

**MINUTES OF THE
FERNLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2023**

Mayor Neal McIntyre called the Fernley City Council meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Roll Call

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

1.3. Public Forum

None at this time.

1.4. (For Possible Action) Approval of Agenda

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH MOVING ITEMS 2.7 AND 2.8 OFF OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ONTO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Albert Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.2. (Possible Action) Approval of Minutes

2.3. (Possible Approval) Approval of Business Licenses

City Clerk Kim Swanson read the new business licenses.

2.4. Possible action to approve a contract for on-call inspection services and engineering support services with NCE.

2.5. Possible action to approve a contract with DOWL Reno, NV (formerly Farr West Engineering) for the continued implementation and hosting of the Strategic Asset Management programs (ArcGIS Online and Vue Works) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

2.6. Possible action to approve a contract with Wood Rodgers for engineering design and construction services for the Main Street Beautification Phase 4 Project and ADA Bathroom Facility at the Fernley Train Depot for an amount of \$78,500.

2.7. Possible action to enter into a contract with Wood Rodgers for \$291,000 over a period of two to three years to assist the City of Fernley with the conveyance of ten parcels under the 2014 Fernley Lands Bill lands to the City.

The council asked for clarification on several issues; the process and how we obtain public lands, some of

the land is in a floodplain and are we obtaining land that we will not be able to use, and where is the money coming from?

Acting City Manager Lydia Altick explained that on December 19, 2014, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 3913). This Act included Section 3009(c) titled "Conveyance to the City of Fernley, NV, commonly referred to as the "Lands Bill". On December 28, 2016, Fernley City Council approved an MOU between the BLM and the City of Fernley regarding respective roles, responsibilities, conditions, and procedures for the land conveyance of approximately 9,779 acres of public lands. On January 9, 2020, the City released a request for proposals (RFP) to seek development proposals from qualified firms for the opportunity to purchase and develop ten parcels of Federal land to be conveyed through the process established by the Lands Bill. Several firms replied with project visions for the various parcels and the benefits their projects will bring to the City, among other qualifications. The intended outcome of the RFP process is the development of an Exclusive Right to Negotiate agreement that will establish terms and conditions, as identified in the Lands Bill. On May 2, 2023, City staff met with the Carson City District BLM staff and field manager as required to initiate the conveyance process for ten parcels of land designated in the Lands Bill. After that meeting, the City put out a request to three professional consulting firms that are listed on the City's list of Qualified Professionals for baseline surveys, reports, concept layouts, and NEPA documentation in accordance with the 2016 MOU between the BLM and the City to facilitate conveyance of 10 parcels. The City staff's choice is Wood Rodgers based on the professional scope of services provided in their proposal. The estimated cost is \$291,000, and is a time and materials estimate. The funds come from the general fund. A portion of these professional services are accounted for in the FY 2024 current budget. A continuation of these professional services into the next fiscal years will require a continuation of this budget fund line item. It is the intent of the City to have the cost of these services reimbursed as part of any future sale agreements of parcels identified in the Lands Bill.

Mayor Neal McIntyre stated there are a few developers who are interested in this land as soon as it is in Fernley's hands. He thanked the Council for the discussion because some of the public may not know what is going on with the Lands Bill and it gives them the opportunity to understand.

Motion: MOVE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOOD RODGERS FOR \$291,000 OVER A PERIOD OF TWO TO THREE YEARS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF FERNLEY WITH THE CONVEYANCE OF 10 PARCELS UNDER THE 2014 FERNLEY LANDS BILL ACT TO THE CITY. **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.

2.8. Possible Action to approve the salary rate and benefits of the City Manager, Benjamin Marchant, in an amount not to exceed \$241,046. Consent was previously provided for appointment by City Council.

Council discussed the additional three months' severance pay and the \$500.00 for vehicle usage.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE THE SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES WITH THE AUTO ALLOWANCE ELIMINATED AND WITH THE EXTRA THREE MONTHS' SEVERANCE ELIMINATED SO LEAVE JUST SIX MONTHS' SEVERANCE PAY AND NO AUTO ALLOWANCE. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

2.9. (Possible Approval) Discussion and possible action to approve an additional \$2,000.00 in investigative expenses related to a Human Resources investigation by Simons Hall Johnson PC

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ITEMS 2.7 AND 2.8 TAKEN OUT AND BROUGHT BACK TO DISCUSS ON REGULAR AGENDA. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Lau, **Seconded by:** Councilman Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

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 the department held a press conference regarding the murder investigation of Naomi Irion and the suicide of Troy Driver. The department has increased patrols in the area. A new program in the near future will be a Part-time Traffic Enforcement Unit. He reported there has been a spike in arrests, which means the department is doing their job. The department is working with the Cottonwood PTA to do a school supplies drive on August 25th, and the backpack give-a-way program at the Sheriff's office on the 26th from 9 - 3.

Councilwoman McKay thanked the department and would like a copy of the press conference. Councilwoman Zoberski stated that with the start of school, she would like to have the department put something together to put in the city newsletter regarding school zone traffic safety, and the fines for passing buses. Councilman Ryan Hanan asked about the renewed interest in the neighborhood watch program.

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

Deputy City Manager Lydia Altick reported that the City received the CBDG funds (Community Block Grant) for the Community Response and Resource Center. The RAISE grant for Nevada Pacific Highway extension project has had its first meeting with Federal Highways and NDOT and the city is in the process of completing the city's funding table, which is part of the grant agreement. In addition, the city's Local Public Agency Agreement with NDOT is complete and the next meeting is September 7, 2023.

Councilman Albert Torres reported that the FSCAC is meeting October 13, 2023 at Fernley City Hall. The TCID meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, is at the Fallon office. He also gave a shout out to the Fernley Foundation for the great Fernstock event, and FSCAC member, Sharon Holley, received the Life Time Achievement Award.

Councilwoman Zoberski thanked the Fernley Foundation for a successful event. The softball tournament was very successful. On Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6 PM, at Carpet King, there will be a membership BBQ for the FHS boosters.

Councilman Hanan thanked Cody Wagner and the Fernley Foundation for all their efforts. He thanked the Fernley Chamber of Commerce for having him as their guest speaker. NDOT had a meeting a few weeks ago with representatives from Fernley in regards to the condition of the roads that intersect through Fernley.

Mayor Neal McIntyre commented on the four-day meeting with Councilman Torres at the NV League of Cities. It was a great conference with a lot of conversation about collective bargaining for Nevada local government. They had a legislative round table, which was really interesting to find out that we are not the only ones in the state of Nevada that have problems with hiring people and our water problems. They talked about early learning and childhood care, cyber security, and addressing homelessness. He thanked Cody Wagner and his staff for a great Fernstock event. The Mayor and Councilman Lau attended the

Fernley Republican Women's meeting and spoke with Congressman Mark Amodei in regards to the land conveyance, appropriations money and the lining of the canal. The Congressman would like the City to gather facts from the residents so he can go to BOR to help us get some kind of financial support for residents who are running out of water.

4. PROCLAMATIONS BY THE MAYOR

There are none at this time.

5. ORDINANCES

5.1. First reading and introduction of Bill 333 , an ordinance amending title 16 chapter 1 of the Fernley Municipal Code, parking and storage of junk vehicles

Building Office Charity Birkel gave the first reading and introduction of Bill 333, an ordinance amending Title 16 Chapter 1 of the Fernley Municipal Code in regards to parking and storage of junk vehicles.

Staff presented this ordinance for a first reading on April 5, 2023. Staff returned and presented this item for possible action and adoption on April 19, 2023. At the conclusion of the presentation, staff was directed to host (2) junk car workshops to give the residents of Fernley an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions on language for this ordinance. Two junk car workshops were hosted by the city, one on July 15th, 2023 and one on July 17th, 2023. For first workshop, had approximately 18 attendees. The second workshop, had approximately 12 attendees. Feedback was heard and also collected to take into consideration the concerns of Fernley residents. The ordinance before you tonight has been amended with several of those suggestions.

Councilwoman McKay stated that the wording of (e)3 *Civil penalties collected will be used to assist Fernley citizens in complying with code enforcement on an annual basis*, should be reworded because it sounds like we are going to give them money so they will comply with the law.

Councilman Albert Torres suggested changing the words "*...used to assist...*" to possibly something along the lines of "*...towards help offset the costs..*".

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1. (Possible Action) Discussion and possible action regarding personal letters and other notification requirements for development and land use applications.

Mayor Neal McIntyre called for a break 6:09 pm - 6:23 pm.

Senior Planner Shay League reviewed the NRS requirements that Fernley currently uses and the costs. The possible changes that staff favors: (1) Requirement to post public hearings on both a physical and digital "bulletin board". One is to be in the lobby of City Hall, and the other is to be on City of Fernley's website; (2) Adopt NRS signage requirements for larger communities. A sign would be required to be posted on the property for certain types of development / land use applications.

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated that she believes that 750 feet is still not far enough, and it should be moved to 1,000 feet or 1,500 feet in the rural areas if it can be specified that way.

City Attorney Aaron Mouritsen stated that as long as the city complies with the NRS requirements, it can be as complex or specific as we want. It does have to be clear what areas are considered rural and non-rural.

Mayor Neal McIntyre asked if it could be kept at 300 feet and add more residents.

Councilman Ryan Hanan asked if there was a process where the developers would be responsible for the additional fees if they were asking for some exception or some change to the zoning or code.

Senior Planner Shay League stated that we currently collect a \$300.00 fee across the board for our noticing, which includes the newspaper advertisement that NRS requires. The fees are set by Council. An option is a fee structure based on size or just increasing the fee structure across the board.

Motion: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES REGARDING NOTICING PROCEDURES IN THEIR FORTHCOMING DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE: INCREASE TO 1500 FEET IN THE RURAL ZONING AREAS AND INCREASE POSTAGE TO \$500.00. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Albert Torres. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

6.2. (Possible action) to change the Code Enforcement Officer position back to Building Inspector I, II or III

Building Official Charity Birkel stated that during the 2023/2024 budget hearings, the building department asked for approval to replace the Building Inspector III position with a code enforcement officer position, and that was approved and the adjustment was made to the organizational chart. The intent of this change was to have a single person handling all aspects of the code enforcement duties. Staff created a new job description for the code enforcement officer and pursued getting union approval. During conversations with the union, they stated that they were not in support of the position because it did not provide a career path, and they asked the city to also create a post-certified code enforcement position. They stated that they would like to have both a post and a non-post position added to the organizational chart, but the post-certified position could be left unfunded. The union felt that by creating only a non-post position, it would not give an employee room for advancement. All of the positions that are covered in this topic tonight are union positions. To date, the Building inspectors and Building Official have been handling the code enforcement aspect of the building department with success. Currently, the code enforcement duties are divided between the two Building Inspectors. In addition, the Building Official is overseeing and assisting with the more complicated cases. Staff is asking for your approval of this item, so that the city can get the position filled. The position in the org chart has been funded and unfilled for approximately a year. Implementing a post-certified position would have a large impact on the budget due to the fact that it would be a much higher paid position. In addition, a post certified position would require a higher contribution to Nevada Pers. Staff understands that the Building Inspector III/Plans Examiner position has a higher pay rate than the pay rate for the code enforcement position. However, it is the intention to underfill that position with a Building Inspector I, should this item be approved.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE ADDING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR I, II OR III BACK TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND REMOVING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION THAT WAS ADDED DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 23/24. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Albert Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

6.3. Discussion and Possible action to approve City of Fernley Staff collaborating with the Fernley Community Foundation in planning and designing the Polaris Plaza along Main Street.

City Engineer Derek Starkey stated that in July 2022, the City of Fernley received two community development block grant (CDBG) awards from Nevada's Governor's Office of Economic Development totaling \$495,000. This grant money will be used to assist the City of Fernley in completing two projects: 1) Fernley Depot ADA Bathroom Facility and 2) Fernley Main Street Beautification. Along with the two projects mentioned, The Fernley Community Foundation also has plans to design a courtyard on the parcel of the future Fernley Community Response and Resource Center. This area is referred to as the Polaris Plaza. Staff evaluated the funding available for each grant, as well as the Fernley Community Foundation's available donations, and determined that in order to get a more complete project, it would be important to combine forces and funding. The staff has presented to the Fernley Community Foundation Board to discuss the possibility of working together with them to come up with a plan for Polaris Plaza. The Fernley Community Foundation Board was supportive of the idea, so the staff is bringing it to City Council for its approval before moving forward with any serious planning and design. Approval would not commit the City to spending any more money than what is allowed in the current grants and staff will bring back preliminary plans to both Boards for review and approval prior to proceeding. Staff would like the Council's support and approval to move forward with formalizing a design with The Fernley Community Foundation to complete a project of significance at the site.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE FUTURE DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF FERNLEY STAFF COLLABORATING WITH THE FERNLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE POLARIS PLAZA ALONG MAIN STREET. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Albert Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

7. RESOLUTIONS

7.1. Presentation by Nevada State Bank; discussion and possible action to approve Resolution # 2023-008 authorizing the establishment of a Gold sweep account with Nevada State Bank to be linked to the City's general checking analysis account with Nevada State Bank.

Tracy Jo Brye, Nevada State Bank, Banking Relationship Manager, introduced Elizabeth Van Kalleveen, Vice-President, Treasury Management Office. Elizabeth Van Kalleveen gave a presentation on the Gold Business Sweep Account, Fidelity Government Fund Sweep Account, and Prime Money Market Accounts offered by Nevada State Bank and how they will work for the City of Fernley.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 2023-008 AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SWEEP ACCOUNT WITH NEVADA STATE BANK TO BE LINKED TO THE CITY'S GENERAL CHECKING ANALYSIS ACCOUNT WITH NEVADA STATE BANK. **Moved by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Motion Failed.**

Motion: MOVE TO STAY ANY DECISION FOR OR AGAINST TONIGHT IN ORDER TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM NSB AND THE SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES ON WHETHER WE SHOULD GO ALL THE WAY OR 50% OF OUR FUNDS AND AS WELL AS TALK TO OUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Albert Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 4, No 1. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres, **No:** Councilman Lau..

7.2. Discussion and possible action to approve resolution 23-009 to accept the public improvements

including roadway, water, storm drain and sewer infrastructure for the Skyridge Estates II project.

City Engineer Derek Starey reported that staff is seeking Council approval of a resolution to accept the roadways and utility infrastructure for the Skyridge Estates II Subdivision. The new roadway is the completed roadway, Serenity Circle. The improvements were completed and are currently under a one-year warranty period. NRS 278.390 requires the local planning commission or the governing body to accept roadway right of way improvements by resolution.

Motion: MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-009 TO ACCEPT THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ROADWAY, WATER, STORM DRAIN AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SKYRIDGE ESTATES II. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. (For Possible Action) Consideration, discussion, and possible action regarding NRS Section 278.253 (Ordinance for zoning of tiny homes) and how the City Council would like to incorporate the requirement to allow tiny homes into the City of Fernley Development Code.

Planning Director Michele Rambo gave a presentation on tiny homes. In 2021, the Nevada Legislature passed a bill enacting NRS Section 278.253 (Ordinance for zoning of tiny houses). This section requires that all jurisdictions in Nevada have provisions to allow tiny homes in their codes before January 1, 2024. Subsection 2 is relevant to the City of Fernley and states: "2. A governing body of a county whose population is less than 100,000 or a governing body of a city whose population is less than 150,000 shall adopt an ordinance for the zoning of tiny houses that: (A) Designates at least one zoning district in which a tiny house may be located and classified as an accessory dwelling unit (ADU); (B) Designates at least one zoning district in which a tiny house is allowed to be located and classified as a single-family residential unit; or (C) Designates at least one zoning district in which a tiny house may be located in a tiny house park. The City of Fernley can adopt one or more of the options found in NRS Section 278.253(2). On August 9, 2023, The Fernley Planning Commission moved to recommend Option A, with the additional recommendation that they be on permanent foundations.

Councilman Albert Torres expressed concern about the effect on property values. Councilman Ryan Hanan expressed concern about traffic and the impact on water and sewer. He also questioned whether the code could specify that it has to be on 10 acres. Councilwoman Felicity Zoberski asked for clarification of the current zoning. Planner Rambo explained currently, they are allowed on everything except 6,000 square feet.

Motion: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE INCORPORATING TINY HOMES PER SECTION 278.253(2) OPTION (A) DESIGNATING AT LEAST ONE ZONING DISTRICT IN WHICH A TINY HOUSE MAY BE LOCATED AND CLASSIFIED AS AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AND MUST BE ON A PERMANENT FOUNDATION. **Moved by:** Councilman Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilman Lau. **Action:** Withdrawn.

Public Input:

Fernley resident Debbie Skinner stated that Lyon County also chose Option A, Fernley Planning Commission decided to add the permanent foundation. She suggested that the Council consider a combination of Options A and C.

Fernley resident Tammy Ditman stated that there are already ADU's in Fernley. They are already tied into the main dwelling, so there should not be an issue with the water. The septic tanks are put in based on the

square footage of the home, so septic tanks would have to be a consideration.

Fernley resident Mary Bonno (zoom) stated that ADU's must be half the square footage of the main facility. The vast majority of tiny homes are well below that.

Mayor Neal McIntyre asked if the Council chose Options A and C, would it take them past the deadline. Planning Director Michele Rambo stated Option C would take longer but is not impossible. There would have to be a new zone created for tiny home parks.

Motion: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE INCORPORATING TINY HOMES PER SECTION 278.253(2) OPTION (A) DESIGNATING AT LEAST ONE ZONING DISTRICT IN WHICH A TINY HOUSE MAY BE LOCATED AND CLASSIFIED AS AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AND REQUIRING THAT THEY BE ON PERMANENT FOUNDATIONS. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilman Albert Torres, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed. **Summary:** Yes 4, No 1. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Torres, Councilman Hanan, **No:** Councilwoman McKay.

9. ITEMS REQUESTED BY MAYOR OR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

9.1. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss ideas for improving the Green Valley Dog Park. (Hanan's request)

Councilman Hanan would like staff to look into the grass and ground-cover situation at the Green Valley Dog Park and come up with a simplified solution to complete the park and make it look presentable to the public.

Motion: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO CREATE A PROPOSAL FOR THE GROUND-COVER SITUATION AT GREEN VALLEY. **Action:** Approved, **Moved by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan, **Seconded by:** Councilman Stan Lau. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 4, No 1. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilman Torres, **No:** Councilwoman McKay.

9.2. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss finding programs with would aide and assist those who need to drill deeper wells. (Hanan's request)

Motion: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK INTO ANY FEDERAL STATE OR OTHER AGENCY PROGRAMS THAT WOULD ASSIST WELL OWNERS THAT ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH WATER THE TABLE TO DRILL DEEPER AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THAT IS AVAILABLE. **ACTION:** APPROVED. **MOVED BY:** COUNCILMAN RYAN HANAN, **SECONDED BY:** COUNCILWOMAN FRAN MCKAY. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

9.3. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss improving the sound in the Council Chambers. (McKay's request)

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated that IT Coordinator John Cleven was working on improving the sound in the Chamber.

Motion: MOVE TO LOOK INTO IMPROVING THE SOUND IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan.

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

9.4. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss Special Assessment Districts. (McKay's request)

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated this will help the developers with all the money they have to put out just to get something started.

Motion: MOVE TO DISCUSS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

9.5. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss expanding sidewalks on Jenny's Lane from Farm District Road to Reese River Road. (McKay's request)

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated that this is needed due to the school children walking to school it. This is something that needs to be discussed and budgeted.

City Engineer Derek Starkey stated that this is a major capital project and comes out of street funding. It might be helpful to come back with preliminary estimates and costs.

Councilman Ryan Hanan suggested that the City contact their federal lobbyist to see if there are transportation grants available for pedestrians or school children.

Motion: MOVE TO BRING FORWARD A PRELIMINARY PLAN AND COST BEFORE THE BUDGET CYCLE AND DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK INTO ANY GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

9.6. Possible action regarding a future agenda item to discuss looking into Government Grants for public transportation. (McKay's request)

Councilwoman Fran McKay stated that there are grants available for rural communities to improve their infrastructure and help with public transportation.

Motion: MOVE TO DISCUSS LOOKING INTO GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. **Action:** Approved. **Moved by:** Councilwoman Fran McKay, **Seconded by:** Councilman Ryan Hanan. **Vote:** Passed, **Summary:** Yes 5. **Yes:** Councilwoman Zoberski, Councilman Lau, Councilman Hanan, Councilwoman McKay, Councilman Torres.

10. ADDRESS REQUEST(S) FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None at this time.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

Fernley resident Jim Chamberlain stated that there are 400 well owners, 320 are being impacted by the canal lining. Three residents in his area have had to drill deeper wells already. The other nine will require new wells

within the next two to three months. This is a public health issue, an environmental issue and a financial issue. The cost of 320 wells at the average cost of \$25,000.00 is about \$8 million dollars. He thanked the council for their support and looking for help. He will be talking with neighbors to start contacting people and recording who they contact and if they get back to them and the results of that conversation.

Fernley resident Mary Bonno (zoom) stated that the exemptions in the proposed ordinance for junk vehicles contradict the exemptions in the NRS.

City resident Debbie Skinner wanted to make the Council aware that with the rerouting of the bus routes last year, that there is now a bus stop on the bend of Farm District and there is not a crosswalk, or any safety measures for any of those kids at the bus stop.

The next meeting of the Fernley City Council will be Wednesday, September 6, at 5:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

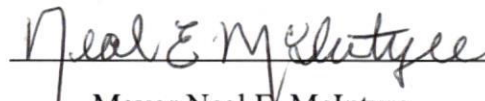
There being no further business to come before it, the Fernley City Council meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Approved by the Fernley City Council on September 6, 2023, by a vote of:

AYES 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENT: 0



ATTEST: City Clerk Kim Swanson



Mayor Neal E. McIntyre