

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

President Richard Lee Outen Jr., Treasurer Darlene Kerr, Councilor Gloria Ortiz, and Councilor Raymond Carey.

Also present at the table were:

Chief Michael Phillips, City Manager John Psota, City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas and City Solicitor Andrew C. Mitchell Jr.

Also present in the audience were:

Public Works Director Joe Derbyshire.

Our guests included:

Bob Marvel, Cornella P. Harmon, Katherine McAllister, Joseph Stutz and Tamera Brooks.

President Outen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance; Councilor Ortiz offered prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Outen acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2013 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Carey moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Councilor Ortiz seconded and the motion passed on a vote with four in favor.**

Treasurer Kerr delivered the Treasurer's Report.	Cash on Hand 12/01/13	\$ 399,739.05
	Deposits	<u>777,980.18</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 1,177,719.23
	Disbursements	(984, 545.50)
	Total Ending 12/31/13	\$ 193,173.73

Councilor Ortiz moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Councilor Carey seconded and the motion passed on a vote with four in favor.

Chief Phillips gave the Police and Code Enforcement reports, City Manager Psota gave the City Manager's report and Public Works Director Derbyshire gave the Public Works report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Paid Bill Report

President Outen acknowledged receipt of the paid bill report; as there were no questions, **on a motion made by Councilor Ortiz, which was seconded by Councilor Carey, the paid bills were approved as listed by a vote with four in favor.**

2. Landlord Licensing Update

Chief Phillips advised that his department has been moving forward, and an operational manual is almost complete. Code Enforcement Officer Ciszewski will be sending out letters to all citizens confirming or denying owning rental property in the City.

3. Meadowbrook HOA Parking Issues Update

Chief Phillips advised that the Wicomico County Sherriff's Office digital radar sign had been placed in the Emily Drive area and also his department has been doing regular patrols in that area, at this time there is not a speeding problem. Chief Phillips also stated that the parking issue had resolved itself.

4. EDU's and Impact Fees

City Solicitor advised that he has been doing research for EDU's and Impact Fees that will be discussed at the work

session to be held on January 23, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

5. **Memorandum of Agreement with County reference Emergency Water**

City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Memorandum previously discussed allowing the City of Fruitland to supply water if needed in an emergency situation to Wicomico County, has been rewritten as a Contract. **On a motion made by Treasurer Kerr to approve Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fruitland and Wicomico County to supply emergency water as needed, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, the motion passed on a vote of 4 -0.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Recommendation for Justin Brittingham to Recreation Commission**

Councilor Carey made a motion to nominate and recommend Justin Brittingham to the Recreation Commission, Treasurer Kerr seconded and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.

2. **Seized money conversion/purchase of spot lights**

Chief Phillips advised that on property record # P01684 forfeited funds in the amount of \$1529.00 had been documented. Chief Phillips would like to convert those funds to the Vehicle Maintenance Repair Fund. Once the funds are converted, Chief Phillips would like to purchase and install four new spot lights on the Police cars that are without the lights. **On a motion made by Councilor Ortiz to convert the amount of \$1529.00 from forfeited funds to the Police Vehicle Maintenance Repair Fund, seconded by Treasurer Kerr, the motion passed on a vote of 4-0. On a motion made by Treasurer Kerr to utilize the funds in the amount of \$1529.00 to purchase and install four new spot lights on the police cars, and seconded by Councilor Ortiz, the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.**

3. **Outdoor Training Facility**

Chief Phillips advised that his department spends an excessive amount of funds for the Firearm Qualification training. Chief Phillips would like to ask permission for research and development for an outdoor range/ training facility, located in City limits, which would decrease the amount of travel, eliminate overtime for training, and would be practical for the Officers' work schedule. Chief Phillips advised that a lot of the work could be done in-house and through donations and surplus items. Purchasing the land would be the highest cost. Council President Outen advised he felt this was a good idea, and all present Council Members agreed, Chief Phillips was granted permission for continued research.

Public Comment/General Discussion

Councilor Carey advised that several citizens of the City have inquired of the traffic patterns for the new Bennett Middle School, and when Brown Street would be widened. A discussion followed involving traffic patterns and Brown Street.

Treasurer Kerr brought up the condition of the rail road crossings on Main Street, and when would something be done to fix them. Council President Outen advised that perhaps a letter should be drafted to the rail road concerning the condition of the crossings.

Mrs. Cornella Harmon thanked Public Works Director Derbyshire for cleaning out the drains, and after the rain, there was no flooding.

The Council thanked Public Works Director Derbyshire for all he has done for the City, and he will be missed.

With no further comments or discussions, **Councilor Ortiz made a motion to adjourn, Councilor Carey seconded and all approved by a unanimous vote in favor.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Raye Ellen Thomas

Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk

Approved, February 11, 2014