

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

President Darlene Kerr, Councilor Raymond Carey, Councilor Roland Palmer and Councilor Charles Nichols.

Also present at the table were:

City Manager John Psota, Public Works Director Gibbons, Chief Michael Phillips, City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas and City Solicitor Andrew Mitchell.

Our guests included:

Bob Marvel, Katherine McAllister, Bowser Jones Sr., Officer Robert Horseman, Mrs. Horseman and their child.

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

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Palmer moved to adopt the minutes as presented; Councilor Nichols seconded and the motion passed on a vote of four to zero.**

President Kerr delivered the November Treasurer's Report.

Cash on Hand 11/01/15	\$ 186,642.58
Deposits	\$ 1,030,931.77
Subtotal	\$ 1,217,574.35
Disbursements	<u>\$(1,008,935.08)</u>
Total Ending 11/30/15	\$ 208,639.27

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

Chief Phillips gave the Police and Code Enforcement reports. Chief Phillips stated that the new Code Enforcement officer Matthew Solava started on Monday, December 7, 2015 and is working out well. During the Police report Chief Phillips introduced Robert Horseman as a new officer and at that time, City Clerk Thomas administered the oath of office to Officer Horseman.

City Manager Psota gave the City report. City Manager Psota, President Kerr and Councilor Palmer attended the Community Center program, which was a nice event. He stated that the Tree Lighting was a success and thanked the volunteers for all the hard work put into the event.

Public Works Director Mike Gibbons gave the Public Works Department report including the updates on the water tower, Morris Mill, Water Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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 Councilor Palmer, the paid bills were approved by a vote of four to zero.**

2. Campbell's Collision Revolving Loan Approval Ratification

City Solicitor Mitchell reported that this loan was previously approved, however, the terms changed. City Solicitor Mitchell read the changes and asked for ratification. **On a motion made by Councilor Nichols to approve the**

ratification of changes to the Campbell's Collision Revolving Loan as specified by City Solicitor Mitchell, seconded by Councilor Carey, the motion passed on a vote of 4 – 0.

7:40 p.m. Public Hearing Ordinance # 281 (Chesapeake Utilities Corporation)

City Solicitor Mitchell advised that the Public Hearing was held last month and continued to this month. Chesapeake Utilities has had a franchise with the City for over 40 years and would like to continue the agreement with different terms. City Solicitor Mitchell then read the Ordinance. There were no comments.

On a motion made by Councilor Palmer to accept Ordinance # 281 as read by City Solicitor Mitchell, seconded by Councilor Carey, the motion passed on a vote of 4 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bennett Construction Revolving Loan Request

City Solicitor Mitchell stated this is the second revolving loan fund for Bennett Construction. The purpose of the loan is to purchase 16 12 cubic foot waste haul containers and a delivery trailer. The term of the loan is 5 years from the date of settlement, with the first payment being due 30 days after settlement. It will be fully amortized over the 5 years at 4%. Bennett Construction will bear all the costs. If approved the loan will close tomorrow. **On a motion made by Councilor Palmer to approve the Bennett Construction Revolving Loan request as submitted, seconded by Councilor Carey, the motion passed on a vote of 4 – 0.**

2. New Vehicle Purchase

Chief Phillips stated that an armored vehicle that was to be scrapped has been offered to the Police Department. A new vehicle like that would cost \$230,000.00. In the condition of the one to be scrapped would sell for \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Chief Phillips advised that it has been offered to the department for free as long as we picked it up. The vehicle is in Anne Arundel County. Towing will cost approximately \$125.00. Chief Phillips is asking permission from the Council to receive the vehicle, which could be used on tactical issues. **On a motion made by Councilor Carey to allow Chief Phillips to sign the paperwork and make arrangements for receiving the vehicle, seconded by Councilor Palmer, the motion passed on a vote of 4-0.**

Chief Phillips had spoken with President Kerr in reference to purchasing vehicles for the Police Department. The money from the speed cameras is used for purchasing vehicles, and at the time which the budget is approved, the vehicles are at a higher cost than originally quoted. Chief Phillips requested permission to start looking into pricing at this time. **On a motion made by Councilor Palmer to permit Chief Phillips to start pricing vehicles and the packages needed for the replacement of police cars at this time, seconded by Councilor Nichols, the motion passed on a vote of 4 – 0.**

3. Other

City Manager Psota is expecting quotes that were solicited for the Comprehensive General Liability and Workers Compensation insurance policies. The current policies expire on January 9, 2016. City Manager Psota is asking permission to email the quotes to Council Members due to the timeline. **On a motion made by Councilor Carey to allow City Manager Psota to solicit the quotes for Comprehensive General Liability and Workers Compensation insurance, and submit responses by email for comments and Council vote, seconded by Councilor Palmer, the motion passed on a vote of 4 – 0.**

Public Comment/General Discussion

Bowser Jones asked what the logo would be on the new water tower. It will say Welcome to Fruitland.

With no further business to discuss or comments, **Councilor Palmer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Carey, the motion passed with all in favor.** The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Raye Ellen Thomas
Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk
Approved, January 12, 2016
