

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of December 20, 2023</p>

Mayor Randy Cady called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those present did the flag salute. Present were Council Members Leonard Lund, Jenny Fisk-Becker, Skip Jorgensen, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, Police Chief Ron Sligh and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None.

Ceremonial: Mayor Cady read a Proclamation to honor and congratulate the Ferndale High School Athletes

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: Mayor Cady stated there was a Study Session held on December 4, 2023 to review City Goals and Priorities.

Public Comment: Public Comment was made by a public member regarding road repairs on Francis Street.

Consent Calendar: There were two items on the Consent Calendar for approval. There were no comments from the Council or Public

MOTION: to approve the consent calendar. **(Jorgensen/Lund) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Humboldt Regional Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update: City Manager Parrish gave a brief staff report on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and how it started to where the document is. Parrish stated that this is a collaboration of all the cities and county coming together and the basic idea is the reduction of green house gases. Parrish added that the document has been in the works for approximately 3 ½ years. Parrish stated a company was hired to get the document through the CEQA process and that during the review, the company called Ricon determined the document needed revisions that would be necessary to gain “qualified” status by the state. Parrish added that the newly proposed revisions were anticipated to take around 6 months. Parrish stated that there is no action on this item tonight, however, in the future this document will need to be reviewed by the Council and eventually approved. Councilman Jorgensen commented on how this relates to discussions at RCEA. Councilman Lund questioned if the amount of timber in the county a factor in balancing this out somewhat. Parrish stated that it had been an argument in the past that the timber should help balance out and be part of our portfolio. Councilman Ostler questioned the emergent of hydrogen vehicles. Parrish stated there had been.

Resolution 2023-26 Accepting Bid and Authorizing Award of Contract for Firemen's Park Ballfield Light Replacement Project: City Manager Parrish explained that this project had went out to bid and the bids received came in higher than expected and in which the council had previously approved. Parrish added that with the anticipated contingency, there still would be available money to cover the added cost. Councilman Jorgensen stated there was quite a monetary spread of bids. Councilman Lund added that the low bidder was a very reputable local company.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-26 Accepting Bid and Authorizing the Award of the Contract for the Firemen's Park Ballfield Light Replacement Project. **(Jorgensen/Lund)**
Unanimous

Resolution 2023-25 Setting the 2024 City Council Meeting Schedule: City Manager Parrish explained that this is a requirement that the Council set the Council meetings for the year. Parrish stated that if the Council would like to continue to hold the meetings on the third Wednesday each month at 6:00pm then staff would recommend approval of the proposed resolution.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-25 Approving the 2024 City Council Meeting Schedule. **(Lund/Ostler)** Unanimous

Resolution 2023-27 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property: Police Chief Ron Sligh went over the staff report. Sligh stated the Police Department currently had a surplus vehicle they were wanting to retire due to the age and condition of the vehicle. Sligh added that the value of the vehicle was between \$600-2400, therefore was looking for a minimum bid of \$600.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-27 Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property. **(Lund/Ostler)** Unanimous

Correspondence: No Comments from Council or the Public.

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen stated that if any of the Council or public had any questions regarding RCEA or HCOAG he would be willing to discuss, just to let him know. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated she was selected to be on a statewide board for policymaking with the League of California Cities. Fisk-Becker added that the first meeting was to be held on March 20, 2024 which is the same day as the March Council meeting, and she will be absent from the council meeting due to conflict of meetings. Fisk-Becker also added the council is putting on a Christmas Brunch for City Employees.

Councilman Ostler stated the Drainage Committee was looking to possibly increase drainage fees to possibly look at funding a grant writer to assist with drainage projects.

Mayor Cady stated that the Christmas Tractor Parade was well attended and great to see people out. Cady added that Ferndale is a safe place to be.

Councilman Lund stated he was glad we did not have any earthquakes on December 20th.

Councilman Jorgensen commented on Francis Street road repairs that was brought up by a member of the public. City Manager Parrish stated that the Street and Road Committee, as well as the Engineer had walked some of the roads and determined which roads needed attention. Parrish added the City Engineer is now gathering figures on costs and is hoping to have the numbers by the January or February Council meeting. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned if the city in the past neighbors had put together money to assist in fixing their roads. Parrish stated that this would not be a good precedence to set.

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilman Jorgensen thanked Jay for the condensed report.

Other Reports: None

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk