

**City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California, U.S.A.**  
Approved Action Minutes for City Council Meeting of February 19, 2025

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, Jennifer Fisk-Becker, and Skip Jorgensen, along with City staff: City Manager Jay Parrish, City Clerk Kristene Hall, and Finance Manager Lauren Boop.

Report out of Closed Session: None

Ceremonial: None

Modifications to the Agenda: None.

Report out of Study Session: Mayor Cady stated there was a study session held on January 29, 2025, to review and discuss a draft ordinance for universal solid waste collection.

Public Comment: A member of the public inquired on the status of Francis Street Drainage.

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/Jorgensen) Unanimous**

Call Items Removed from Consent Calendar: None

Presentation: None

Public Hearing: None

Business:

City Attorney Contract Renewal: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish stated that we have retained City Attorney Ryan Plotz for about 8 years, and he has done an excellent job for the city. Parrish also added there was no rate increase included in the contract renewal. Parrish also stated that this year staff is asking for an open-ended contract with the attorney's office so it would not have to be renewed annually.

**MOTION:** to Approve City Attorney contract renewal. **(Jorgensen/Fisk-Becker) Unanimous**

City Auditor Contract Renewal: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish stated that we have retained the services of Joseph Arch, JJACPA, Inc., for over 10 years. Parrish stated that JJACPA has done an excellent job and has helped and been a great resource for Finance Manager Lauren Boop. Councilman Jorgensen and Lund thanked staff and contract personnel.

**MOTION:** to Approve City Auditor contract renewal. **(Lund/Ostler) Unanimous**

Public Information Meeting on: City Manager Jay Parrish went over the staff report. Parrish explained that per the timeline the city would be holding a public information meeting on March 1, 2025, from 10:00-12:00 to help educate public members on upcoming changes to solid waste collection for compliance with SB1383. Parrish added that the flyer regarding the meeting will be placed in the newspaper, two bulletin boards, and on the city website. Councilwoman Fisk-Becker asked staff to add to the flyer that the upcoming changes will include increased rates. Staff stated they will add that to the flyer. Councilman Jorgensen questioned if rates will be looked at annually. Parrish stated they would be looked at annually and adjusted for the CPI

changes. A member of the public stated concerns on getting the information out to the public regarding the changes.

Correspondence: None

Council Comments: Councilman Jorgensen questioned the increased sales tax measure for the police department and if he could get an accounting of the totals. Jorgensen also asked how discussions were progressing with Blue Lake and Trinidad for police service. Jorgensen asked if the council could get a report on this at the next meeting. City Manager Parrish stated he would place it on the agenda for a report.

Councilman Lund stated Fireman's Park was coming together nicely and looks great.

Councilwoman Fisk-Becker stated that the Spirit of Ferndale may be helping the City with the bathroom replacement at Fireman's Park. Fisk-Becker also questioned the job opening for public works and recommended that public works crew member David be on the interview panel.

Reports:

City Managers Report: City Manager Jay Parrish stated he had been in contact with PGE regarding the undergrounding project and it starting back up.

Other Reports: None

Mayor Cady thanked the staff, public, and fellow councilmembers, and Adjourned the Meeting at 6:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Kristene Hall  
City Clerk