

**MINUTES OF THE
FERNLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2023**

Mayor Neal McIntyre called the meeting to order at 05:03 PM at Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV 89408.

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Neal McIntyre, Councilman Ryan Hanan, Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski, Councilman Stan Lau, Councilman Albert Torres, Councilwoman Fran McKay, Planning Director Michele Rambo, Building Official Charity Birkel, City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen, HR Manager Mitzi Carter, Deputy City Attorney Lydia Altick, City Clerk Kim Swanson, Administrative Specialist I Sandy Harris, Public Works Director Barry Williams, City Engineer Derek Starkey, City Treasurer Denis Lewis.

1.2. Public Forum

Fernley City resident Sharon Holley reported that she attended the TCID meeting on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and it was wonderful to see Fernley represented by so many people. She thanked Councilman Torres for being there to represent the Council. It is sad to hear people are losing their wells. There are so few well drillers and people have to wait months to get any kind of help. We need to band together to solve this.

Fernley City resident Tammy Ditman reported that NDOT is working on the flood ditch from the high school to Sage, and reminded everyone to be civil while people are speaking at the podium.

1.3. (For Possible Action) Approval of Agenda

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Stan Lau, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Stan Lau, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

2.1. (Possible Action) Approval of Voucher Report

2.2. (Possible Action) Approval of Minutes

2.3. (Possible Approval) Approval of Business Licenses

City Clerk Kim Swanson read the new business licenses issued.

2.4. Possible action to Approve the award of the 2023-2024 Annual Chemical Supplier Contract to Thatcher Company of Nevada, Inc. for an amount not to exceed the bulk price per lbs. listed in the submitted bid document for each chemical supplied.

2.5. Possible action to approve award of the 2023-2025 Bi-Ennial Analytical Support contract to SGS

Silver State Analytical Laboratories for an amount not to exceed the unit price per test listed in the submitted bid document.

2.6. Possible action to Approve the award of 2023-2025 Bi-Ennial Traffic Signal Maintenance Service Contract to Titan Electrical Contracting, Inc. in amount not to exceed the unit price per services listed in the bid document not exceeding \$81,040.

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

Lyon County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Mitch Branningham reported that National Night Out, held at the Out of Town Park., had a record turn-out. They also had a record turn-out for the blood draw that was going on during that event. He gave a special thanks to Crissy Rameraz from The American Highway Company for the donation of the ice and water for the event, Derek McKenzie and the Silverado Casio, Oscar Aguilar and the Boys & Girls Club. He also thanked the Mayor, April Homme, Lydia Altick and the city for all their help and donations and the work they did to make sure that event went off without a hitch. There is a new deputy working in Fernley, Eric Mendoza. There is a new program called Mugshop Mondays. It is a blotter that has mugshots as well as criminal charges and basic information on everyone that is booked into Lyon County jail.

Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski stated that she appreciated National Night Out. It is nice to be able to have our youth be able to go out and be around the department and actually touch the K9 dogs.

Mayor Neal McIntyre stated that it was great to watch the dogs, during a display of commands and how they react.

Councilman Albert Torres stated that he had heard great feedback about the National Night Out and saw the pictures of the North Lyon County Fire Department that were on the Sheriff's office SWAT van. Firefighters do follow their hero as well.

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

Building Official Charity Berkel gave the July monthly stats. There were 85 applications submitted, 19 of those were single dwelling repeats. There were 33 solar permits, 2 of those were new commercial structures, one for Building G at TAMI off of Englewood and one for the Sure Clean Car Wash which is going in off Newlands by Walmart. There were 60 permits issued, 28 solar, and 14 miscellaneous. The building inspectors performed 1,189 building inspections, 4 were business license inspections. Code enforcement took in 85 complaints, 36 were abated and 49 are still in process. Twenty vehicles were tagged and 4 of those vehicles were towed.

Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick announced that 2 positions were filled for the City; Accounts Payable and Management Analyst.

Planning Director Michele Rambo reported on the progress of the area plan that is being worked on. The deadline for proposals was last Friday, July 28, 2023. Three proposals were received for the North side of I80. The department will be starting the selection process and come up with a consultant to help out.

Councilman Albert Torres asked Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick if there was any new information on the overpass's progress.

Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick stated that there will be a meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2023, with

FHWA, NDOT, Mark IV Capital, and the City of Fernley. After that meeting, the meetings will be monthly.

Ward 4 Councilman Albert Torres stated that there was a lot of information shared at the TCID meeting and thanked the citizens that attended and Chair Davey Stix for doing a great job at answering questions and keeping things flowing in the right direction. The Mayor and himself will attend the Nevada League of Cities next week for the annual conference. Gave a shout out to everyone who put together and all the contestants this past weekend for the Fernley JR/Sr Rodeo. It was well attended. Local Cab McKnight won one of the roping contests and won a saddle. The FCTA is a major sponsor of this event.

Ward 2 Councilwoman Felicity Zoberiski thanked the public works department for fixing the water leak on Farm District Road. Next weekend, August 12-13, the girls softball will be having a tournament here in town.

Mayor Neal McIntyre announced the very first employees of the month. For the month of July they were RanDee Gahr, Tasha Lowery, and April Homme.

4. STAFF REPORTS

4.1. (For Possible Action) Interviews and consideration of the three (3) candidates for the City Manager position, and possible appointment of an applicant for the City Manager position. The Council may consider the character and professional competence of the following candidates for the City Manager position: Sharon Jakubowski Wolz, Benjamin Marchant, and John Rostash.

HR Manager Mitzi Carter introduced Yolanda Housey from BakerTilley.

Yolanda Housey went over the process. Each candidate will provide a presentation based on a scenario previously provided. They will each have 12 minutes. Each candidate will also be asked a series of 9 questions following their presentation, which includes an opportunity to provide a closing statement at the end. Once all three candidates have been interviewed, they will be excused for the evening and the Mayor will recess with the research committee and council members.

The three candidates gave their presentations and were interviewed in the following order:

(1) Sharon Jakubowski Wolz

Mayor Neal McIntyre called for a break - 6:01 pm - 6:08 pm

(2) Ben Marchant

Mayor Neal McIntyre called for a break - 6:49 pm - 7:00 pm

(3) John Rostash

Mayor Neal McIntyre called for a recess to meet with the interview committee and then the councilmembers - 7:34 pm - 9:06 pm.

Motion: MOVE TO CONTINUE THE MEETING FOR THE NEXT 55 MINUTES.

Action: Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan.

Vote: Passed. **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman Zoberiski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Torres, Councilwoman McKay.

Mayor Neal McIntyre recommended Ben Marchant for City Manager.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BEN MARCHANT AS CITY MANAGER. **Action:** Disapproved. **Moved by:** Councilman Stan Lau, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Failed. **Summary:** Yes 2, No 3. **Yes:** Councilman Hanan, Councilman Lau. **No:** Councilwomen Zoberski, Councilman Torres, Councilwomen McKay.

Mayor Neak McIntyre requests a break - 9:12 pm - 9:22 pm.

Mayor Neal McIntyre recommended John Rostash.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ROSTASH AS CITY MANAGER. **Action:** Disapproved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Failed. **Summary:** Yes 2, No 3. **Yes:** Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, **No:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Torres.

Mayor Neal McIntyre called for a break - 9:26 pm - 9:42 pm.

Mayor Neal McIntyre recommended Ben Marchant

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BEN MARCHANT AS CITY MANAGER. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 3, No 2. **Yes:** Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, **No:** Councilman Torres, Councilwomen McKay .

5. ADDRESS REQUEST(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated that she has been reading about government grants for transportation. Suggested looking into those grants to help us find a way to get public transportation.

Councilman Ryan Hanan stated that it is his understanding from the TCID meeting, that there may be federal money available for extending the depth of wells. Would like it put on the agenda for the city to look into programs that would aid and assist those who need to drill deeper wells. Maybe an alternative would be to look at our federal lobbyists that we have and ask them if there are programs that they are aware of.

Councilman Albert Torres stated that there were discussions about possible solutions, but there were no solutions presented. BOR did give a report. They are still stating that it will be done by October 1, but as far as federal money, the idea was discussed, but federal money will be very hard to get.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Fernley city resident James Roberts asked the city to seek guidance on what the aquifer consists of and how much volume there is.

7. ADJOURNMENT

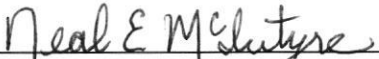
There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley City Council meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM.

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Next meeting will be August 16, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Approved by the Fernley City Council on August 16, 2023, by a vote of:

AYES 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENT: 0



Mayor Neal E. McIntyre



ATTEST: City Clerk Kim Swanson

Please sign in

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