

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of February 15, 2023

Mayor 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, Jennifer Fisk-Becker, Skip Jorgensen, and Phillip Ostler, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, City Planner Vanessa Blodgett, Police Chief Ron Sligh, and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: Public Comments included comments on Design Review Committee and Process as well as consideration for an anti-hate resolution.

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing:

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-01 Amending Ordinance 2011-01 Section 6.01.1 Adopting the Required 2022 Title 24 Business Code Standards and Regulations; by title only: Mayor Cady opened the public hearing. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Cady closed the public hearing. There were no comments from the council. **MOTION:** to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-01 Amending Ordinance 2011-01 Section 6.01.1 Adopting the Required 2022 Title 24 Building Code Standards and Regulations; by title only.

(Jorgensen/Lund) Unanimous

Business:

Update on the Land Use Element: City Planner Vanessa Blodgett gave a PowerPoint presentation to the council. Blodgett explained the Land Use Element and the importance of the update. Blodgett stated the funding for updating the Land Use element which includes SB2 Grant Funds, LEAP Grant Funds, and REAP grant funds. Blodgett went over the Land Use contents overview, and the Blodgett also went over the progress so far to date as well as a proposed timeline for future progress. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned the outreach process and who was being informed of changes. Blodgett stated that they are sending out flyers, emails, newspaper ads, and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Councilman Lund questioned is some of these changes were proposed changes from landowners and if they would be notified. Blodgett stated they were and will be notified.

Ferndale I & I Reduction Grant Funding Request: Paul Gregson was present to give a PowerPoint presentation on the I & I Grant and the problems with the collection system. Gregson explained the City had applied for a \$12,210,000 construction grant to reduce the I & I in the city's collection system, however also stated that part of the grant has a very restrictive timeline. Gregson stated that further discussion with engineers determined the timeline could be met if the city could provide up to \$200,000 to begin the engineering early. Gregson added that if the grant was approved, the advance would be reimbursed. Councilman Lund questioned the amount of the grant funding and if it could be changed as well as the timeline for completion. Gregson stated that its possible for the city not to receive the full amount of the requested grant and the completion if the full amount is received would be 2-3 years. The Council further discussed what services would be provided in advance of the grant which includes surveying and geotechnical investigations. Councilman Jorgensen questioned where the advance funds would come from. Gregson explained the funds would be essentially borrowed from the sewer funds set aside for sewer maintenance. The council took public comment. **MOTION:** to Approve up to a \$200,000 grant funding request for the Ferndale I & I Grant. **(Ostler/Jorgensen) Unanimous**

Approve City Attorney Renewal Contract: City Manager Jay Parrish stated that in February of every year we renew the city attorney contract. Parrish stated that city staff is pleased with the city attorney and recommends renewal of the contract. Councilman Ostler stated the rates are very reasonable. There were no comments from the public.

MOTION: to approve the renewal of the City Attorney Contract **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Appoint Member to Serve on Library Board: There were no comments from the council or public. The council did thank Susan for applying.

MOTION: to Appoint Susan Murray to the Ferndale Library Board. **(Jorgensen/Fisk-Becker) Unanimous**

COVID 19 Update and Discussion: City Manager Parrish stated he would recommend continuing the emergency until the County of State rescinded. There were no comments from the Council or Public.

MOTION: to reconfirm the existence of the local emergency. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Correspondence: None

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen submitted to the council a proposed resolution that would address inclusion and acceptance.

Reports:

City Managers Report: City Manager Parrish went over a grant to raise the berm around the lagoon. Parrish also stated staff was continuing work on the Prop 1 grant for drainage. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker questioned the filling of potholes.

Other Reports: Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated she had attended the orientation meeting at HCOAG. Fisk-Becker also stated she had attended the Emergency Response Meeting.

Councilman Jorgensen stated that he had attended the RCEA meeting. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker had a question on the City Planners report regarding conversion of a motel/hotel to a multifamily unit.

Mayor Cady thanked the audience, staff, and fellow councilmembers and Adjourned the Meeting at 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk