

**FRUITLAND PARK CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 18, 2013**

MEETING STATISTICS. A special meeting of the Fruitland Park City Commission was conducted in the Commission Chambers of City Hall, 506 West Berckman Street, Fruitland Park, Florida on Thursday, July 18, 2013 beginning at 7:05 p.m

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chief Isaacs delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Gunter.

ROLL CALL. Mayor Bell asked Acting City Clerk Marie Azzolino to call the roll.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT. Commissioner John L. Gunter, Jr., Commissioner Chris Cheshire, Commissioner Albert O. Goldberg, Vice Mayor Sharon Kelly, Mayor Christopher J. Bell

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS/OTHERS PRESENT. Interim City Manager (ICM) Rick Conner, Police Chief (PC) Terry Isaacs, Acting City Treasurer (ACT) Susan Parker, Community Development Director (CDD) Charlie Rector, Library Director JoAnn Glendinning and Acting City Clerk (ACC) Marie Azzolino.

01. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Bell stated that not only is this section for concerns but it is a time for all Residents to have a time for praise.
There were none.

02. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT Interim City Manager stated that there was an error in the amount that would be impacted by the fee. It is not \$111,000 but \$175,000. Also the actual tax rate used was 4.6442. Set September 12th as budget hearing date. Also wanted to thank Sue for revising the memorandum for the monthly report.

Mr. Conner set up a rating sheet for the two open positions, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Mayor Bell stated the Commission will complete and get them back to Mr. Conner, then pick the top three. We will then set up for interviews at 5:00pm on August 8th. Vice Mayor Kelly wanted to know if our ad states the requirements for City Treasurer.

Commissioner Cheshire read the ad to Vice Mayor Kelly and she was satisfied to know the extent of the qualifications.

03. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

04. NEW BUSINESS

a. Interlocal Library Agreement - Library Director stated there are two agreements. The first is your normal agreement which we always sign. The second agreement is for the expansion of the Library. Basically we have to get three architects and get bids and we have to stay with the Lake County Library System for a period of ten years. This is so we don't get the money and then leave. If we leave before then we have a percentage that we must pay back. This \$250,000 is coming from a grant.

Commissioner Gunter wanted to know is there was a limit to ask for.

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Ms. Glendinning stated there was none but she wanted to be conservative. The money will go for the expansion, and computers and supplies that the Library needs.

Mayor Bell wanted to know what other cities have received from this grant.

Ms. Glendinning said she can get that report. But we need to get this project done within two years.

Charlie Rector stated you can get three quotes free. Anything more than that you have to pay for.

Motion to accept from Commissioner Goldberg seconded by Commissioner Cheshire. Motion was carried unanimously.

Joann stated that the second item is the normal agreement for three years. They had originally had a two year but decided to stay with the three year agreement considering the different sizes of each Library check outs. Every year we get updated equipment and programs for the computers. Joann stated that once the expansion is done there will be more room for more computers. Joann stated that the County donated a Wii for the Library and the friends of the Library donated a flat screen TV. The reason for the decline in revenue is due to the loss of the children's library aide, who ran the programs for the children. Approximately \$6,000 is lost due to that position being eliminated.

Rick Conner stated that the position costs the City \$30,000.

Mayor Bell wanted to know is JoAnn has a part timer in there now.

JoAnn stated no there is not.

Commissioner Gunter wanted to know if Michele Yoder, the Recreation Directors gets funds can you use them at the Library.

JoAnn Glendinning said that cannot be done.

Motion made by Commissioner Gunter to accept the agreement seconded by Commissioner Cheshire.

Motion was carried unanimously.

- b. Letter from Diane Gibson Smith asking to join the Fire Pension Board.
Motion was made by Commissioner Goldberg seconded by Vice Mayor Kelly.
Motion was carried by a three to two vote.

- c. 2014 Fiscal Year Tax Rate Maximum set for the trim. Mr. Conner (Interim City Manager) said this is to set the maximum. The roll back rate is 4.8172 to bring in the same dollar amount. 5.5164 would be the maximum.
Vice Mayor Kelly wanted to know what percentage of an increase is that.
Rick Conner stated that it would be 15% increase.
Mayor Bell stated that this would require a unanimous vote. The 4.8172 would be a majority vote and the 5.9801 would require a unanimous vote.
Vice Mayor Kelly stated that they could raise the solid waste fee to set off the difference.
Rick Conner (ICM) stated that we are looking into the insurance for the employees and trying to getting better coverage with better rates. Mr. Conner stated that you must consider raises for your employees. It has been five years since most of them have not had a raise.
Motion made by Vice Mayor Kelly to set rate at 6.000. No one seconded.

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Motion made by Commissioner Goldberg to set maximum rate at 5.9801 seconded by Commissioner Cheshire.

Commissioner Gunter	aye
Commissioner Goldberg	aye
Commissioner Cheshire	aye
Vice Mayor Kelly	nay
Mayor Bell	aye

Motion passed 4 to 1

07. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

a) Commissioner Gunter – Apologize for putting Allan Hayes on the spot at the meeting. He wanted to set a 30 year permit on the CUP loan. Fruitland Park couldn't get a ten year permit for \$335,000. Fruitland Park was the only city that questioned that.

b) Vice Mayor Kelly – Nothing

c) Commissioner Goldberg – Nothing

d) Commissioner Cheshire – Very happy about the Library. Sue is working very hard, staying late at night to get everything done. Need to get our employees a raise.

08. MAYOR BELL'S COMMENTS. Mayor Bell agrees we have to do something for our employees. It is time.

09. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Cheshire moved to adjourn the regular meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.



Christopher J. Bell, Mayor

Attest:



Marie Azzolino, Acting City Clerk