

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING
MAY 2, 2023
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 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held both in person and with virtual access provided through Zoom.

Present:

Mayor Joel Kincaid
Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Breman
City Councilor Jeannine Purser
City Councilor Ken Kreie
City Councilor Amy Miller
City Councilor Aaron Hancey

Excused Absent:

City Councilor James Williams

City staff present:

City Manager Mike Bennett
Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen
Communications and Engagement Specialist Ciara DePinto
Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods
Planning & Development Director Dan Caris
Parks and Recreation Director Mark Mancuso
City Attorney Mary Elizabeth Geiger (virtually)

Also present:

Student and Teacher of Fruita Monument High School and their families
Communications Director for the Mesa County School District #51
Foundation Andrey Krieves
Mesa County School District #51 Principals of Fruita schools
Members of the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC)
Members of the public (in-person and virtually)

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Kincaid called for a moment of silence for all faiths and beliefs to have the opportunity for a silent prayer. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA – ADOPT/AMEND

Deputy City Clerk noted that there had been an addition to the agenda: Consent Agenda item #6 (E): A request to approve the appointment of Mark Hamlin to the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC).

- **COUNCILOR BREMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COUNCILOR KREIE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION – FRUITA TEACHERS/STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2023: FRUITA MONUMENT HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Kincaid read prepared statements that were provided by Principal Todd McClaskey to recognize and commend FMHS student Anna Paul and teacher Chris Harvey. Ms. Paul and Mr. Harvey received a certificate containing the prepared statements about them as well as a day pass to the Fruita Community Center and an “I-heart-Fruita” pin. Photographs were taken of them with the Mayor and Council members.

B. PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING MAY 6 – 12, 2023 AS “TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO BE ACCEPTED BY MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #51 FOUNDATION COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR ANDREYA KRIEVES

Councilor Purser read the Proclamation, which was accepted by Andrey Krievs, Communications Director for the Mesa County School District #51 Foundation. She introduced FMHS Principal Todd McClaskey, who praised students and teachers for showing up every day and aiming to achieve to the highest level. Executive Director Angela Christensen, PhD, was originally scheduled to accept the Proclamation, but she was called away on an unanticipated personal matter.

Monument Ridge Principal Emma Leigh Larsen, Fruita Middle School Principal Jeremiah Johnston, and Fruita 8/9 Principal Jason Plantiko were also all in attendance on behalf of School District #51’s teachers.

C. PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING MAY 15, 2023 AS “PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY” AND THE WEEK OF MAY 15 THROUGH MAY 21, 2023 AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO BE ACCEPTED BY FRUITA CHIEF OF POLICE DAVE KROUSE

Councilor Kreie read the Proclamation, which was accepted by Dave Krouse, City of Fruita Chief of Police. Chief Krouse thanked the Council for the recognition and said that this time of year, his department humbly receives accolades, food and goodies that are brought into the station in appreciation. He stated that Fruita Police Department staff are the lucky ones and are honored to serve the Fruita community.

Chief Krouse also thanked the Council for recognizing fallen police officers with whom he was personal friends as well as the amazing partnerships and relationships with other law enforcement agencies throughout Mesa County.

D. PRESENTATION – UNITED WAY OF MESA COUNTY AWARD TO THE CITY OF FRUITA

Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Breman presented the award to the City of Fruita on behalf of Zebulon Miracle, Executive Director of United Way of Mesa County. Mayor Pro Tem Breman is a former board member and President of the United Way. He said it was his honor to recognize City employees by awarding them with the “Spirit of Giving” Award for the greatest increase in workplace donations.

Mayor Pro Tem Breman also stated that all the money raised by United Way of Mesa County stays here. They serve about 50,000 people in Mesa County and support 33 non-profits in the area with a focus on health, education and self-reliance.

Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen accepted the award on behalf of City staff. Mr. Vassen thanked all City employees that contribute to United Way for accomplishing the biggest year-over-year increase. He noted that at the end of each year, employees are asked if they would like to contribute to the cause.

Photos were taken of Mr. Vassen holding the award and joined by the City Council.

E. PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 AS “GRAND VALLEY BIKE MONTH” AND MAY 3, 2023 AS “BIKE TO WORK DAY” IN THE CITY OF FRUITA TO BE ACCEPTED BY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MARC MANCUSO

Councilor Miller read the Proclamation, including the list of events contained within it. Recreation Director Marc Mancuso accepted the Proclamation, noting that the new “Story Walk” will be highlighted by the Fruita Branch Mesa County Library located at the Fruita Community Center. He said he would get the list of all the events out to the City Council.

F. PRESENTATION – FRUITA TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL

Assistant City Manager and staff liaison to the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC) introduced members of the board that were in attendance at the meeting. Two members in attendance in person included Libbie Early and Johanna van Waveren and attending virtually was Kayla Brown, the Chamber of Commerce liaison to the FTAC.

Libbie Early spoke about the FTAC’s accomplishments and goals for the next year. She said the board’s mission is to “*promote responsible tourism in the area where geology, paleontology, mountain biking and other outdoor recreation resources are abundant.*”

Accomplishments of the FTAC last year were listed by Ms. Early as follows:

- Had consultation from the Colorado Tourism Office and worked on a plan for a partnership; now working on implementing the goals from the workplan.
 - Completed a rebrand of the “Play Like a Local” campaign. Got a new, fresh look that is accompanied by the redesign of the GoFruita website.
- ✓ Fruita is one of three destinations featured in the 2022 “Connections” documentary created by Stan’s NoTubes and Maxxis Tires.

- Awarded mini-grants to:
 - ✓ Kids Adventure Games
 - ✓ Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce
 - ✓ Colorado National Monument Association
- Funded the reprinting of the Historic Walking Tour brochure (a joint project with the Fruita Historic Preservation Board)
- Awarded grant funding from the Colorado Tourism Office and the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for new trail construction at 18 Road.
- Has been able to increase Special Event Sponsorships to \$32,250 and are funding more Special Events than ever.
- Has partnered with Mesa County Public Health.
- Awarded a \$250,000 grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife for trail construction at 18 Road.
- Have been participating with the Colorado Tourism Office in the creation, production and distribution of a Gravel Adventure Field Guide, a publication that will highlight local businesses and gravel routes.
- Prioritized new media efforts to reach target audiences and promote travel to Fruita.
- Continuing to work with Sojourn to determine how marketing dollars relate to people traveling to the area (analytics)
- Continue to work on all of the workplan for the “Bookends of the Grand Valley” partnership with the Town of Palisade.

Mayor Kincaid asked which specific trails or areas will be affected by the CPW trails grant. Mr. Vassen said the \$250,000 is for new trail construction at 18 Road.

He recalled that in the North Fruita Desert Master Trails Plan, there are about 32 miles of new trails slated to be constructed over the next several years. With the grant funding from the Colorado Tourism Office and GOCO last year, 8 to 9 miles of green (beginner level) trails will be constructed. The Mesa County Public Health Trails crew and Western Colorado Conservation Corps usually volunteer to build those kinds of trails.

Mr. Vassen continued that the \$250,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be spent on contractor-built trails, which are the more difficult 14 - 15 miles in the Master Plan that are for intermediate to advanced riders. The contractor will also start working on the high school loop, which once completed, will allow the Mountain Bike State Championships to be brought to Fruita. He noted that the City of Fruita and Greater Grand Junction Sports Commission each contributed \$40,000 and local businesses chipped in quite a bit as well.

The FTAC will have a discussion with the City Council at the May 23, 2023 workshop meeting as part of the Council's continued review of Council liaison roles and levels of involvement with Fruita's Boards and Commissions.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Travis Schroeder, 226 Narrow Leaf Drive is a Pastor at Bethel Assembly of God and a member of the Grand Junction Area Ministerial Alliance. He invited the Council and all community members to a National Day of Prayer event on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 12:15 pm at the old Mesa County Courthouse on Rood Avenue.

Pastor Schroeder read a scripture and offered his prayer for the Council meeting.

There were no further comments from the public.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT FRUITA HOUSING AUTHORITY AND FRUITA CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2023**
- B. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE – MALT, VINOUS & SPIRITUOUS FOR FIESTA GUADALARAJA LOCATED AT 103 HIGHWAY 6 & 50**
- C. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CAMILLA’S KAFFE LOCATED AT 206 E. ASPEN AVE.**
- D. RESOLUTION 2023-12 – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT EXPENSES AND MOUNTAIN WATER EXPENSES**
- E. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK HAMLIN TO THE FRUITA TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL (FTAC) FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN MAY OF 2026 (ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

Mayor Kincaid asked if there were any requests to remove any item(s) removed from the Consent agenda for further discussion. There were no such requests. Mayor Kincaid asked the same question of the City Council and there also were no such requests.

- COUNCILOR HANCEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS

Mayor Kincaid noted that he and Councilor Williams interviewed Mark Hamlin the previous week for an appointment to the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC) and subsequently recommended his appointment to the board, which was just approved on the Consent Agenda. Mayor Kincaid said he

wanted to welcome Mr. Hamlin, but he was not present in the audience. He recalled how the Council had previously discussed recognizing newly appointed board members at Council meetings from now on.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

1) **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS APPLICATION – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS APPLICATION FOR THE COLORADO RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AT THE JAMES M. ROBB – COLORADO RIVER STATE PARK 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023 AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023 FROM 5:00 TO 10:00 PM ON BOTH NIGHTS – *DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS***

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's presentation. She briefly reviewed the contents of the Council packet including a diagram illustrating the proposed licensed area that will be completely fenced in. She stated that Fruita Chief of Police Dave Krouse reviewed the application and provided his statement that there was nothing that would prohibit the issuance of the license being requested.

Ms. Woods pointed out that the Certificate of Liability insurance that is normally included in the Council packet for a Special Event Liquor Permit will not be available until Michele Rohrbach with the One Riverfront (with whom Ms. Woods works with for these events) is back into the office on May 8, 2023. Ms. Woods assured the Council that she would follow up with Ms. Rohrbach to get the Certificate of Liability insurance upon her return.

Ms. Woods said it was staff's recommendation that the Council approve the application for the Special Events Liquor Permits for the Colorado Riverfront 2023 Summer Concert Series subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant will discontinue serving at 9:30 p.m., allowing patrons 30 minutes to finish their beverages and leave the licensed area.
2. The licensee needs to be aware that they are solely responsible for control of the licensed premises in regard to alcohol possession, consumption and adherence to state and municipal laws.
3. All other procedures presented by the Colorado Riverfront Foundation will be followed.

Ron Wilson, owner of Sandstone Concerts and Paul Nelson, Chair of the Colorado Riverfront Foundation were present in the audience as the applicants' representatives.

Mr. Wilson introduced himself and Mr. Nelson and noted that Pete Firmin with Colorado Parks and Wildlife was also present in the audience. He said they have been coming before the Fruita City Council for a little over 20 years and that this year is the 25th Anniversary of the Concert Series, which actually started out in Reed Park. This year will feature the Riverfront Foundation's 75th concert in the series since the beginning. Mr. Wilson thanked the City for its partnership and support. He made the comment

that in the last two years, Fruita has had so many changes like the outdoor space on North Mulberry, which he called very cool.

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

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS FOR THE COLORADO RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION, INC. TO SELL ALCOHOL BEVERAGES DURING THE SUMMER 2023 CONCERT SERIES AT THE JAMES M. ROBB – COLORADO RIVER STATE PARK SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS PRESENTED BY STAFF. COUNCILOR MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- **COUNCILOR KREIE AMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED APPLICATION IS CONTINGENT UPON STAFF RECEIVING THE COLORADO RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION'S CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE. COUNCILOR MILLER SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

Mr. Wilson also thanked Mr. Pete Firmin with Colorado Parks and Wildlife for his support and guidance, which he called invaluable.

2) SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM THE COLORADO PLATEAU MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ASSOCIATION (COPMOBA) TO PROVIDE A BEER GARDEN AT THE COMBINED 2023 EVENTS OF FRUITA FAT TIRE FESTIVAL AND CO2UT GRAVEL BIKE RACE AT CIVIC CENTER MEMORIAL PARK LOCATED AT 325 E. ASPEN AVE. - DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods gave staff's presentation. She explained that for all three nights, the beer garden would remain in the same place in Civic Center Memorial Park with the same perimeter metal fencing for the entire weekend.

Ms. Woods reviewed a few other aspects of the combined events as outlined in the applicant's narrative, including Fruita Chief of Police Dave Krouse's statement that there was nothing that would prohibit the issuance of the license being requested.

It was staff's recommendation that the City Council approve the application for the Special Events Liquor Permits for the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association (COPMOBA) to provide a beer garden at the combined events of Fat Tire and CO2UT subject to the following conditions:

1. The entrance and exit shall be monitored closely and continuously by event staff in order to prevent alcohol beverages from going into or out of the licensed area.

2. The licensee needs to be aware that they are solely responsible for control of the licensed premises.
3. All other procedures presented by COPMOBA will be followed.

Mr. John Howe was present in the audience representing the applicant. He said there will be a lot of people coming to Fruita the weekend after next and COPMOBA is looking forward to being back in Civic Center Memorial Park.

Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he referred the matter to the City Council.

Councilor Hancey asked when the setup for the event would begin. Mr. Howe said that was under the control of the Fruita Fat Tire event sponsor, George Gatseos and Steve (last name unintelligible), but he thought they would start moving tents and other fixtures in on Wednesday while the park itself will be closed off on Thursday through the end of the event on Sunday. He added that there were some street closures as well, and for the CO2UT race, the finish line will be along Aspen Avenue finishing in front of Civic Center Memorial Park.

Councilor Hancey asked how the City is going to accommodate access to the building at the Civic Center for citizens.

Mayor Kincaid explained that the matter before the Council was only for the Special Events Liquor Permits. City Manager Mike Bennett further explained that the applications for other aspects of the events go through an internal Special Event process through the Parks and Recreation Department; that they do not go before Council for approval.

- **COUNCILOR BREMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS FOR THE COLORADO PLATEAU MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL ASSOCIATION (COPMOBA) TO PROVIDE A BEER GARDEN DURING THE COMBINED 2023 EVENTS OF FRUITA FAT TIRE FESTIVAL AND CO2UT AT CIVIC CENTER MEMORIAL PARK ON THE DATES AND TIMES REQUESTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS STATED BY STAFF. COUNCILOR PURSER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

B. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

- 1) **RESOLUTION 2023-11 – PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET WITH SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, REPAIRS AT THE FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER, PARKS REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, AND SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS; AND A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR COMPLETION OF A CAPITAL PROJECT INITIALLY INCLUDED IN THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET – ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER SHANNON VASSEN**

Assistant City Manager gave staff's presentation of Resolution 2023-11 – A supplemental appropriation of funds for the General Fund, Conservation Trust Fund, Community Center Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. He pointed out that any time he has a supplemental budget amendment to bring before Council, he provides a summary of the revenues and expenses in a table at the end of staff's coversheet. Mr. Vassen provided the following highlights of those as follows:

- The City received \$10,500 from local businesses in Special Events sponsorships for the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival that can be used for entertainment and supplies and equipment.
- The City received a small contribution for replacing some of the sidewalk at the Vietnam War Memorial.
- The City also received \$31,000 from the Colorado Department of Human Services for expenses related to childcare programs (will help with some additional Dinomites costs and bringing on additional staff to help with Dinomites)
- The City received its final insurance payment of \$135,000 from CIRSA for the flooding of the gym floor. CIRSA reimbursed the City for all expenses associated with the replacement and demolition of the original gym floor. The insurance payment also covered a portable volleyball net.
- The City received \$600,000 from the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for improvements to Reed Park.
- There is one rollover amount from last year of approximately \$150,000 for the design of Reed Park, but staff only spent about \$49,000 in 2022, so the remaining funds need to be rolled over for any engineering design costs the City may have on the final project.

This concluded Mr. Vassen's presentation. Mayor Kincaid opened the public hearing. Hearing no public comments from either those attending the meeting in person or online, he closed the public hearing on referred to the City Council.

- **COUNCILOR PURSER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-11 – AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND, CONSERVATION TRUST FUND, FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER FUND AND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, REPAIRS AT THE FRUITA COMMUNITY CENTER, PARKS REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROJECTS AND REAPPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT ORIGINALLY INCLUDED IN THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET. COUNCILOR KREIE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

9. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

There were no Administrative agenda items.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Mike Bennett reported on the following:

- Wyatt and Byron from Mike's Political Science class, "Introduction to Public Administration" were present in person at the meeting and were acknowledged by Mike.
- As the completion of the North Mulberry Street Plaza nears, staff is starting to plan for a way to celebrate the opening of the space at the end May or early June; not with a ribbon cutting but with some other kind of small activity for people such as making s'mores around the fire pit and potentially having some music as well. He asked that the Council let staff know of any ideas they may have for the event.

11. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

A. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

COUNCILOR AMY MILLER

Amy reported that she and a few of her fellow City Council members attended the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (GJEP) Western Colorado Economic Summit, which she said was really great. She added that Mayor Pro Tem Matthew represented Fruita beautifully on the panel and commended him for it.

Amy also reported that at the Historic Preservation Board meeting, the board members reviewed the History Fair that happened the previous Saturday, which she was unable to attend, but heard that it went very well. She noted that the event drew in over 600 attendees and the board is very excited about the collaborations that they have going now with Mesa County and Historic Preservation Boards from Palisade and the Redlands.

Amy also noted that the Historic Preservation Board is also finalizing the design for more plaques to be added in downtown that mark the homes that are on the Fruita Historic Registry after pointing out that some of the houses have plaques, but some have none. The board hopes to also replace the old plaques that are worn and outdated.

Amy said she talked to a concerned citizen who lives in the Red Cliffs Subdivision who has been having some struggles with irrigation water and their HOA. Amy has been working with the citizen to brainstorm ideas that could support the residents to the best of the City's ability without overstepping on any toes. Joel recalled how the City usually has an annual meeting with the HOAs in the City. Mike stated that this is a situation where an HOA is no longer in existence, but the neighborhood still has needs and although the residents recognize these are not things the City can actually do, staff has still been trying to connect them with the right resources, agencies or people. Mike said it sounded like the residents were gathering people to take the right steps moving forward and that they are keeping in touch with staff, who are helping by looking at some of the original approvals of the subdivision.

Amy said she just wanted the Council to know that it is a conversation that is currently happening.

COUNCILOR AARON HANCEY

Aaron reiterated a concern he had about access to the Civic Center building during the setup of the Fat Tire Festival and CO2UT Gravel Bike Race, adding that the setup would begin on a Thursday, which he said is always a big day for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) (who occupy a space in the building). He added that participants of the event will be blocking off American Disabilities Act (ADA) access.

Mike responded that after the last special event when staff was parking in the temporary handicapped spots on the north end of the building, there was a discussion with staff to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Aaron reported that on Saturday, April 29, 2023, he attended the "High School Military Commitment Recognition Day" event held by Western Slope Blue Star Mothers where he read the Proclamation for high school graduates that are taking the oath to join the military. There was a very good turnout of people from the City of Fruita and from all over the valley, as well as the City of Rangely. Aaron noted that it was the first time in three years that future cadets were able to take their oaths in public (due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and it was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

Aaron also said that he had some great conversations at GJEP's Western Slope Economic Summit where he talked with others about past experiences and gained different insights that he thought would be effective for the Fruita City Council to further discuss. They talked about being decisive and intentional, which made Aaron think about the Industrial Park and lagoon properties and how the City of Fruita could make progress on them.

Aaron asked about the status of the trip to Montrose. Mike said staff is still trying to coordinate with Montrose; they had a change with their Mayor and some other things going on. He continued that the Council and staff would need to leave Fruita in the early afternoon because in addition to the meeting with Montrose staff and elected official, there would likely be some touring and possibly having dinner before everyone drives back to Fruita. Mike suggested scheduling the trip on a Monday and said his plan is to find some dates that work for the City of Montrose and then put those before the Fruita City Council. Originally, Montrose said they wanted to schedule the meeting in either June or July.

Aaron said it might be good for the Fruita City Council to take a tour and have discussions again about the Industrial Park in Fruita. He continued that at the Economic Summit, the gentleman from CoorsTek made some good comments on his experiences. They are working on a \$65 million multi-year expansion and the man talked about his struggles with CoorsTek's process, so he thought it would be interesting to have him present at a Fruita City Council workshop meeting so that Fruita could learn from his experiences.

MAYOR PRO TEM MATTHEW BREMAN

Matthew said it has been a busy week with being on the Economic Summit's panel, but he did want to thank Mike for all the preparation notes.

Matthew also reported that he was a judge at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) for the board competition for the hospitality and marketing classes and that there are some really smart kids out there.

Matthew was also at the CMU session for the rebrand of Western Colorado Community College (WCCC) and said it will be interesting to see what comes from that because he thinks they have some good stuff going on.

Matthew reported that he was at Monument Ridge Elementary School for Arbor Day and commended one of the Fruita Parks Department staff for being so entertaining for the kids and made the tree planting a lot of fun.

Matthew stated that the Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce had an event at Sparks Fly Studio where everyone got to see the logs that are going in the fire pit and the new Fruita Chamber of Commerce sign (which is almost done). Matthew said it looks absolutely amazing.

COUNCILOR JEANNINE PURSER

Jeannine reported that along with the leaf painting, the first Fruita Fourth Friday event organized by the Arts and Culture Board went off amazingly well. She called the amount of people and activity all over the place unbelievable and said it was just a happy place to be.

Jeannine also reported that she thought the Economic Summit was good, but she has some suggestions for GJEP and would hand them off to Matthew (as the Council Liaison to GJEP) later unless there was some other way to submit them. Amy said there was a very good survey out about the Summit and Jeannine said she may just submit her comments that way.

COUNCILOR KEN KREIE

Ken said that the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee (GVRTC) met the previous week but there wasn't much to report back; they have old buses that need a lot of work, buses are on order and amendments were made to the Transportation Plan. Ken also said he heard from Jason Wynn, who he thinks will be appointed to take Dennis Simpson's place and who ran on a lot of multimodal transportation concepts.

MAYOR JOEL KINCAID

Joel stated that he and James had just completed an interview before the Council meeting with an applicant for a vacant seat on the Fruita Tourism Advisory Council (FTAC).

Joel encouraged everyone to come to breakfast in the morning at 7:00 a.m. at the pavilion at Civic Center Memorial Park for "Bike to Work Day." He said last year, there were some students that came to breakfast before biking to school, but they did not go on the tour. Mike said staff (and Council members) would be doing a ride after breakfast with whoever wants to ride around town. Ken said that the middle school knows about breakfast.

Joel also reported that he and Matthew would be presenting to a boy scout Troop 323 on Monday.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CONSIDERATION OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND THE PROCESS FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, SPECIFICALLY

ENOCH'S LAKE REAL PROPERTY AND ITS WATER RIGHTS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A), TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND INSTRUCT NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(E) AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) REGARDING THE SAME AND TO DISCUSS THE CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, SPECIFICALLY PROPERTY TO SMALLER PARCELS LOCATED NEAR ENOCH'S LAKE, AS A SEPARATE TRANSACTION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A), TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND INSTRUCT NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(E) AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) REGARDING THE SAME

Mayor Kincaid noted that when the Council goes into Executive Session, the people remaining in the audience (students from the City Manager's CMU class) would need to leave the room. City Attorney Mary Elizabeth Geiger advised that there may be some open meeting action items after the Executive Session and it would be up to City Manager Mike Bennett if he wanted the students to stay for that.

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CONSIDERATION OF AN OFFER TO PURCHASE AND THE PROCESS FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, SPECIFICALLY ENOCH'S LAKE REAL PROPERTY AND ITS WATER RIGHTS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A), TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND INSTRUCT NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(E) AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) REGARDING THE SAME AND TO DISCUSS THE CONSIDERATION OF A POSSIBLE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY, SPECIFICALLY PROPERTY TO SMALLER PARCELS LOCATED NEAR ENOCH'S LAKE, AS A SEPARATE TRANSACTION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(A), TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND INSTRUCT NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(E) AND TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(B) REGARDING THE SAME. COUNCILOR HANCEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

*The Fruita City Council took a five-minute break and then convened in Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:12 p.m.*

- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(B)**

- **COUNCILOR KREIE MOVED TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PURSUANT TO C.R.S. SECTION 24-6-402(4)(B). COUNCILOR HANCEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE YES VOTES.**

The Fruita City Council convened in Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. The Executive Session ended at 9:53 p.m.

12. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Kincaid adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Woods
Deputy City Clerk
City of Fruita