

**MINUTES OF THE  
FERNLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 21, 2021**

Mayor Edgington called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd, Fernley, NV.

Mayor Edgington explained this meeting was in person and broadcasted via Zoom. He explained how to access Zoom and how to ask questions during the appropriate time.

**1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**1.1. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mayor Roy Edgington, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilwoman Fran McKay, Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, City Manager Daphne Hooper, Deputy City Manager Michael Toombs, City Attorney Brandi Jensen, Deputy City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen, City Engineer Derek Starkey, City Treasurer Denise Lewis, Deputy City Treasurer Thomas Lukas, Planning Director Tim Thompson, Building Official Shawn Keating, Public Works Director Dave Whalen, City Clerk Kim Swanson, Clerk Administrative Specialist II April Homme. **Absent:** Councilman Ray Lacy.

**1.2. Public Forum**

John Reichlen Fernley resident commented on the Hansford Economic Consulting proposed water and sewer fee increase and suggested council reject the proposed fee increase.

**1.3. (For Possible Action) Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ITEM 5.3 PULLED AND BROUGHT BACK AT A FUTURE MEETING **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Stan Lau. **Seconded by** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, **Vote:** Motion carried by Roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4). **Yes:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Absent:** Councilman Ray Lacy.

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2.1. (For Possible Action) Approval of Voucher Report.**

**2.2. (Possible Action) Approval of Minutes Meeting April 07, 2021**

**2.3. (Possible Action) Approval of Business Licenses**

**2.4. Possible Action to approve the ratification of expenditures for the rebuild of the well pump and replacement of column for Fernley Municipal Well #14 for an amount not to exceed \$38,045 to Carson Pump.**

**2.5 Staff is seeking approval to execute a contract for the Civil Engineering design for the City's Green Valley Park Facility. The scope of the work is to Survey the park and Design sidewalks with ADA compliance throughout, and the design of two-family picnic shade structures, new restrooms, and relocate some fencing in the dog park area.**

**Motion:** MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Stan Lau, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski. **Vote:** Motion carried by Roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4). **Yes:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Absent:** Councilman Ray Lacy.

**3. REPORTS This item is for various public entity representatives to provide general information to the Council and public. No action will be taken.**

City Manager Daphne Hooper reported there are no outside agency reports.

**3.1. Reports by City Staff, City Council, and the Mayor, including but not limited to monthly statistical reports by city departments.**

City Manager Hooper reported we are currently updating the reader board. There is a mandatory FCTA training for grantees on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The Arts and Culture Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Neighborhood watch is

starting up again. There is a steering committee meeting scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> with a regular neighborhood watch meeting to follow. Installation for the City clock, benches and a fire globe have begun at the corner of Main St. and Silver Lace Blvd. The welcome to City of Fernley signs has been installed. The meter technician position has been filled internally. The Assistant Planner starts on Monday. The Deputy City Attorney started earlier this week. Development Engineer, Associate Planner, Street Maintenance Worker and Building Inspector are the City's current vacancies. Open enrollment for employee health benefits will be held in May via Zoom.

### **3.2. State of Nevada Legislative Update**

Mendy Elliot with Capital Partners reported there are multiple water bills, and that Dave Rigdon has played a significant role assisting with questions and impacts of these bills. A report has been provided to the City Manager and Council Members for review with a list of failed and exempted bills. Councilman Torres inquired about the Innovation Zone Bill. Mendy Elliot stated the Innovation Zone Bill is still in draft.

## **4. PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Edgington Proclaimed Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as Fernley Youth Law - Awareness Day.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1. Presentation, discussion and possible action for proposed Bond Debt, Water Rates and Sewer Rates changes presented by Hansford Economic Consulting LLC.**

Public Works Director Dave Whalen announced the Water and Sewer rates have been five years in the making. Public Works is recommending a water and sewer rate increase to support responsible growth. An business impact statement will be conducted.

Catherine Hansford with Hansford Economic presented this item. Ms. Hansford stated the intent of the water rate study is to make certain there is enough money to keep all systems working and compliant with all Federal and State requirements. (see attached)

Discussion ensued. Council members and Mayor Edgington voiced concerns and provided comments. Catherine Hansford answered questions. City Manager stated there are many challenges however deferring may not be the best option. City Manager Hooper recommended allowing staff to move forward and start the business impact study, review alternative relief funding, and present options moving forward.

**Motion:** MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AND PROVIDE A PROPOSED RESOLUTION **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Stan Lau, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski. **Vote:** Motion carried by Roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4). **Yes:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Absent:** Councilman Ray Lacy.

## **5.2. Presentation from Mr. Kevin Shepherd with Verdunity Inc.**

Mr. Kevin Shepherd Verdunity CEO presented.

## **5.3. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Official adoption of the Main Street (Art) Park by the Rotary Club of Fernley.**

This item was not heard.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **6.1. (For possible action) Approval and/or amend Lyon County's COVID-19**

City Deputy Manager Michael Toombs presented. (see attached)

Councilman Torres inquired how the City handles businesses that do not comply with the mask mandate. City Manager Hooper stated these are complaint based and handled by OSHA.

**Motion:** MOVE TO APPROVE AND ENDORSE THE LYON COUNTY TRANSITION PLAN TITLED “RESTORE LYON COUNTY”, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Albert Torres. **Seconded by** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski. **Vote:** Motion carried by Roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4). **Yes:** Councilman Albert Torres, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilwoman Fran McKay, Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski. **Absent:** Councilman Ray Lacy.

**6.2. (For possible action) Update on City of Fernley COVID-19 response including City Hall reopening, funding for state and local governments, local business re-opening plans, and local events.**

City Manager Hooper reported as of May 1<sup>st</sup> the county will be open with only the mask mandate. There are testing locations and vaccinations available for 16yrs and older. You can go to [gethealthycarsoncity.org](http://gethealthycarsoncity.org) or contact a local pharmacy to schedule a vaccination. The City has not received final notification from the State regarding Federal funding. When notification is received a plan will be submitted to Council.

**7. ADDRESS REQUEST(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Councilwoman Zoberski requested that resources be explored for mental health for the community and the transient population.

**8. PUBLIC FORUM**

There was none.

Mayor Edgington announced the next Fernley City Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 5th, 2021 pm at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley City Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by the Fernley City Council on May 05, 2021 by a vote of:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTEST: Clerk Kim Swanson**

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**Mayor Roy Edgington**