approved by a vote of five to zero.**

2. Purchase of Compliance Officer Vehicle

Chief Swafford stated that a new code enforcement vehicle was budgeted for this year. He has obtained three bids from Hertrich, I.G. Burton and Pohonka. He explained why the Hertrich bid was the best overall and recommended to go with Hertrich and purchase a 2020 GMC Terrain program vehicle that has 11,000 miles and warranty. **On a motion made by Councilor Miciotto to authorize Chief Swafford to purchase a 2020 GMC Terrain SLT all wheel drive from Hertrich in the amount of \$24,646, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Oath of Office – City Manager

City Clerk Thomas administered the Oath of Office to Marcus Henderson. Mr. Henderson was appointed the new City Manager. Roland Palmer praised the Council for hiring within to fill the position.

2. Resolution 6-2020

Deputy Treasurer Swift read Resolution 6 – 2020 which amends the fiscal year 2019 – 2020 General Fund Budget. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to accept Resolution 6 -2020 as read by Deputy Treasurer Swift, seconded by Councilor Hammond, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

3. Resolution 7 – 2020

Deputy Treasurer Swift read Resolution 7-2020 which amends the fiscal year 2019 -2020 Utilities Fund Budget. **On a motion made by Councilor Hammond to accept Resolution 7-2020 as read by Deputy Treasurer Swift, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

4. On Call Engineer RFQ

Council President Kerr read the general information for the request for qualifications (RFQ) for on -call engineering services. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to move forward with the concept of requesting qualifications for general on -call engineering services, by advertising the RFQ, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

5. Program Open Space Grant Request

Council President Kerr read a letter that will be sent for Program Open Space funding requesting funding to remove and replace four existing sets of bleachers at the recreational park located at 200 S. Brown Street. **On a motion made by Councilor Miciotto to move forward with the request for program open space funding, and approve the 10% that the City will provide, seconded by Councilor Outen, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

6. Approval of Slip Lining Dulany Avenue

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that he has received two bids for the slip lining project on Dulany Avenue. The low bidder was A.M. Liner East, which has done other projects for the City, in the amount of \$241,838. There were contingencies included that are not needed which will reduce the price to \$158,044 with a 10% contingency bringing the total to \$173, 848. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to award the bid to A.M. Liner East not to exceed \$173,848 including contingency, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

7. Other

Chief Swafford requested authority to hire a part time Police Officer to replace the previous part time position. **On a motion made by Councilor Miciotto to approve the hiring of a part time police officer, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

City Manager Henderson added that the property that was being demolished at 210 Morris Street is full of wasp nests and to be careful if anyone should be near the property.

Public Comment/General Discussion

Joe Smith from St. Luke's Road asked since the street was closed coming from the Cedar Commons who was responsible for cutting the grass. The owner will be determined. Mr. Smith advised that he will keep cutting the grass until a decision is made.

An email was received from a City resident regarding the lack of social distancing at the baseball fields when Force tournaments are going on. A meeting will be held regarding making sure the waivers are signed and protocols being followed.

With no further business to discuss, **Treasurer Carey made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m., seconded by Councilor Outen, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

Raye Ellen Thomas
Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk
[Approved, August 11, 2020](#)