

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kincaid called the regular meeting of the Fruita City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held with virtual access provided through Zoom.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The American Flag was displayed on the screen and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present via teleconference:

Mayor Joel Kincaid
Mayor Pro Tem Lori Buck
City Councilor Heather O'Brien
City Councilor Kyle Harvey
City Councilor Matthew Breman
City Councilor Karen Leonhart

Excused Absent:

None

Also present via teleconference:

City Manager Mike Bennett
Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods
Management Analyst Shannon Vassen
National Alliance on Mental Illness Western Slope (NAMI) Vice President Andy Sweet
Owner of Mi Ranchito Carlos Gutierrez
Fruita Chamber of Commerce Director Kayla Brown
Members of the public

3. AGENDA – ADOPT/AMEND

Mayor Kincaid asked if there had been any additions or amendments to the agenda. Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods confirmed that there were none.

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED. COUNCILOR O'BRIEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS “RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS MONTH” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO BE ACCEPTED BY KEVIN BARCLAY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS WESTERN SLOPE (NAMI)**

Mayor Kincaid read the Proclamation. It was accepted by Vice President of NAMI Western Slope Andy Sweet, who works with Kevin Barclay. Andy gave an overview of NAMI, which educates, advocates and supports the public by providing mental health referrals to support groups, counseling and other types of services.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mayor Kincaid noted that he did not see any members of the public present to provide any public participation in the list of attendees in the Zoom meeting. Shannon Vassen confirmed this to be correct.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES - A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 REGULAR (VIRTUAL) CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- B. FINANCIAL REPORT – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**
- C. ORDINANCE 2020-04 – FIRST READING – AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.21, SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENTS, OF TITLE 17, LAND USE CODE OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 6, 2020**
- D. ORDINANCE 2020-05 – FIRST READING – AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.47, VESTED RIGHTS, OF TITLE 17, LAND USE CODE OF THE FRUITA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 6, 2020**
- E. LETTER OF COMMITMENT – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO COMMIT MATCHING FUNDS FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE FOR THE MATCHING MARKETING GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LETTER OF COMMITMENT**
- F. AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT – APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSEUM OF WESTERN COLORADO**

- G. RESOLUTION 2020-35 – APPROVING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRS AND COVID-RELATED EXPENSES**
- H. RESOLUTION 2020-36 – APPROVING THE FINAL RELEASE OF THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT FOR PINWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION**

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Vassen stated that there were no requests from the public to provide comments.

- **COUNCILOR BREMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR LEONHART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

- 1) MI RANCHITO LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A NEW HOTEL AND RESTAURANT – MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MI RANCHITO LOCATED AT 439 HWY 6 & 50 (FORMERLY MI RANCHITO TACO SHOP, LLC) – *DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS***

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's PowerPoint presentation. She summarized that the Council had two main considerations when approving a liquor license: 1) the desires of the neighborhood and 2) the character of the applicant. She reviewed the neighborhood survey submitted by applicant Carlos Gutierrez and the results of the background checks on him.

Ms. Woods noted that Mr. Gutierrez had filed for concurrent review with the state Liquor Enforcement Division, meaning that the state and the local licensing authorities would review the application at the same time instead of the state waiting for the local approval first. She also pointed out that state Liquor Enforcement has already approved Mr. Gutierrez' application; they are just waiting on the local approval to issue the liquor license.

Ms. Woods recommended that the City Council approve the application for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License for Mi Ranchito.

Applicant Carlos Gutierrez was present in the Zoom meeting and explained that he bought the restaurant back in March right before the pandemic hit, but that it has taken a while to apply for the liquor license. He requested that the Council approve it; stating that the restaurant has been struggling and that it was his hope that the license would improve his business enough to help them keep going.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing on the liquor license application. Hearing no comments from the public, he closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the City Council.

Councilor Buck stressed the importance of TIPS (alcohol server and seller) training and asked Mr. Gutierrez if he had planned to get his employees trained.

Mr. Gutierrez responded that he was taking an alcohol server and seller training class in a few days and that he was working on his four employees' schedules to get them trained as well.

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT – MALT, VINOUS AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR LICENSE TO MI RANCHITO LOCATED AT 439 US HIGHWAY 6 & 50. COUNCILOR BUCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

- 2) **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – SUPPER ON SOUTHSIDE – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL BEER, WINE AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 FROM 4:30 TO 10:00 PM IN THE KOKOPELLI MARKETPLACE PARKING LOTS – DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS**

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's PowerPoint presentation. She noted that the Chamber was applying for the permit as a backup plan in the event that south Fruita restaurants have not yet been granted Temporary Modifications on their liquor licenses to expand into the outdoors, as was granted by Colorado's Governor in response to the coronavirus pandemic and as an economic mechanism to help struggling businesses due to the fact that they are only allowed to seat at 50% capacity.

Ms. Woods noted that the south Fruita businesses had not yet applied for Temporary Modifications to their licensed premises and therefore, the Chamber would need the Special Event Liquor Permit in order to sell and serve the alcohol at the event instead of the restaurants being allowed to do it.

Ms. Woods reviewed a diagram of the event and a few things for the Council to consider such as the point that the Chamber had received approval of the event from the Mesa County Public Health Department and that the Fruita Police Department had no concerns. She provided staff's recommendation of approval along with the following conditions:

1. Chamber staff and volunteers will monitor the entrances, exits and perimeters of the licensed area to ensure that no alcohol is brought into or out of the licensed areas.
2. Signs will be posted around the perimeter of the licensed areas prohibiting alcohol from being consumed in any area other than the licensed premises.
3. All other procedures presented by the Chamber will be followed.
4. The Fruita Chamber will be solely responsible to the enforcement of liquor laws.

This concluded staff's presentation.

Kayla Brown, Executive Director for the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce, stated that there was a change to the diagram that she wasn't able to submit in time to change the Council packet. She explained that the Chamber had confirmed with the south Fruita restaurants that the Chamber would prefer to serve the alcohol and to do that, they would like to extend the fencing to connect all three tents. Western Slope Traffic Control will be bringing in orange snow fencing to enclose the area and the Chamber is also borrowing additional fencing from the City of Fruita to enclose the full square footage.

Councilor Kreie asked if the Chamber's change would impact any of the considerations for approving the Special Event Liquor Permit application. City Attorney Paul Wisor advised that the statutes clearly provide that the designated area can be in the public right-of-way as long as it has been fenced off and has been identified. He said he felt that the changes that were identified by the Chamber could be recognized and approved by Council as proposed.

There was discussion among the Council about the importance of TIPS (Training Intervention Procedures) Training for the Chamber's volunteers. Ms. Brown stated that some of the Chamber's Ambassadors are TIPS trained, but not all. City Manager Mike Bennett offered to speak to the Police Chief about possibly providing a condensed version of the training if the Council wished.

City Attorney Paul Wisor clarified that TIPS training is not required under state statute, although it is obviously encouraged by the state and additionally, Special Event Permits do not need to be approved by the state any longer; they are now approved by local licensing authorities. Mr. Wisor said if the Council was comfortable with at least a few TIPS trained volunteers, there really wasn't anything legally that would prevent the Chamber with going forward with the event.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing before more discussion occurred. Hearing no comments, he brought the matter back before the Council.

Mr. Bennett added that the City also is requiring Special Event applicants to get approval from the Mesa County Public Health Department and that the Chamber has done that for all three of their events, this one included. Some of the restrictions currently of the Mesa County Public Health Department are that participants must have a ticket, their name must be registered and there is a limit of a certain amount of people that must be socially distanced. Events also must be geared toward residents and not visitors. Mr. Bennett also pointed out that there would be two different sessions (timeframes) of people allowed at the event.

- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SERVE BEER, WINE AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR AT THE SUPPER ON SOUTHSIDE EVENT IN THE KOKOPELLI MARKETPLACE PARKING LOTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 FROM 4:30 TO 10:00 PM SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

- 1) **CHAMBER STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ALONG WITH RESTAURANT STAFF WILL MONITOR THE ENTRANCES, EXITS AND PERIMETERS OF THE LICENSED AREA TO ENSURE THAT NO ALCOHOL IS BROUGHT INTO OR OUT OF THE LICENSED AREAS**
- 2) **SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE LICENSED AREAS PROHIBITING ALCOHOL FROM BEING CONSUMED IN ANY AREA OTHER THAN THE LICENSED PREMISES.**
- 3) **ALL OTHER PROCEDURES PRESENTED BY THE CHAMBER WILL BE FOLLOWED.**
- 4) **THE FRUITA CHAMBER WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAWS.**

COUNCILOR BREMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.

3. **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – BREW FEST & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL BEER ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 PM IN CIVIC CENTER PARK LOCATED AT 325 E. ASPEN AVENUE – *DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS***

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's PowerPoint presentation, which included a diagram of Fruita Civic Center Memorial Park depicting perimeter fencing, attendee seating, where staff would be stationed at two entrances/exits, a cornhole game area and a handful of brewery tents.

The presentation also outlined staff's conditions of approval, which were the same as the previous event (monitoring, signage, etc.). Considerations for the Council were also the same as the previous event (approval by Mesa County Public Health and no concerns from the Police Department). Ms. Woods recommended approval of the Special Event Liquor Permit with the same conditions that were listed above in Councilor Buck's motion for the previous event.

Kayla Brown, Fruita Chamber Executive Director, added that she had asked the Sheriff's Posse to have a couple of volunteers come to attend the event to help monitor the crowd and make sure nobody is taking alcohol outside of the premises. The Chamber also acquired two additional portable restrooms and a handwashing station that will be available at the event.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to the Council.

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SERVE BEER AT THE BREW FEST AND CORNHOLE**

TOURNAMENT EVENT IN CIVIC CENTER PARK LOCATED AT 325 E. ASPEN AVENUE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 FROM 6:00 TO 9:00 PM SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ABOUT CONTROLLING ALCOHOL, SIGNAGE, PROCEDURES PRESENTED BEING FOLLOWED AND THE CHAMBER BEING SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAWS. COUNCILOR HARVEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES.

4. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – DINNER DOWNTOWN – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL BEER AND WINE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 FROM 3:00 TO 9:00 PM IN CIVIC CENTER PARK LOCATED AT 325 E. ASPEN AVENUE – DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's PowerPoint presentation. Slides again included a diagram of Civic Center Park illustrating the fenced perimeter, attendee seating, where staff would be stationed at two entrances/exits, artist/vendor booths and the tented area where employees of Suds Brothers and Copper Club would be serving beer and wine.

The presentation outlined staff's conditions of approval which included monitoring of entrances, exits and the perimeter, signage and the Chamber's responsibilities of following their proposed procedures and the enforcement of liquor laws. Considerations for the Council were the same as the two previous events (approval by Mesa County Public Health and no concerns from the Police Department). Ms. Woods recommended approval of the Special Event Liquor Permit with staff's conditions.

Kayla Brown stated that the Chamber was very grateful to be able to host the event despite the cancellation of Fruita Fall Festival. She added that the Chamber's biggest focus is supporting local businesses during the pandemic.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he referred back to the Council for their questions, comments, concerns or a motion.

Councilor Kreie asked for confirmation that Suds Bros and Copper Club employees would be serving the alcohol at the event. Ms. Brown stated that she hadn't confirmed with Copper Club yet, but that Suds had said they would be able to serve the beer and wine. She added that the Chamber didn't want to serve the alcohol because they wanted to make sure the sales benefited the restaurants.

Councilor O'Brien inquired as to why the Chamber didn't do the same thing for the restaurants on the south side and Ms. Brown responded that the restaurants on the south side would have to apply with state Liquor Enforcement for a Modification of Licensed Premises Permit in order to serve alcohol because the parking lots are not a park like Civic Center Park, where beer and wine are allowed. In addition, the restaurant owners did not want to offer up a staff member to set up a bar outside, so the Chamber is doing that instead.

- **COUNCILOR O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE FRUITA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SELL BEER AND WINE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 FROM 3:00 TO 9:00 PM AT THE DINNER DOWNTOWN EVENT IN CIVIC CENTER PARK LOCATED AT 325 E. ASPEN AVENUE SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ABOUT CONTROLLING ALCOHOL, SIGNAGE, PROCEDURES PRESENTED BEING FOLLOWED AND THE CHAMBER BEING SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAWS. COUNCILOR LEONHART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES.**

5. RESOLUTION 2020-37 – REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO ENCOURAGE AND PERMIT OUTDOOR DINING AND TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESSES IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY'S LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19 – CITY ATTORNEY PAUL WISOR

City Attorney Paul Wisor presented Resolution 2020-37. He stated that both this Resolution and Resolution 2020-38 (next on the agenda) work in conjunction and relate back to an issue that Council addressed two meetings ago: the effort to provide some relief to the businesses in and around Peach and Mulberry to be able to serve alcohol in expanded spaces. He noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has limited the ability and capacity for businesses to operate and serve at a level that they are accustomed to, which has impacted their bottom line.

Mr. Wisor continued that Governor Polis and his administration have recognized this fact and have attempted to ameliorate the situation by addressing some of the liquor laws that would prevent some businesses from being a little more creative in how they serve their current customer base. The two Resolutions would essentially allow for outside seating and communal dining areas on Peach and Mulberry Streets between Aspen and Pabor Avenues.

Mr. Wisor stated that Resolution 2020-37 would specifically provide for the consumption of alcohol in a public right-of-way, which is currently prohibited by law, but under the Executive Order issued by Governor Polis, the City of Fruita (using its Home Rule authority) now has the ability to shut down the streets and declare those particular areas as those where the public can openly consume alcohol.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and directed the Council to provide their questions or comments.

- **COUNCILOR BREMAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-37 – REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO ENCOURAGE AND PERMIT OUTDOOR DINING AND TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESSES IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY'S LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY REGARDING COVID-19. COUNCILOR KREIE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES.**

6. RESOLUTION 2020-38 – IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF STATE OF COLORADO EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2020 093 PERTAINING TO LOCAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUSPENSION OF LAWS PROHIBITING PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BUT ONLY WITHIN LIMITED AREAS OF THE CITY OF FRUITA AND ONLY AS TO TAKEOUT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CITY ATTORNEY PAUL WISOR

City Attorney Paul Wisor gave the presentation on Resolution 2020-38, which he said would permit businesses within 1,000 feet of the designated areas on Peach and Mulberry Streets north of Aspen and south of Pabor to be able to serve from their establishments into what are known as “Communal Dining Areas.” He said that within those areas, it will be possible for people to consume takeout alcohol without restaurants having to go through the process of segregating each area into individual establishment spaces.

Mr. Wisor continued that all the restaurants that are participating will have to jointly file for a Temporary Modification of Premises with the Deputy City Clerk and each will be responsible for ensuring that no one leaves with an open alcoholic beverage. The restaurants will also be responsible for all the other security measures and general responsibilities that they normally have under their license such as not serving to minors and making sure that no one from outside the areas are bringing alcohol in.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. After hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing and referred back to the Council.

The Council and staff discussed potentially keeping the Communal Dining Areas longer than the currently anticipated short term (end of the year) period and what it would take to do that (e.g., legislative action on behalf of the General Assembly, local implementation of Common Consumption Areas and finding additional funding for cleaning and repairs). Mr. Bennett noted that the materials being installed in the outdoor dining areas are temporary in nature and can be moved and re-used elsewhere or later if desired.

- **COUNCILOR BUCK MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-38 – TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF STATE OF COLORADO EXECUTIVE ORDER D 2020 093 PERTAINING TO LOCAL AUTHORIZATION OF THE SUSPENSION OF LAWS PROHIBITING PUBLIC CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES BUT ONLY WITHIN LIMITED AREAS OF THE CITY OF FRUITA AND ONLY AS TO TAKEOUT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. COUNCILOR LEONHART SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES.**

8. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

There were no Administrative Agenda items.

9. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

A) UPDATE ON DRAFT OF 2020 -2022 ACTION ITEMS

City Manager Mike Bennett presented the Council with a summary of the feedback from previous Council discussions that identify the “Action Items” or City Council goals. He emphasized that the summary did not include everything that the City is working on; they are the things that are in addition to the majority of the work the City does such as providing core services of Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and more.

Mr. Bennett continued that the wording in most of the summary comments is in conjunction with the priorities that are identified in the *Fruita In Motion Comprehensive Plan*, which was adopted in February of 2020. He noted that many were planning items (noted with an asterisk) and are large processes that quite a bit of time but also result in identifying prioritized action items well into the first quarter of next year. Mr. Bennett expects that the City will be adding more priorities and crossing a number of them off throughout the process.

Mr. Bennett also displayed staff’s spreadsheet that tracks the steps within each of the goals/priorities and the dates upon which they are completed. He requested that the Council provide feedback if he had not captured the priorities that Council has discussed.

Mr. Bennett did not have any other City Manager updates to report.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS**A) A REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING FROM SEPTEMBER 22ND TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

Mayor Kincaid asked whether rescheduling the September workshop session would be an issue for anyone and if there was consensus on whether the meeting should be in person or virtual.

Mr. Bennett explained that the reason staff was asking to reschedule the meeting was because although staff has made a lot of headway on the draft 2021 Budget, they need more time to get the actual draft ready for posting for the public and Council by the end of September per the City Charter. He added that it would be a fairly quick discussion at the workshop because staff and the Council wouldn’t be getting into all the details of the Budget until subsequent upcoming Council meetings beginning in October.

The Council members decided to meet in person for a change. Councilor Harvey noted that he would not be able to attend.

- **COUNCILOR BREMAN MOVED TO CHANGE THE MEETING THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22ND TO SEPTEMBER 29TH AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEET IN PERSON. COUNCILOR O’BRIEN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX VOTES.**

B) COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

COUNCILOR KEN KREIE

Ken reported that the bulk of the Downtown Advisory Board meeting consisted of him giving the board an update on what the Council is doing because with all the shutdowns, there wasn't much to discuss except for some discussion on the downtown street closures.

COUNCILOR MATTHEW BREMAN

Matthew reported that the Grand Junction Economic Partnership would be meeting the following morning at 7:30 and in looking at the agenda, the bulk of the discussion would be about whether GJEP should support de-Brucing for Grand Junction.

COUNCILOR KAREN LEONHART

Karen reported that the "Fruita For Equality" event that was held on Saturday was well attended; there were about 90 people that came, made comments and ate ice cream. She feels it was a good start to future events.

COUNCILOR HEATHER O'BRIEN

Heather reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met the previous evening and mainly discussed the decrease in revenues for the Fruita Community Center due to the pandemic. The board members are trying to come up with ways to generate some income and are also trying to make their budget for 2021 work.

There will be a "Fishing is Fun Day" (Snooks Bottom) and a youth golf tournament (Adobe Creek Golf Course) both held on October 3rd and a drive-through "Truck-n-Treat" at the City Shops at 900 E. Kiefer Ave. on October 24th.

Heather also reported that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board talked about some other fun ways to generate events and revenues by looking into the possibility of virtual events such as an event for bikers who registered for summer bike races that have been canceled where participants would complete a ride wherever they are located and post it online. They also discussed options for advertising the Fruita Community Center because a lot of people started working out at home during the pandemic so staff and board members are starting to think about how to get those people back in new and creative, out-of-the-box ways.

COUNCILOR KYLE HARVEY

Kyle echoed what Karen had said about the "Fruita for Equality" event; he thought it was a great success.

Kyle also reported that at the Historic Preservation Board meeting the previous day, the board elected Chris Endreson as the new Chairperson. Steve Hight will be stepping down from the board, but Denise will continue as a member and Kyle said Steve will continue to be looked to for wisdom moving forward. The board would like to further explore options concerning what wording might possibly look like in the future for identifying some sort of historic district in terms of keeping

some of the older homes in downtown Fruita with their charm, so the members asked City Planner Henry Hemphill to provide them with examples of what other communities have done to identify their historic districts. Kyle suggested it may be a discussion for a future Council workshop.

Mayor Kincaid pointed out that Kyle had sent out an email to the rest of Council and a few staff members concerning recurring Proclamations that the City could do and asked if the discussion should be added to an upcoming workshop agenda. City Manager Mike Bennett said he had thought about adding it to the September workshop, but Kyle had mentioned that he would be absent at that meeting, so he instead suggested either adding it to the October workshop agenda or to a regular meeting agenda under Council Reports and Actions. Kyle stated there were a couple of Proclamations in the list he had sent in his email that he would like to see happen this year and that he was okay with either the Council discussing the matter at the September workshop without him or waiting until the October workshop. Joel recommended addressing the Proclamations individually and putting the discussion on a Council agenda in October.

COUNCILOR LORI BUCK

Lori had nothing to report.

MAYOR JOEL KINCAID

Joel reported that at the Chamber Board of Directors meeting the previous week, a main topic of discussion was replacing some of the revenue from Fruita Fall Festival and potential events the Chamber could offer by getting community and business involvement.

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Woods
Deputy City Clerk
City of Fruita