

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of July 19, 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: Police Chief Ron Sligh and City Clerk Kristene Hall.

Report out of Closed Session: Mayor Cady stated there was a Closed Session prior to tonight's meeting for a performance evaluation of the City Manager and to discuss establishing a Parks and Recreation Coordinator. There was no reportable action taken at that meeting.

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: A member of the public spoke regarding a private meeting that took place between Senator McGuire and the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce.

Two members of the public spoke regarding the Francis Creek Drainage near their homes.

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

Discuss and Appoint Voting Delegate to League of Cities Annual Conference: City Clerk Kristene Hall explained to the council that this conference was held annually in either Long Beach or Sacramento. Hall stated that this year the conference was being held in Sacramento.

Hall added that in the past, the council had voted not to send a delegate, however,

Councilwoman Fisk-Beker had expressed interest in going to this year's conference.

Councilmembers discussed the travel reimbursement policy. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated she was only looking for partial reimbursement.

MOTION: To designate Councilwoman Fisk-Becker as the voting delegate for the California League of Cities Annual Conference and to approve the reimbursement for travel expenses up to \$1687.00 **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Consider Appointment of Member to the Ferndale Drainage Committee: Mayor Cady went over the staff report stating the Drainage Committee has been short one member since February of 2023. Cady added that one application from John Maxwell had been received. There were no questions from the public or council.

MOTION: to approve John Maxwell to serve on the Drainage Committee. (Ostler/Lund)
Unanimous

Correspondence: No Comments from Council or the Public.

Council Comments: Councilman Lund questioned if any type of going away event was being held for Steve Coppini. Councilman Jorgensen suggested a certificate of Appreciation be given. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker added that the volunteer groups for the hydration station and city bathroom remodel should also be recognized once the projects are finished.

Mayor Cady stated a meeting was held between the Chamber of Commerce and Senator McGuire. Cady added that they invited the City Manager, Vice-Mayor, himself (Cady), a school board member as well as a Caltrans employee. The discussions included roads, funding options, schools, Fernbridge, and the inclusion and hate issues.

Reports:

City Managers Report: Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated that in the City Engineers report, it does mention he is working on the Francis Street Drainage issues. Councilman Lund added that the volunteer group was getting ready to do the annual maintenance of Francis Creek. City Clerk Hall added that the volunteer group had walked the creek and a list was provided as problem areas. Hall also stated that with the added rainfall and wind this year, the creek was in need of a lot of vegetation removal and encouraged anyone interested in joining the annual vegetation removal in August to get a hold of Tom Stephens or call the City. Councilman Ostler added that lunch is also provided for the volunteers, and it is a great volunteer organization.

Other Reports: Councilman Ostler stated he had attended the Library Board Meeting.

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers and Adjourned the Meeting at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk