

**MINUTES OF THE
FERNLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Mayor Neal E. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM at Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Neil E. McIntyre, Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Present Via Zoom:** Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay. Staff: City Clerk Kim Swanson, Administrative Specialist I Sandy Harris, Deputy City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen; City Treasurer Denise Lewis. **Absent:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberksi

1.2. Public Forum

None

1.3. (For Possible Action) Approval of Agenda

Motion: I MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Seconded by** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 4, **Yes:** Councilman Ryan Hanan, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Absent:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberksi.

2. STAFF REPORTS

2.1. (For Possible Action): Possible approval of a contract with Porter Group to provide federal legislative services at a cost of \$6000 a month for eight months beginning February 21, 2023.

Denise Lewis stated that the City of Fernley intends to apply for Community Project Funding (CPF) and Congressional Directed Spending (CDS). It has been recommended that the City contract with a federal lobbyist to assist in applying for and obtaining these federal funds. Therefore, the staff reached out to the city's state lobbyist for recommendations. The lobbyist recommend the Porter Group as their team's knowledge, relationships, experience, etc. really stood out.

Porter Group presented via Zoom.

Congressman Jon C. Porter thanked the Council for the consideration. He gave a brief biography of himself and how the Porter Group would make sure that funding would be a priority.

Chris Porter explained Community Project Funding (CPS) and Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) and how they work. He explained that Porter Group will work with staff and the project team to develop the applications necessary for applying for CPF and CDS funding.

Cameron Gresh explained the application phase and how they will work with the State of Nevada delegation throughout the process. He also stated how they will work with the city to clarify what the city's projects are and what funding will be available.

Councilman Stan Lau asked about other funding for infrastructure projects like water projects. Cameron Gresh explained different funding categories that the City may be eligible for, like infrastructure projects such as water and sewer and grants for different projects.

Aaron Mouritsen, Deputy City Attorney, recommended Item 21, Lobbying, be removed from the proposed contract.

Treasurer Lewis stated that in addition to the Community Response & Resource Center (CRRC) project, they are identifying other water & sewer projects and will bring the list to the March 15, 2023, City Council meeting.

Councilman Torres asked for clarification in regards to Item 21, Lobbying, being removed from the contract only, and where the lobbying costs would be coming from. City Treasurer Lewis clarified the lobbying costs will come from the City Managers' Office budget.

Motion: I MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH PORTER GROUP FOR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AT A COST OF \$6,000.00 A MONTH FOR EIGHT MONTHS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21, 2023, WITH THE REMOVAL OF SECTION 21 OF THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES PORTION LOBBYING **Action:** Approved, **Moved** by Councilman Ryan Hanan, **Seconded** by Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 4, **Yes:** Councilman Ryan Hanan, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Absent:** Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

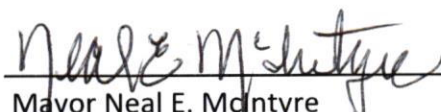
None

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley Special City Council meeting adjourned at 1:02 PM.

Approved by the Fernley City Council on March 15, 2023, by a vote of:

AYES 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENT: 0



Mayor Neal E. McIntyre



ATTEST: City Clerk Kim Swanson