

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular/Virtual Session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 8, 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 and Katherine McAllister from GMB.

Attending virtually was:

City Solicitor Mitchell, Mac Pusey and Julie Bellamy.

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 August 11, 2020 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Hammond moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Treasurer Carey 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 August 2020 the City recorded \$742,000 of revenues, including \$158,00 of impact fees. The City also recorded \$729,000 of expenses for net income of \$13,000 for the month. **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.

- Crime is still below normal amounts due to Covid.
- There were 17 part one crimes. 1012 Traffic violations and 2588 total calls for the month of August.
- National Night Out is canceled for October 6, 2020.

City Manager Henderson delivered the Code Enforcement and City Manager's report.

- There were 36 new building inspections for the month of August and 2 new rental registration cases.
- The City won the case against Richard Insley in reference to a Code violation charge.

Public Works Director Gibbons delivered his report.

- Dulany Avenue slip line is completed, and paving should be in the budget for next year.
- Mosquito spraying will be done this week.
- Camden Avenue service line replacement is almost complete.
- Progress is going well at the water treatment plant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Paid Bills**

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the paid bill report. Councilor Miciotto had a question about a bill, which was answered. **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. Outdoor Dining Ordinance

City Solicitor Mitchell advised that in follow up on the Council's position and questions from the August meeting about outdoor dining regulations, he and City Manager Henderson had contacted the Liquor Control Board, the Health Department and the Fire Marshalls Office. City Solicitor Mitchell advised that since the Council has decided not to pass regulations on outdoor dining, that restaurant that is in a zoning district that permits restaurants that they can establish outdoor dining. Those establishments will separately deal with the conditions and requirements in place by the Liquor Control Board, Health Department and Fire Marshalls Office. The Planning Commission has been advised to stand down on this issue.

3. Other

Councilor Hammond asked City Manager Henderson how the Little League meeting was after the discussion the Council had held. City Manager Henderson advised that he had a great meeting with Kim and the contract was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. EDU/Wastewater Plant Capacity

City Manager Henderson advised that with all the new growth occurring in Fruitland, it may be time to think about an upgrade at the wastewater plant.

2. Royal Farms PWA

City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Royal Farms Public Works Agreement has been completed and sent to Royal Farms for signature. Once approved, City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Council should authorize the Council President to sign it. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to allow Council President Kerr to sign Royal Farms Public Works Agreement once reviewed by the Council, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

3. Engineer RFQ Responses

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that he had received three responses for the engineer RFQ. The three qualifying submittals were received from JW Salm, DBF and GMB and the rates were all comparable. The responses were reviewed by City Solicitor Mitchell, City Manager Henderson and Public Works Supervisor Gibbons. The submittals and the Solicitors evaluations were sent to the Councilors in advance. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to hire (GMB) George, Miles and Buhr as evaluated by City Solicitor Mitchell, City Manager Henderson and Public Works Director Gibbons, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

4. Box Culvert Repair – Camden Avenue

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that he had received three quotes for box culvert repair on Camden Avenue. Uretek had the lowest quote in the amount of \$17,800 and provided a two-year warranty. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to award the box culvert repair job on Camden Avenue to Uretek, not to exceed \$17,800, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

5. Curb and Gutter Replacement – Camden Avenue and North Division Street

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that he had received three quotes for the curb and gutter replacement on Camden Avenue and North Division Street. The low quote was received from ECM Corporation in the amount of \$26,900. **On a motion made by Councilor Miciotto to award the curb and gutter replacement on Camden Avenue and North Division Street to ECM Corporation, not to exceed \$26,900, seconded by Councilor Hammond, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

6. Mill and Overlay – Camden Avenue and North Division Street

Public Works Director Gibbons had received three quotes for the mill and overlay project on Camden Avenue and North Division Street. The low quote was from Chesapeake Paving in the amount of \$101,500. Public Works Director Gibbons recommended to have Chesapeake Paving complete the job. **On a motion made by Councilor Miciotto to**

award the mill and overlay job on Camden Avenue and North Division Street to Chesapeake Paving, not to exceed \$101,500, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.

7. Motive Pump Rebuild for SBR

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that the motive pump for the SBR went down and needs to be rebuilt or replaced. Public Works Director Gibbons has spoken with Pump and Power, the sole source for pumps, and received quotes, the rebuild is \$18,177 and a new pump is \$36,000. The warranty is the same for rebuild or new pump. Public Works Director Gibbons advised that he would like to go with a rebuild. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to have Pump and Power rebuild the motive pump not to exceed \$18,177, seconded by Councilor Hammond, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

8. Sanitation Discussion

City Manager Henderson advised that Public Works Director Gibbons have been discussing obtaining quotes in reference to outsourcing the sanitation for the City. Public Works Director Gibbons would like to hold a pre bid meeting in reference to collecting more quotes and advertise in the local paper. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to allow permission to receive bids for sanitation, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

9. Other

Katherine McAllister from GMB will give an update regarding the drainage study at the October meeting.

Public Comment/General Discussion

Council President Kerr advised there was an article in the Metropolitan magazine featuring Alexis Dashield's son and Mary Gladys Jones from the Fruitland Community Center.

Council President Kerr reminded everyone of the upcoming Council Election on October 5, 2020.

With no further business to discuss, **Councilor Outen made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

Raye Ellen Thomas
Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk
[Approved, October 13, 2020](#)