

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

*President Darlene Kerr, Treasurer Gloria Ortiz, Councilor Raymond Carey, Councilor Charles Nichols and Councilor Roland Palmer.*

Also present at the table were:

*Sergeant Brian Swafford, City Manager John Psota and City Solicitor Andrew Mitchell.*

Our guests included:

Bob Marvel and Cornella Harmon.

President Kerr called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Treasurer Ortiz led all in the Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2015 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Nichols moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Treasurer Ortiz seconded and the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

**Treasurer Ortiz** delivered the June Treasurer's Report.

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| Cash on Hand 7/01/15 | \$ 443,845.68            |
| Deposits             | \$ 1,732,947.25          |
| Subtotal             | \$ 2,176,792.93          |
| Disbursements        | \$ <u>(1,307,492.96)</u> |
| Total Ending 7/31/15 | \$ 869,299.97            |

**Councilor Carey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Councilor Palmer seconded and the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

**Sergeant Swafford gave the Police and Code Enforcement reports.**

**City Manager Psota gave the City report. During City Manager Psota's report, he stated that the Finance Department is requesting to purchase a new pressure folder sealer machine. He explained that the Finance Department had purchased a used one that was being used but was not capable to handle the amount of water bills. The Finance Department has received three quotes with the lowest being \$3000.00. City Manager Psota is requesting approval to purchase a new pressure folder sealer machine not to exceed \$3400.00 for the Finance Department. On a motion made by Treasurer Ortiz to allow City Manager Psota to purchase a new pressure folder sealer machine not to exceed \$3400.00, seconded by Councilor Palmer, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.**

**Public Works Supervisor Mike Gibbons gave the Public Works Department report. During his report he asked for a uniform rental approval, he has received three bids from uniform companies. Public Works Supervisor Gibbons advised that five shirts and five pairs of pants are provided for employees at the beginning of the year, with the City purchasing them. The uniform company will provide five pairs of pants and five shirts each week and turned in at the end of the week to be washed. The cost to rent the uniforms would be \$320.00 per Public Works employee per year. On a motion made by Treasurer Ortiz to do a uniform rental for the Public Works Department from the company Unifirst not to exceed \$5500.00, seconded by Councilor Palmer, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. Paid Bill Report**

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the paid bill report. **On a motion made by Councilor Carey and seconded by Treasurer Ortiz the paid bills were approved as listed by a vote of four to zero, with one abstained.**

2. **Morris Mill Dam Easement**

City Solicitor Mitchell stated that a year ago the County asked about waiving the taxes on the property the Morris Mill Dam easement would be built on. The Council had agreed to it at that time and the County had not received the funding for the easement. At this time the County is asking if the City is still willing to waive the taxes, as the money is now available. **On a motion made by Treasurer Ortiz to waive the arrears on the taxes on lot 101 Emily Drive as long as the County also agrees to waive their taxes, seconded by Councilor Carey, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.**

**7:40 p.m. Ordinance #276 Dog Waste**

City Solicitor Mitchell read Dog Waste Ordinance # 276 advising that this is the Public Hearing, since the first reading was held on July 14, 2015. As there were no questions or comments, **on a motion made by Councilor Palmer to approve Dog Waste Ordinance # 276 as read by City Solicitor Mitchell, seconded by Treasurer Ortiz, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.** Ordinance # 276 will go in effect as of September 1, 2016.

**7:45 p.m. Ordinance #277 Speed Limit**

City Solicitor Mitchell proceeded to read Speed Limit Ordinance # 277, which will affect South Division Street and South Camden Avenue due to the new Bennett Middle School opening. **On a motion made by Councilor Carey to pass Speed Limit Ordinance # 277 as read by City Solicitor Mitchell, seconded by Councilor Palmer, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Home Occupation Ordinance #278**

City Solicitor Mitchell explained that Home Occupation Ordinance # 278 was sent to the Council per the Planning Commission. A discussion was held as to what changes would be made and which home occupations it would affect. Council President Kerr stated that the Council will take time to look over the ordinance and review it at the September Council meeting.

2. **Other**

Sergeant Swafford stated that during a check up of the K-9, a medical problem was discovered. Due to the medical problem, the K-9 will either need surgery or not be able to perform apprehensions. The money for the surgery would come out of the K-9 fund. **On a motion made by Councilor Palmer to approve the surgery not to exceed \$6000.00, seconded by Treasurer Ortiz, the motion was approved on a vote of five to zero.**

**Public Comment/General Discussion**

Elisha Gordon approached the Council regarding her water bill. She feels as though her bill is extremely high, she conserves her water very carefully. She questioned about extensions and if the City minimum bill could be lowered for a single person household. Council President Kerr explained the reason for the minimum bill and how it is figured. City Solicitor Mitchell explained that the State requires the City to put money aside for the water and sewer reserve.

With no further business to discuss or comments, **Councilor Palmer made a motion to close and resume in a closed session at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Ortiz, the motion passed with all in favor.** The Council resumed in closed session at 9:00 p.m to discuss personal matters, **on a motion made by Treasurer Ortiz to return to open session at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Councilor Palmer,** the Council resumed open session, with nothing further to discuss, **on a motion made by Councilor Carey to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Ortiz, the motion passed with all in favor.**

*Raye Ellen Thomas*

Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk

Approved, September 8, 2015

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