

<p style="text-align: center;">City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A. Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of February 21, 2024</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, 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: Mayor Cady stated a closed session was held on February 12, 2024, at 3:30pm. There was no reportable action.

Ceremonial: A Certificate of Appreciation was given to McKay's Collision Repair for their donation of auto body work to one of our police vehicles.

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Report out of Study Session: None

Public Comment: There was one public comment regarding a grant opportunity.

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

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

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

PHLA Grants Program: City Planner Michelle Nielsen was present. Nielsen explained that this grant program is a complex grant program that must be used to provide direct assistance for housing projects and programs that result in construction or rehabilitation of housing. Nielsen added that this item was once before the council back in 2022 and at that time it was determined that the PHLAs administrative responsibilities were a significant departure from other type grants and the city lacked the necessary resources and capacity to administer a PHLA program. Nielsen explained that in December 2023 HCD released the PHLA Notice of Funding Allocation for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 and cities must take action by Feb 2024 or the 2020 funding allocation or the state will take back the money and apply it elsewhere. Nielsen went over three options the city could take. Staff determined that the best option would be to permanently delegate Ferndale's PHLA funding to another local city or the county. Nielsen explained that she had reached out to other cities and the county who currently have a PHLA program. The City of Eureka and the County of Humboldt both replied with programs that could utilize Ferndale's PHLA funding. The Council discussed the two options presented from the City of Eureka, who was present; and the County of Humboldt.

MOTION: to Approve Resolution 2024-03 Approving the Permanent Delegation of the PLHA 2019-2023 Formula Allocation of Funding to City of Eureka and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Agreement on Behalf of the City. **(Jorgensen/Lund) Unanimous**

Road Maintenance Priority List: City Manager Jay Parrish stated that on December 11, 2023, a survey was taken with himself, the Mayor, Councilman Ostler Police Chief Ron Sligh, and City Engineer Brian Ontiveros. Parrish stated that they surveyed seven different sites. These sites were evaluated by the Engineer and the city was given cost estimates on these sites which are included in the packet. Parrish went over each surveyed site with the cost estimate. A member of the public questioned the condition of the city parking lot. Parrish stated that this was not one of the sites surveyed, however it is good to have community involved to bring up these issues. Another public member mentioned Berding Street. Parrish stated the HCOAG is the entity that money for roads within the county is distributed to and they make the determination on where funding goes. Parrish added that the city does have a representative that is on the board of HCOAG. Another public member questioned the determination on which roads get long term and which get short term fixes. Mayor Cady stated that at this time, there are no grant funds available for street and road repairs. City Manager Parrish stated that the city would like to add two members from the community to the Streets and Road committee, possibly Cameron Renner and Stu Titus. Councilman Jorgensen stated maybe the city could have a study session on this in the near future to discuss the addition of two members.

City Attorney Contract Renewal: City Manager Parrish stated that we've had a good long-standing relationship with our City Attorney Ryan Plotz. Parrish added he is very knowledgeable and works well with staff. Councilman Ostler stated his fee schedule is very reasonable.

MOTION: to renew the City Attorney Contract. **(Lund/Jorgensen) Unanimous**

City Auditor Contract Renewal: City Manager Parrish stated that we've had a good long-standing relationship with our City Auditor JJACP. Parrish stated that Joseph Arch, owner, is very helpful and knowledgeable.

MOTION: to Renew the City Auditor Contract. **(Jorgensen/Ostler) Unanimous**

Reappoint Commissioners to the Planning Commission: Mayor Cady opened discussion. There were no comments from the Council or Public.

MOTION: to reappoint Stuart Altschuler and Josh Smith to the Planning Commission. **(Jorgensen/Lund) Unanimous**

Appoint Member to Library Board: Mayor Cady opened discussion. There were no comments from the Council or Public.

MOTION: to appoint Holly Wilson to the Library Board. **(Ostler/Jorgensen) Unanimous**

Correspondence: No Comments from Council or the Public.

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen stated that Fernbridge was closing for 40hrs the weekend of February 23rd. Jorgensen also questioned who owned the trees on Main Street. Parrish stated that the trees were owned by Caltrans.

Councilman Lund stated that the new hydration station donated by Rotary was put in down at the public restrooms. Lund added that it looked really nice.

Reports:

City Managers Report: None

Other Reports: None

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 7:29 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristene Hall
City Clerk