

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
APPROVED Minutes for City Council Meeting of April 20, 2022

Mayor Hindley called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:06 pm via Zoom Video Conference. Those present did the flag salute. Present were Council Members Stephen Avis, Leonard Lund, Phillip Ostler, and Robin Smith, along with staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, Police Chief Ron Sligh, City Planners Krystle Heaney and Vanessa Blodgett, City Attorney Ryan Plotz, and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: Mayor Hindley stated there was a study session held on April 5, 2022 that discussed the Per Capita Grant and how to make distributions on that grant.

Public Comment: City Clerk Kristene Hall read two comments that were sent via email regarding Ferndale Garden Club and their work performed at the Police Station. Mayor Don Hindley stated that this issue would be placed on the May council agenda.

Consent Calendar: There were three items on the Consent Calendar for approval. Councilman Avis asked for Item "C", Acceptance of Financial Statements for March 1-31, 2022, be removed from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: to approve Items "A & B" of the consent calendar. **(Lund/Avis) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: Item "C", Acceptance of Financial Statements for March 1-31, 2022 was removed. Councilman Avis stated he pulled this item not because of the content but to discuss how to read these financial statements. Avis added that maybe having a workshop on how to read these statements and what the council should be focused on when reading them. Mayor Hindley commented that if a councilman has questions they can go to the city staff, or him, to go over these and ask questions instead of calling a study session or workshop. Mayor Hindley also added that there will be a budget meeting in the next few weeks and may also provide some insight into these.

MOTION: to approve Items "C" of the consent calendar. **(Avis/Ostler) Unanimous**

Presentation: None

Public Hearing:

Introduction and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-02 Organics Reduction and Recycling: City Manager Jay Parrish stated that there was a state mandate organics requirement that all cities will have to comply with. Parrish added that some small cities will be given a 5yr deferment on this mandate, but will still need to work on this process. Parrish added that the city had applied for a \$20,000 grant to help in the planning for this process with the assistance of Edgar Associates. Parrish stated that Evan Edgar from Edgar & Associates was present to speak with the council. Edgar gave the council and public a PowerPoint presentation. The Presentation went over

requirements, timelines, recovery programs, education, and planning. Edgar stated that the Ordinance was a model ordinance and will be used by most cities. Councilman Avis stated that it looked like most stuff will be deferred to HWMA and what responsibility will be the cities. Edgar stated that the biggest would be the landscape ordinance. Edgar also stated education and outreach as well. Avis also questioned the 5-year deferment. Edgar stated that the food recovery program will be implemented sooner. Mayor Hindley opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. **MOTION:** to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-02 Organics Reduction and Recycling, by title only. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Introduction and 1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-01 Approving the Military Equipment Use Policy: Mayor Hindley turned the discussion over to City Attorney Ryan Plotz. Plotz stated that this ordinance adopts requirements of AB481 which governs funding, acquisition and use of military equipment by law enforcement. Plotz went over the different parts of the ordinance including implementation, reporting and the approval of the military equipment use policy. Plotz stated that Ferndale Police Department currently only has one item, a HMMWV. Mayor Hindley Opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public. There were no comments from the council. **MOTION:** to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01 Military Equipment Use Policy, by title only, and to continue the public hearing until the May 18, 2022 meeting. **(Avis/Ostler) Unanimous**

Business:

Per Capita Grant Funding Project Recommendations: City Planner Krystle Heaney went over the staff report which included project recommendations from the Study Session that was held on April 5th. Heaney also stated that Rick Hill, who has been assisting the city with the grant, was also present to discuss some projects. Hill went over the some of the projects that will require CEQA, and the costs that would come from the CEQA review. A member of the public went over the list with the council and staff and gave his recommendations. The council, staff, and public discussed the projects in length and came up with projects they were in agreement with which included the following Russ Park: A trail tractor, trail vehicle, parking lot improvements, tools, and signage; Fireman's Park: A covered BBQ are, additional covers for existing areas, and signage. **MOTION:** to approve the project recommendations for the Per Capita Grant. **(Ostler/Lund) Unanimous**

Resolution 2022-04 Appointing Bill Evans to the Ferndale Library Board: Mayor Hindley thanked Mr. Evans for volunteering for this position. Councilman Smith also commented on Mr. Evans letter of interest and also thanked him. There were no comments from the public **MOTION:** to approve Resolution 2022-04 Appointing Bill Evans to the Ferndale Library Board. **(Smith/Ostler) Unanimous**

COVID 19 Update and Discussion: City Manager Parrish stated that it had now been 26 months since the Emergency Proclamation. Parrish stated he would like to ask the council to stay with Zoom for at least one more month to make sure the dust settles and numbers continue looking good. Parrish also added that China right now has numbers that are worse than in the beginning. Councilman Smith stated that numbers were starting to look good, but now are starting to rise yet again. Smith stated he did not think this was a surge but simply and incremental increase in the number of cases. Smith stated he was in agreeance with Parrish on not moving to fast and being

sure we are ready to go back to in person meetings. City Attorney Plotz went over the regulations of AB 361 which allows for modified Brown Act rules. Councilman Smith questioned if the staff had the equipment for hybrid meetings. Staff stated they are close and should be ready soon.

MOTION: to reconfirm the existence of the local emergency and reconfirm the findings of Resolution 2021-21 to continue the use of virtual meetings. **(Avis/Smith) Unanimous**

Correspondence: None

Council Comments: None

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilman Avis stated the City Managers report was well crafted and put together nicely. City Manager Parrish also gave an update on the solar arrays at the Wastewater Plant and Police Department.

Other Reports: Councilman Avis gave an update on the approved funds from HCOAG for the city.

Mayor Hindley Adjourned the Meeting at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted

Kristene Hall
City Clerk