

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California USA

City Council Minutes for December 6, 2012

Mayor Jeffrey Farley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00PM. Present were Councilmen John Maxwell, Michael Sweeney and Stuart Titus, along with staff City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, Deputy City Clerk Lacy Pedrotti, City Engineer Praj White, City Engineer David Cassie, and Police Chief Brett Smith. Those present pledged allegiance to the flag. The City Clerk called roll call. All present.

Ceremonial: The City Clerk gave the Oath of Office to new Mayor Stuart Titus as well as Councilmembers Daniel Brown and Ken Mierzwa. All were welcomed by the City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum. Councilmember John Maxwell thanked Jeffrey Farley for his 6 year run and dedication. City Manager Jay Parrish read a list of events that have happened since Jeffrey Farley took office as Mayor.

Modifications to the Agenda: Item 11. a Letter Supporting an East-West Railroad Study removed.

Under Public Comment: Lawrence Hindley owner of The Farm Shop stated that he has knowledge of the City of Ferndale purchasing a tractor from an outside source. Mr. Hindley would like to know why The Farm Shop was not part of the Bid process and what the procurement policy is. City Manager Jay Parrish stated that the tractor purchase was discussed and placed in the budget for 2011-2012 and City Council agreed on the purchase. However the Procurement process was not followed and will be reiterated to all City Employees. Duane Martin spoke on behalf of Lawrence Hindley stating that the City of Ferndale should be reprimanded for not following procedure. Jerry Bruga also spoke on behalf of Lawrence Hindley stating that the Procurement Process should be on the City Council Meeting Agenda for January Meeting. Mayor Stuart Titus stated that he will take all into consideration and will be discussing this issue with the staff.

Under Public Comment: Andréa Poutief from the California Conservation Corps spoke of Francis Creek slide debris and the planting of Willow trees around the slide area. Councilman John Maxwell thanked the CCC for filling sandbags for the community's members during the high water Francis Creek flooding most of downtown.

Consent Calendar: MOTION: (Maxwell/Mierzwa) Accept Accounts Payable and approve the minutes from the November 2, 2012 meeting. Unanimous.

Suddenlink Cable Transfer Agreement: MOTION: (Mierzwa/Sweeney) Approve Resolution 2012-37 consenting to the transfer of control of the cable television franchise in connection with the acquisition by Nespresso Acquisition Corporation of the equity interests of Cequel Communications Holdings, LLC. and authorize the City Manager to sign the Transfer Agreement on behalf of the city. All in favor. Sean McLaughlin spoke regarding Access Humboldt indicating that the City of Ferndale has the capability to televise City Council Meetings etc. Mr. McLaughlin was handed the signed Resolution and Transfer Agreement for his records.

Planning Commission: MOTION: (Maxwell/Sweeney) Approve the replacement of Dan Brown, newly elected to the City Council, with Dean Neilsen on the Planning Commission. All in favor. Mr. Neilsen will serve until 3/2014. Dean Neilsen was welcomed by the City Council.

Design Review Committee MOTION: (Sweeney/Maxwell) Approve replacement of Michael Sweeney with Mark Giacomini. All in favor.

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Orientation for City Goals: City Manager Jay Parrish brought to the attention of City Council that there are several new members on Committees and commissions, as well as on the council in Ferndale and recommends there be an orientation to all Council/Committee/Commission Members to attend. Date was set for February 7th from 4pm to 6pm. All in favor.

Lytel Foundation Letter regarding the Drainage Assessment District: City Manager Jay Parrish advised the City Council that the Bertha Lytel Foundation will no longer be donating \$25,000 to the City of Ferndale. This donation helped pay off the Drainage Loan that covers FEMA Francis Creek Project. City Manager Jay Parrish recommends a meeting with the city Attorney Russell Gans and City Engineer Praj White on January 24th 2013 at 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm. The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for January 3rd, 2013 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Pedrotti
Deputy City Clerk