

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

*President Darlene Kerr, Treasurer Ray Carey, Councilor Mark Miciotto, Councilor Mike Hammond, Councilor R. Lee Outen.*

*Also present were: City Manager Marc Henderson, Chief Brian Swafford, Deputy Treasurer Mark Swift, City Clerk Raye Ellen Thomas, Public Works Director Michael Gibbons and City Solicitor Andrew Mitchell.*

Our guests included: Katherine McAllister, Ed Heath, and Bob Marvel.

At 7:00 p.m. President Kerr called the Council meeting to order.

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2021 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Outen moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Councilor Hammond, the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

#### **Reports- Treasurer, City Manager and Department Heads**

**Treasurer Carey delivered** the Treasurer's Report. During the month of March, the City recorded \$346,000 of revenues and \$619,500 of expenses, including \$85,000 for Well # 5 and the Water Treatment Plant upgrade, for net deficit of \$273,500. Year to date the City has recorded \$8.3 million in revenues and \$6.5 million in expenses for a net surplus of \$1.8 million. **Councilor Miciotto moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Councilor Outen seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of five to zero.**

**Chief Swafford** delivered his report on behalf of the Police Department.

- There were 24 part one crimes. 1782 Traffic violations and 3057 total calls for the month of March.
- Chief Swafford advised it was nice to see the ball fields busy again.

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

- City Manager Henderson advised that Code Enforcement opened 22 cases in the month of March. There have been 46 cases year to date.
- There were no rental inspections for the month of March.
- There were 51 new building inspections and 183 year to date.

**Public Works Director Gibbons** delivered his report.

- The crews have been reading meters and will finish tomorrow.
- Cell meters are being installed to replace the dead meters.
- Herbicide spraying is being done throughout the City.

**Deputy Treasurer Swift** had nothing to report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Paid Bills**

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

2. **Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Study Proposal**

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that GMB will have assistance from Flow Assessment to place meters and find out which areas in the City are getting the most inflow. Flow Assessment will not be able to place the meters until the fall. Public Works Director Gibbons also advised that the flow meters were recalculated at the Wastewater treatment plant and the flow reading is more in line with actual flows. That is a positive result for the City. Katherine McAllister from GMB stated that the meters provided by Flow Assessment are part of the study that needs to be done and is included in the proposal. Public Works Director Gibbons advised that the proposal included the spring and fall for the meters but since it would only include the fall it could be cheaper now. Katherine recommended keeping the price as is for now, as the City will only pay for the actual one but by including it will have flexibility. Council President Kerr advised that it was already included in the proposal and it will stay as it is now.

### **3. Water Plant Project Update**

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that March 23<sup>rd</sup> was the substantial completion date. There are a few changes and upgrades that are being looked into at this time. The projects would be covered under the contingency money and the entire project should be completed by May.

### **4. Water Plant Solar Project Update**

Public Works Director Gibbons advised some of the materials have been received and McIntyre Electric is waiting for Delmarva Power for a few things. He will give an update at the May meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Parking Issues on Church Street**

City Solicitor Mitchell advised this was brought up at the last Council meeting and has been addressed previously. City Manager Mitchell advised that Resolution # 2021-4 has been drawn up to address the situation. He read Resolution # 2021-4 which is a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fruitland, Maryland, ratifying the existing no parking on Church Street and designation both sides of Church Street as no parking and ratifying it as a one – way street northbound. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to pass Resolution # 2021-4 to ratify existing no parking and to make no parking on either side of Church Street and making Church Street one -way street northbound, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

### **2. Edward Heath Appointment to Board of Zoning Appeals Board**

Council President Kerr read a volunteer candidate letter from Edward Heath who was present in the audience. Mr. Heath would like to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. All Councilors were in favor of appointing Edward Heath to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

### **3. Clyde Avenue and Dulany Avenue Water Service**

Public Works Director Gibbons advised a bid opening was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Two bids were submitted. WM Water and Sewer was the low bidder in the amount of \$65,628. The bid was for 33 water services on Clyde Avenue and 39 on Dulany Avenue. His recommendation is to go with WM Water and Sewer and add a 10% contingency bringing the amount to \$72,190. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to accept the bid from WM Water and Sewer LLC in the amount of \$65,628 including a 10% contingency not to exceed \$72,190, seconded by Councilor Miciotto, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

## **Public Comment/General Discussion**

Councilor Outen announced he was thankful for the recovery of Eric Mezick's body.

With no further business to discuss, **Treasurer Carey made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Councilor Outen, the motion was approved by a vote of five to zero.**

*Raye Ellen Thomas*

