

**FRUITA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Mayor Matthew Breman
City Councilor James Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Hancey
City Councilor Jeannine Purser
City Councilor Rich Parrish
City Councilor Andrea Stolarczyk
City Councilor Amy Miller

Excused Absent: (None)

City staff present: City Manager Mike Bennett
Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen
Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods
Communications and Engagement Specialist Ciara Amann
Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso
City Engineering staff

Also present: Members of the public (in-person and virtually)

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Breman 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 since the Council packet and agenda had gone out the previous Friday, staff had made a correction to the name of agenda Item 9.C under the Administrative Section of the agenda to make it more accurately describe the presentation as the “Circulation and Corridor Plans Update.”

- **COUNCILOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COUNCILOR PURSER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

4. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. PROCLAMATION – PROCLAIMING MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024 AS “OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY” TO BE ACCEPTED BY KJ KLINE WITH AMERICAN LEGION POST 2006

Councilor Williams read the Proclamation, which was accepted by Commander KJ Kline with Fruita’s American Legion Post 2006. Cmdr. Kline invited the community and City Council to help place flags on the graves of approximately 400 military service members on Friday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m. at New Elmwood Cemetery. He also announced that on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m., Post 2006 will hold a ceremony at New Elmwood cemetery.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2024 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING (COUNCILORS PARRISH AND STOLARCZYK TO RECUSE THEMSELVES)**
- B. MINUTES – A REQUEST TO APPROVE OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (COUNCILORS PARRISH AND STOLARCZYK TO RECUSE THEMSELVES)**
- C. MINUTES – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2024 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- D. MINUTES – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2024 CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**
- E. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF A BEER AND WINE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LEAP ENTERPRISE, LLC DBA PABLO’S PIZZA OF FRUITA LOCATED AT 456 KOKOPELLI BLVD., UNIT C**
- F. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENT – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KEITH BALDWIN TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (ADVISORY BOARD) FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN MAY OF 2027**
- G. RESOLUTION 2024-16 – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 BUDGET AND TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR SAMPLING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) ASSESSMENT FOR THE COLORADO RIVER**

Mayor Breman opened the public hearing on the Consent Agenda. Hearing no comments from the public, he referred the Consent Agenda to the City Council.

Both Councilors Parrish and Stolarczyk recused themselves from Consent Agenda Items A. and B. before voting as they had not yet been elected and sworn in.

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

7. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NEWLY APPOINTED AND REAPPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERS

Mayor Breman acknowledged Keith Baldwin (not in attendance) for his appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Advisory Board). He stated that he (the Mayor) and Mayor Pro Tem Hancey had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Baldwin and believe he will make a great addition to the board. He added that with Keith's appointment, the Parks and Recreation Commission no longer has any vacancies.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

- 1) SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS APPLICATION – A REQUEST TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM THE COLORADO RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION, INC. TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE 2024 COLORADO RIVERFRONT CONCERT SERIES AT THE JAMES M. ROBB – COLORADO RIVER STATE PARK LOCATED AT 595 HWY 340 ON THE DATES AND TIMES SPECIFIED – *DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS***

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods pointed out that the Council had the opportunity to review the Colorado Riverfront Foundation's application in the Council packet that was emailed the previous Friday and consisted of event details, a diagram, plans for security, signage, checking IDs and control of the licensed premises. She also noted that Fruita Police Chief Dave Krouse had submitted his memorandum issuing his statement that there was nothing that would prohibit the issuance of the license being requested and that therefore, it was staff's recommendation that the Council approve the application from the Colorado Riverfront Foundation.

Ms. Woods pointed out that at a previous Council meeting, one of the Council members spoke about how he felt that these types of applications that meet all the necessary criteria could potentially be approved administratively, which would make better use of the City Council's time at Council meetings. She noted that a discussion about this potentiality was scheduled as an agenda item at the June 2024 Workshop meeting and essentially, if the Council desires to go the route of administrative approvals, it will require an Ordinance amending the Fruita Municipal Code designating staff as the local licensing authority for certain applications. Ms. Woods added that new liquor license applications would still require a public hearing and therefore, could not be administratively approved. Staff is in the process of gathering information about how other municipalities in Colorado handle the types of applications that can be approved administratively and Ms. Woods explained that she learned that there are many jurisdictions that allow for administrative approvals with the exception of new liquor licenses.

Ms. Woods further explained that in the meantime, the City Council would have to continue approving Special Event Liquor permits and that it was staff's recommendation to the Council that the application for the Special Event Liquor Permit for the 2024 Riverfront Concerts by the One

Riverfront Foundation be approved subject to the conditions listed in the coversheet in the Council packet.

Ms. Woods announced that Ron Wilson, owner of Sandstone Concerts and Paul Nelson, Chair of the Colorado Riverfront Foundation were present in the audience as the applicant's representatives, so prior to the Mayor opening the public hearing, she was turning over the time to them to provide the Council with any additional comments they may have.

Messrs. Nelson and Wilson asked for any questions the Council may have had and thanked them for the Council's support over the years for the concerts at the State Park.

Mr. Nelson informed the Council that James M. Robb (whom the park was named after) had access to a Trust Fund from a woman who lived in Loma and he recalled how amazing it was in the beginning when everyone worked together to start putting on the Riverfront Commission annual concerts.

Mayor Breman opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public participation and referred the matter to the City Council.

- **COUNCILOR WILLIAMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS FOR THE ONE RIVERFRONT FOUNDATION, INC. TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE 2024 COLORADO RIVERFRONT CONCERT SERIES ON THE DATES AND TIMES REQUESTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS STATED BY STAFF. COUNCILOR HANCEY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

- 2) **SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT APPLICATION – A REQUEST TO APPROVE A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMITS APPLICATION FROM THE FRUITA ROTARY CLUB TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE MIKE THE HEADLESS CHICKEN FESTIVAL AT CIVIC CENTER MEMORIAL PARK ON THE DATES AND TIMES SPECIFIED - *DEPUTY CITY CLERK DEB WOODS***

Deputy City Clerk Deb Woods again provided staff's presentation on a request for a Special Liquor Permit by the Fruita Rotary Club for the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival.

Ms. Woods pointed out that the Council had the opportunity to review the Rotary Club's application in the Council packet that was emailed to them on the previous Friday, May 17th. The application contained all the necessary information, documents, forms and fees, as well as the Chief of Police's memorandum stating that there was nothing in the application that would prohibit the issuance of the license being requested.

Ms. Woods again pointed out that a discussion was scheduled at the upcoming June Workshop Meeting for the purpose of potentially having these types of applications (and certain other liquor license applications) approved administratively as long as all the requirements of the applications have been met. She reminded the Council that the exception to that rule would be applications for new liquor licenses, which do require public hearings.

Ms. Woods noted that the Council did pass an Ordinance in 2021 to delegate to the City Clerk's Office (as the Licensing Officer for the City) the authority to administratively process and approve applications for Temporary Permits pending Transfers of Ownership subject to satisfactory background checks on applicants. In the meantime, Council will have to continue approving (or denying) Special Event Liquor permit applications and Ms. Woods stated that it was staff's recommendation that the Council approve the application from the Fruita Rotary Club for the Mike the Headless Chicken Festival.

Ms. Woods stated that Rotarian Lou Mudd had previously said he would be in attendance at the Council meeting as the applicant's representative, but she did not see him in the Council Room. She recalled how the Rotary has many years of experience in providing and running beer gardens at Fruita's events, so she didn't think there should be any concerns.

Mayor Breman opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing none, he closed public participation and referred the matter to the City Council.

- **COUNCILOR MILLER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT FOR THE FRUITA ROTARY CLUB TO SELL AND SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE 2024 MIKE THE HEADLESS CHICKEN FESTIVAL ON THE DATES AND TIMES REQUESTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS STATED BY STAFF. COUNCILOR PURSER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

B. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS

There were no Legislative hearings on the agenda.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. FINANCIAL REPORTS – A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS – *FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK MARGARET SELL*

City Manager Mike Bennett noted that on the Administrative Agenda, staff has three updates, which are overviews and opportunities for the City Council to ask questions. He explained that first, Finance Director/City Clerk Margaret Sell would be doing a walk through of the monthly Financial Reports. Typically, these are found on the Consent Agenda at the second Council meeting of the month before they are posted on the City's website. Mr. Bennett added that this would be especially helpful to the newer members of the Council to familiarize them with the reports as they will be appearing on future Consent Agendas.

Finance Director/City Clerk Margaret Sell provided an overview of the April 2024 Financial Reports consisting of the following:

- Summary of the City's major revenue sources for March 2024, which include:
 - Sales and Use Tax revenues
 - Lodging Tax revenues
 - County Sales Tax revenues

➤ Public Safety Tax revenues

- Summary of overall performance of the major revenue sources through March 2024 (compared to Budget)
- City Sales Tax by NAICS for March 2024 (industry type) category
- Community Center Fund charges for services and tax revenues – March 2024
- Actual vs Budget Report – through April 2024 (in almost all cases, revenues are exceeding the City’s Budget except for the Public Places Fund, which had some one-time expenses going out)
- Budget comparison report showing 20 – 30 pages of all the individual funds, the different Departments in those funds and revenues and expenses as a percentage of Budget by category of revenue or expense

Mrs. Sell also explained that there was a more detailed report on General Fund revenues at the very end that shows all the individual revenues for the General Fund so that staff and the Council can see how the City is tracking for those revenues. This concluded Mrs. Sell’s presentation.

Councilor Hancey asked where the building materials’ use tax revenues come from. Mrs. Sell explained that staff collects the 3% building materials use tax up front when contractors/vendors apply for a building permit. She included information on a couple of different scenarios for how the materials are purchased.

Councilor Hancey asked if staff expects an increase in sales tax on building materials later this year because it seems like Fruita is doing a lot of horizontal construction and some vertical is going to start up on some of the newer projects. Mrs. Sell responded that the main driver of use tax on building materials is new construction (more so than remodels). She added that Bray and Company’s report for April is showing an significant uptick in building permits being issued and although she hasn’t quite seen it yet, she is hopeful that it will start trickling in as the weather improves. She said she believes it really is a matter of the market right now.

Councilor Hancey also asked if the sales tax revenues on motor vehicles was an issue of ebb and flow. Mayor Breman pointed out that there is still a shortage of new cars out on the market in a lot of areas and from what he’s read, people are starting to hold onto their vehicles longer. Mrs. Sell added that she thinks it’s also a reflection of current interest rates.

Councilor Hancey also asked if the category “Wholesale Trade” that is down 16% includes building materials. Mrs. Sell responded that it typically doesn’t and that “Wholesale Trade” can fluctuate considerably as it is driven largely by online sales. She said vendors such as Etsys class themselves as a manufacturer or a retailer, although from the consumer standpoint, it’s all a retail sale. The difference becomes whether they are making the product they are selling versus reselling a product that they are purchasing elsewhere. Councilor Hancey noted that although the City has some revenues that are significantly down, Fruita is still showing \$40,000 ahead for the quarter compared to last year.

Councilor Williams asked Mrs. Sell to expound on sales tax revenues for “Oil and Gas” because it was interesting to him that in 2022, the City received -\$71,211 while in 2023 and 2024, the City received between \$1,400 and \$3,700. Mrs. Sell explained that this was typical of the oil and gas industry; there are very large fluctuations. She recalled how the “boom/bust” cycles were a big deal in the past and this is why staff continues to budget very conservatively for oil and gas. She explained that these fluctuations are very much tied into the oil and gas activity within the region as well as

within the nation, although she legally cannot divulge any more information than that because it is confidential. City Manager Mike Bennett recalled that oil and gas revenues in 2014 compared to revenues in 2017 dropped almost 91% and interestingly enough, in every year since 2017, the City of Fruita has received more sales tax revenues than the prior year, even when there was very little in the way of oil and gas revenues. Mrs. Sell added that another big revenue source from oil and gas is Severance Tax dollars that are shared back by the State of Colorado based on employment in the oil and gas sector.

Councilor Williams also asked what caused the big jump in the category, “Other Services.” Mrs. Sell said didn’t look into that one before the Council meeting but would get an answer as to whether there is something specific going on.

Councilor Miller inquired about what kind of things are included in the category “Other Services.” Mrs. Sell said the list was very large and she would get that information to the Council.

- **COUNCILOR MILLER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED. COUNCILOR WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH SIX YES VOTES.**

B. PRESENTATION – OVERVIEW OF PARKS, HEALTH, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN – *PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR MARC MANCUSO*

Parks and Recreation Marc Mancuso gave an overview of highlights in the [Parks, Health, Recreation, Open Space and Trails \(PHROST\) Master Plan](#) as another one of the plans of the City that staff is reviewing for the Council that is tied to the Comprehensive Plan *Fruita in Motion*. It is the intention of the PHROST Master Plan to help guide, further policies, initiatives, partnerships and infrastructure needed by the community to create the best Parks and Recreation Department.

Sections of the presentation included:

- 4 Stages of Public Engagement
- 2020 Survey participation and results
- Current and Future Facilities and Trails Map
- Trails Framework Map
- Projected trail needs expected through 2030
- Guiding Principles of the PHROST Master Plan
- Parklands and Facilities, Infrastructure and Improvements recommendations
- Current and project parks needs expected through 2030
- Recently completed projects
- Current projects
- Photos of existing infrastructure needing improvements
- Wheel park at Reed Park rendering
- New outdoor/indoor slide at Fruita Community Center pool renderings
- Future projects

**C. CIRCULATION AND CORRIDOR PLANS – PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR DAN CARIS AND CITY ENGINEERING STAFF**

Planning & Development Director Dan Caris and members of his and the Engineering Department worked together to provide a presentation of the Circulation and Corridor plans, services provided by the City’s Engineering Department and information about the following topics:

- Introduction to current year projects
- Local agency vs. City-budgeted projects
- Future corridor projects and funding sources
- 19 Road update and bid

Mayor Breman called for a five-minute recess at 9:10 p.m. The Council meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

10. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Mike Bennett provided the following updates:

- The previous day, a written offer letter was sent by staff to Ute Water for the First Right of Refusal on the remaining mountain properties. After that (if Ute Water does not want them), the offer will go to Mesa County, US Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Staff asked that Ute Water respond to the letter by June 14th or 15th.
- On Friday, May 24, 2024, the City will close on the 169 S. Mulberry Street property and Mike will sign all the development, parking, encroachment and right-of-way agreements at the same time. None of the terms changed and the City Council authorized Mike through adoption of a Resolution to execute the documents. At the June 4, 2024 Regular City Council meeting under Proclamations and Presentations, the new owners will present concepts of what they are going to start doing from a construction/redevelopment standpoint.
- Reminder that next week, the Council Workshop meeting has been canceled.
- Tomorrow (May 22, 2024), the Colorado Municipal League’s (CML’s) Spring Outreach meeting in Palisade will be attended by Amy, Jeannine, Rich, Mike and Shannon.
- Despite torrential rains, stamped concrete was installed around the downtown self-cleaning restroom. There are a few things that still need to be done tomorrow, but staff could technically open it up by the end of the day. It is preferred to have it open a few days before the weekend just in case there are any issues that may arise. Mike asked if the Council wanted to do some very simple, fun photos for social media that would also provide information such as how the cost compared to regular bathrooms and how the new one works. Mike added that one idea for a photo was to have the Mayor cut through a big roll of toilet paper going across the front of the restroom as a “ribbon cutting” and he could go in and do the “first flush.” Several of the Council members and the Mayor said they could be there.

11. COUNCIL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

COUNCILOR AMY MILLER

Amy asked Parks and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso if there was any potential for having nets over spectator areas of the baseball sections at the Little Salt Wash Park, pointing out that she has heard many conversations about it. Aaron noted that this was a discussion held by the Parks and Recreation (Advisory) Committee (Board) (PRAB). Marc explained that the netting over that entire area would be very, very expensive and that the structures are not designed to hold the load. He added that damage would be very likely during the process of putting the netting up and down due to snow during the winter. Marc stated that he did make a call after the last PRAB meeting to begin the process of getting quotes on shade structures because he feels that getting shade in addition would be a better option since it gets so hot in the summer at the ballfields. Staff is looking at 20-foot by 30-foot structures including cantilever designs and four-post shades as options. Marc also explained that a lot of facilities are starting to go with those type of designs because netting gets torn up pretty quick, so he would advise against that.

Amy reported that she had a friendly chat with a resident about the City's Sidewalk Repair Program and asked if there was any "wobble room" at all to increase the City's contribution. Mayor Breman noted that the City does have hardship cases for the program and suggested that Amy have the resident contact the Public Works Department.

Amy also reported that the Livability Commission has several new members and the board got them up to speed on what the board's goals are. They have a new Chairperson.

Amy added that the Historic Preservation Board is just plugging along.

COUNCILOR ANDREA STOLARCZYK

Andrea reported that the Arts and Culture Board's pursuit of the Colorado Creative Industry's Creative District was met with a lot of enthusiasm at the last meeting. She and Park and Recreation Director Marc Mancuso have been talking about the potential of bringing it to a Council Workshop meeting or at least discussing it further to understand what the next steps may be. The Arts and Culture Board is very excited about it and Andrea said she thinks it would be a really good thing. The board also discussed the "Pastel Festival," which is an event they would like to host on the last Fruita Fourth Friday in August. Marc explained that the idea is modeled off of the "Pastels on 5th" event in Loveland, who is sharing a lot of information with Fruita. Three sidewalks outside of the Civic Center will be used for professional, amateur and youth artists to create chalk drawings while live music is playing. Communications and Engagement Specialist Ciara Amann created the flyer for the event and Staff is looking for sponsors to help with the cost of the sidewalk chalk. Mayor Breman asked if the idea of Fruita becoming a designated Creative District had already been placed on a Workshop agenda and Mike said he thought it would be good to have the Colorado Creative Industry come and provide the Council with an overview at a Workshop meeting and then there could be a discussion about what the next steps would be. He said he thought it could go on the agenda for the July Workshop meeting. Council easily reached consensus to have staff schedule the agenda item.

Andrea also reported that she will be attending her first Museums of Western Colorado Board of Directors meeting the following day and would report back to the Council later.

COUNCILOR JEANNINE PURSER

Jeannine explained that the Fruita Youth Action Council doesn't meet over the summer, so she had nothing to report in that regard.

Jeannine mentioned the potential of residents receiving an email utility bill instead of a physical bill and asked if there was an update on that. Shannon responded that it is possible, especially with the new financial software that was just implemented by the City this year. He said people will eventually be able to opt out of a paper utility bill and into an electronic payment system through Xpress Bill Pay. There is a one-time set up fee of approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 that will require the Council's approval through a Budget amendment, but it will save the City money in the long run if enough people opt out of the paper bill because staff time, postage and materials will be reduced. Staff is currently trying to determine if City's vendor who receives the payments (Colorado PayPort Online Service) will accept a third-party payment processor.

Jeannine said her neighbor asked if there had to be two exits from the gravel parking lot by the Hot Tomato to the alley. She noted that lots of people are leaving the parking lot and speeding down the alley instead of pulling out onto Mulberry. Mike said that alleys are public roadways, but he would check on it. He said if the one egress is not needed, the City could look at closing it off, but if it has to stay open, perhaps there could be more patrolling on it. Jeannine also pointed out that there are people in the alley a lot of time as well, so it was a safety concern.

MAYOR MATTHEW BREMAN

Matthew reported that he and Mike attended the Grand Junction Chamber's State of the Valley and talked about Fruita's 41.25-acre project (the riverfront property).

Matthew also reported that the Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days event will be held in Fruita June 5 – 7, 2024. Mike explained that just over 300 participants from all over the state that are representatives of non-profit organizations and groups that fund non-profits will be here to tour Fruita Monument High School, Over the Edge, Imondi Wake Zone, FARM and Cavalcade. Planning & Development Director Dan Caris will lead them on a housing tour so they can see what is happening locally as they have a big interest in CHFFA projects and other housing programs in Fruita as well as Grand Junction. The goals of the Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days Conference is to fuel regional collaboration leading to increased grant dollars awarded to rural nonprofits and the communities they serve.

Matthew reported that there was a two-hour workshop meeting the previous week organized by Representative Rick Taggart and led by District Attorney Dan Rubenstein concerning Mind Springs, their current financial situation and potential courses of action by governmental agencies including ensuring that behavioral health services get directed to Mind Springs in a larger quantity instead of sent of the area. Hilltop and Community Hospital have changed some of their practices to encourage the use of local services instead of those on the Front Range and there were also discussions about potential funding from the various municipalities in terms of when they might entertain financial support for Mind Springs. The general consensus of that was that municipalities do not want to throw good money after bad until there is a working model. There was also some talk of other discussions that municipalities are not allowed to know about.

Matthew also reported that he was officially appointed to the Eureka! Board of Directors, which he is very excited about.

Matthew asked about the new power poles right next to the existing ones on Ottley Avenue where there seems to be electrical equipment on the ground. Aaron said that they are between 18 and 18 ½ Roads and he was told by someone in Engineering that it is related to the solar farm. Mike said staff would look into it and include something in the Weekly Information Update about it.

Amy stated that she was just elected to the Community Food Bank of Mesa County Board of Directors and is really excited about it. The board already serves Fruita, Loma and Mack, but really wants to begin focusing more on this end of the valley. Amy said she will begin reporting to the Council about it a little more going forward.

12. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Breman adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Woods
Deputy City Clerk
City of Fruita