

The Fruitland City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

President Darlene Kerr, Treasurer Ray Carey, Councilor Mike Hammond, and 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: Tom Meadows, Cameron Meadows, and Delegate Carl Anderton.

At 6:30 p.m. President Kerr called the Council meeting to order.

President Kerr acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2021 and called for additions or corrections. As there were none, **Councilor Outen moved to adopt the minutes as presented; seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion passed on a vote of four to zero.**

Reports- Treasurer, City Manager and Department Heads

Treasurer Carey delivered the Treasurer's Report. During the month of July, the City recorded \$5,687,000 of revenues including \$3 million in taxes and \$2.6 million for the first half of the American Rescue Plan funds. The City also recorded \$1,043,000 of expenses including a \$500,000 prepayment on the police building loan. For the month of July, the City had a Net income of \$4,644,000. **Councilor Hammond moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Councilor Outen seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of four to zero.**

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

- There were 22 part one crimes. 1135 Traffic violations and 2686 total calls for the month of July.
- National Night Out went well, the crowd was down from previous years.
- The grant for officers with more than 3 years of service was received again.
- Pocomoke Police Department had notified Chief Swafford about possibly buying a surplus vehicle from Fruitland. They will pay more than it would bring at auction. The Council agreed to allow Pocomoke to purchase the vehicles.

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

- City Manager Henderson advised that Code Enforcement opened 51 cases in the month of July.
- Code Enforcement has 206 cases year to date.
- There will be a presentation at City Hall with Katherine McAllister from GMB to inform the citizens about the Tuxent Branch easements and to answer any questions they may have.

Public Works Director Gibbons arrived late and did not present a report at this time.

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 Treasurer Carey the paid bills were approved by a vote of four to zero.**

2. Resolution 5-2021

City Solicitor Mitchell read the outline of resolution 5-2021 which will adopt a new EDU policy. Ordinance 234 was passed on April 8, 2008 and it dealt with the limitations of EDU's. Resolution 5-2021 was discussed at the June 8, 2021 Council meeting and sent to the Planning Commission to be discussed. The Planning Commission made general recommendations at its July 27, 2021 meeting. The Council accepted those recommendations, with some modifications and City Solicitor will update resolution 5-2021 and present at the September 14th Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement

Public Works Director Gibbons advised that the roof on the water treatment plant needs the asphalt shingles removed and a new roof. The roof is over 40 years old. He has received a bid from Peninsula Roofing in the amount of \$33,800. **On a motion made by Treasurer Carey to accept the bid from Peninsula Roofing in the amount of \$33,800, seconded by Councilor Outen, the motion was approved by a vote of four to zero.**

2. Sharps Point Asphalt Paving

Public Works Director Gibbons stated Chesapeake Paving will honor the bid that was originally received for other asphalt jobs and will include some patching in the amount of \$86,000. Public Works Director Gibbons would like to include a 10% contingency bringing the total to \$94,600. **On a motion made by Councilor Hammond to accept the bid from Chesapeake Paving in the amount of \$86,000 for paving and patching of Sharps Point Road, not to exceed \$94,600 including a 10% contingency, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of four to zero.**

3. Resolution # 8 -2021 IRL Lane

City Solicitor Mitchell read Resolution 8-2021, which is a resolution of the City Council of the City of Fruitland, Maryland, to formally acknowledge ownership of a 10-foot-wide lane connecting South Brown Street and South Division Street and prohibiting through traffic and parking thereon. Tom Meadows asked why it was necessary to close IRL Lane. He was advised about the ongoing traffic problems, road maintenance and that IRL Lane was not intended to be used as a proper road. **On a motion made by Councilor Outen to accept Resolution # 8-2021 as read by City Solicitor Mitchell, seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of four to zero.**

4. Other

Public Works Director Gibbons advised he had more items to surplus and would present the list since the items were already approved to made surplus and sold at the auction.

Public Comment/General Discussion

Delegate Carl Anderton advised that if he was needed for anything he was more than glad to assist and he will try to attend the presentation concerning the easement for Tuxent Branch.

With no further business to discuss, **Councilor Hammond made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Carey, the motion was approved by a vote of four to zero.**

Raye Ellen Thomas
Raye Ellen Thomas / City Clerk
[Approved, September 14, 2021](#)