

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California USA
City Council Minutes for the June 2, 2011 Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmen Titus, Mierzwa, Lorenzen and Maxwell as well as City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Finance Manager Deb Austrus, Project Manager Kent Hanford, Chief Plant Operator Doug Culbert and Police Chief Bret Smith. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

Ceremonial: The City Clerk read the "Lemonade Day Proclamation" and Mayor Jeffrey Farley presented the Proclamation to Kathy Miller - Student Projects Coordinator, Office of Education. The City Clerk read the "Recognition of Doug Culbert as Operator of the Year" and Mayor Jeffrey Farley presented the Certificate to Doug Culbert. Both recipients gave short speeches.

Modifications to the Agenda: Resolution 2011-26 "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ferndale Awarding the Sewer Rehabilitation Contract to Miksis Services, Inc." MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa) Add Resolution 2011-26 to the agenda. All in favor. There was no public comment.

Consent Calendar: MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Accept Accounts Payable, Approve the minutes for May 5, 2011. Unanimous vote 4-0 (Councilman Lorenzen abstained which is not counted as a vote, according to the Rosenberg's Rules of Order).

Sewer Rehab Contract: MOTION (Mierzwa/Maxwell) Approve Resolution 2011-26 "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ferndale Awarding the Sewer Rehabilitation Contract to Miksis Services, Inc." Unanimous approval.

Eel River Disposal – Universal Pick up and Green waste: Chuck Schager, Assistant Manager from Eel River Disposal spoke to the Council regarding Universal Pick up: all waste would be picked up within seven days. ERD believes this will reduce illegal dumping and lower the cost to Ferndale citizens. The Green Waste program would pick up green waste every two weeks at a cost of \$3/month. An ad in the local newspaper is trying to attract as many customers as they can get. They need at least 100 interested customers to make it work. The City is keeping a list of those interested in green waste pick up. The green waste pickup is not mandatory. ERD will deliver the 64 gallon totes for free. ERD is asking the city to extend its current contract. As far as universal pick up, citizens can opt out if they can show that they compost and recycle and do not need the pick up. Richard Hooley is opposed to universal pick up. Another citizen who lives in Ferndale only part time is also opposed to universal pick up.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): Project Manager Kent Hanford talked about the WWTP Construction Project. We are still within budget. MOTION: (Maxwell/Titus) Resolution 2011-23 for 10th Progress Pay Request for Management and Construction Related Costs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Unanimous.

Health care coverage: MOTION: (Titus/Maxwell) Approve Resolution 2011-24 Authorizing MOU between City and Special District Risk Management Authority's Health Benefits Ancillary Coverages. Unanimous

NVB Loan: MOTION: (Titus/Mierzwa) Approve Resolution 2011-25 as corrected Authorizing the City to Borrow Funds from NVB (replaces 10-45). Unanimous.

Budgetary Workshop: set for July 20, 2011 at 3:30pm. The City Manager evaluation is set for the same date, following the budgetary workshop.

Ferndale / Navy Housing Update: City Manager Jay Parrish spoke about the legal issues related to disposition of Ferndale Housing. Richard Hooley asked if, when the Navy finishes their study, they will have some remedial work to do before conveyance. Parrish answered yes and added that the remediation of 101 will be complete before the study is done.

Under City Manager Report, Mr. Parrish talked about the PARSAC training he'd attended on Worker's Compensation.

Councilman John Maxwell spoke about HWMA: Several years ago the cities of Arcata and Eureka were concerned about the \$60/ton cost of sending recycling to the Arcata Recycling Center. HWMA was asked to look into alternatives. An RFP was initiated. Recently Eureka voted 4-1 to contract with Solid Waste of Willits (that will pay \$8/ton to the cities) while the Arcata City Council turned down the Willits proposal. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has this issued on their June 7th agenda, for local unincorporated areas not served by Eel River Disposal. This situation does not affect the City of Ferndale, as our contract is with Eel River Disposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regular council meeting will be July 7, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum

City Clerk