

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

President Darlene Kerr, Councilor Roland Palmer, Councilor Charles Nichols and Councilor Mark Miciotto.

Also present at the table were:

City Manager John Psota, Chief Michael Phillips, Deputy Treasurer Mark Swift, City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas and City Solicitor Andrew Mitchell.

Our guests included:

Public Works Director Mike Gibbons, Bob Marvel, Katherine McAllister, Pastor Dana Stauffer, Delegate Carl Anderton, Andy Kitzrow, Steve Miller, Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver, Brock Parker, Kip and Sharon Powers.

President Kerr called the regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Pastor Dana Stauffer offered prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Kerr delivered the March Treasurer's Report. For March 2017, the City recorded \$83,339 in revenues. The total billed revenues for the fiscal year are now just under \$6 million, including real estate taxes and three quarters of utility billing. The City incurred \$475,317 of expenses for the month and the total expenses for the fiscal year to date are \$5 million. The net deficit for the City for the month of March is \$392,000 and the net income for the fiscal year to date is \$914,411. **Councilor Miciotto 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 advised that there was a reported shooting last night and the Police Department responded within 47 seconds.

City Manager Psota stated no report.

Deputy Treasurer Swift stated no report.

Public Works Director Gibbons gave an update of the ongoing projects within the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Paid Bills**

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

2. **Morris Street Drainage and Paving Project Update**

City Manager Psota stated that he and Public Works Director Gibbons had contacted Mr. Carey in reference to the drainage issue on Morris Street. Mr. Carey owns property at 218 and 220 Morris Street and a large parcel behind those that the cell tower sits on. With a recommendation from GMB there is the possibility of running drainage pipe from the storm water grates along Mr. Carey's property line into a rain garden. GMB would like to start preliminary procedures and City Manager Psota stated that Mr. Carey is in favor of that idea.

3. **Water Plant Well Upgrade Update**

City Manager Psota stated that a work session was held on March 22, and a contract has been signed with the Advanced Land and Water Incorporated for the hydrologist support for the Fruitland Supply Well and the proposal was also signed for Fruitland Supply Well and Water treatment plant upgrade for engineering service and hydrogeological evaluation. Katherine McAllister from GMB stated that Advanced Land and Water has taken lead and is doing the evaluation.

4. **Pfultz Property Real Estate Re-assessment Request**

City Solicitor Mitchell stated that the Pfultz property was annexed into the City in January 2006. Since then the Pfultz family has had the State access the property as farmland, the property will continue to be zoned industrial and still be within the City.

5. **Proposed Water Bill Changes**

City Manager Psota stated that upon revisiting the proposed billing changes, the matter will be tabled and not pursued at this time.

6. **Other**

City Solicitor Mitchell stated that the City needs to look into allocated but unused sewer capacity. City Manager Psota, Administrative Assistant Powell, Public Works Director Gibbons and City Solicitor Mitchell have reviewed the steps needed to report available sewer capacity. The City is very close to "paper capacity"; however the County has 194,500 gallons of reserve, so the City is not near actual capacity. City Solicitor Mitchell stated that an ordinance was previously passed, which sets limits as to how long a developer can hold on to EDU's and staff will be sending letters out to developers regarding EDU usage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hunt Club South II & Creekside East Re-subdivision Plat**

Brock Parker explained that when the Hunt Club South II and Creekside East developments were developed, mixed use was the way to develop. The new purchaser of the developments has presented re-subdivision plats which will change the duplex lots, converting them to single lots. It would result in 26 EDU's reverting to the City. Council President Kerr advised this has been presented to the Planning Commission and they were in favor of changing the lots back and the City receiving the extra EDU's. **On a motion made by Councilor Palmer to accept the re-subdivision of Hunt Club South II and Creekside East as set forth in the re-subdivision plats, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of four to zero.**

2. **Other**

Andy Kitzrow of Wicomico County Department of Recreation introduced Steve Miller, director of Recreation, and stated that Wicomico County is celebrating its 150th anniversary. On August 19, 2017 at the Wicomico County Fair, there will be a parade of towns, and they would like to invite the City of Fruitland to participate as one of the towns in Wicomico County. In September 2017, the third Friday event downtown will highlight the past and future of the County and then on that Saturday there will be a gala held by the Greater Salisbury committee. A meeting will be held in May to discuss further details.

Public Comment/General Discussion

Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver announced he had a great time at the Easter parade and was glad he was invited to attend. City Manager Psota thanked Katherine McAllister for her organization of the parade.

Delegate Carl Anderton stated that session in Annapolis had ended today. He stated that there were two highway user bills that did not pass, but they will continue to be worked on during the summer.

Kip Powers asked when West Main Street will be repaved. City Manager Psota advised that there are some projects scheduled for West Main Street in the budget, and that will be determined if they are passed in the budget.

Councilor Miciotto stated he was approached about Hayward Avenue. Cars are parking on both sides of the street and cars trying to go down the street are not able to. He suggested one side parking only. Chief Phillips will look into the matter.

With no further business to discuss or comments, **on a motion made by Councilor Paler to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Councilor Miciotto the motion passed by a vote of four to zero.**

Raye Ellen Thomas
Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk
Approved, May 9, 2017