



City of Fernley MAYOR'S OFFICE

Howdy,

I would like to thank the community and all our partners for working together over the last year, my first year in office. This has been an exciting time for the City, as well as for me personally, and one that I believe we will look back on and say, "that was when Team Fernley really took off getting to work for the City." As we come out of 2023, we anxiously await to see what is next with the new events, activities, and developments that are moving forward.

I'd like to first thank the City Council for their cooperation and support during my first year as Mayor. Particularly Mayor Pro Tem Albert Torres, Stan Lau, Fran McKay, Felicity Zoberski and Ryan Hanan for all their hard work in doing what is right for the citizens of Fernley. Also, for the long hours they put into the various committees in which they serve. I appreciate all of them.

And I'd like to recognize all the new Team Fernley members who joined us in 2023:

- City Manager, Benjamin Marchant
- Deputy Public Works Director, Olivia John
- Planning Director, Michele Rambo
- Management Analyst, Casey Kasten
- Permit Technicians, Debra Bement & Vickie Mendoza
- Animal Control Assistant, Adisen Angus
- Utility Billing Specialist, Filiga Farmer
- Senior Maintenance Worker in Parks, Harrison Gledhill
- Utility Operators in Water Distribution, Kaylee Gosser & Dillon Vierra
- Maintenance Worker I in Streets, Mathew Volek
- Human Resource Manager, Mitzi Carter
- Building Inspector I, Joseph Motsinger
- Maintenance Worker I, Donnel Guptill
- Court Specialist Trainee, Jessica Hammill
- WTP Shift Operator, Alfonso Pena
- City Clerk Administrative Specialist II, Rebekah Skinner

I would also like to recognize everyone on Team Fernley who received a promotion in 2023:

- Jennie Carrick, Deputy Finance Director
- Tina Rodriguez, Accounting Technician
- Aaron Mouritsen, City Attorney
- Barry Williams, Public Works Director
- Jessica Murdock, Development Services Coordinator
- Alex Lopez-Martinez, Project Manager
- Kari Weitzel, Project Manager
- Bailie Scott, Building Inspector
- Goldie Henderson, Utilities Administrative Specialist II
- Cassandra Angus, Legal Secretary I
- Jeremy Huhtala, Water Treatment Shift Operator
- Tyree Harris, Lead Shift Operator Water Distribution
- Shay League, Senior Planner
- Lon Hathway, Water Distribution Shift Operator
- Ryan Marks, Senior Maintenance Worker Streets
- Mike Gotham, Water Distribution Foreman

Last but not least, I want to recognize all the valiant efforts made by all of the hard-working employees of the City. To each and every one of you, I want to say that I appreciate you.

In other news, great strides have been made in capital improvement projects around town in 2023. The Cottonwood Lane rehabilitation project was completed this year, and the ribbon cutting ceremony was held in September. From ribbon cuttings to groundbreaking; the City broke ground on an all-abilities playground at Green Valley Park. And I am pleased to announce the new pickle ball court stripping and netting that has gone up at both In-Town Park and Green Valley Park too!

In partnership with the Fernley Community Foundation, our Community Response and Resource Center capital campaign has begun to help raise funds and support phases 2 and 3 of the CRRC. Visit www.fernleycrrc.org to get involved. The groundbreaking of Phase 1 of this transformational project will be in April 2024! Stay tuned for more details on the groundbreaking soon.

The City is continuing to progress in its partnership with Mark IV Capital on the Victory Logistics Center. The handbook has been approved, and Mark IV Capital is close to signing the development agreement with the City. In other related news, the Nevada Pacific Parkway extension RAISE Grant project is moving forward. There will be a public scoping meeting February 13, 2024, from 4-7pm at City Hall Council Chambers. This meeting is where the public and stakeholders are invited to voice their concerns related to the environment assessment study.

As part of the Nevada Main Street program, the Main Street Fernley group reformed in 2023 and we are excited to see what they will develop! They have a new website now, www.mainstreetfernley.org, and four committees have been established which we encourage the public to join.

In 2023, acquisition of new land to the City from the federal government via the 2013 Lands Bill included eight parcels totaling 2,200 acres. These parcels of land are located throughout town and offer different development opportunities.

The city is always striving to reach out to the community to share information and get input. I will be hosting the 'Coffee with the Mayor' event again soon. This is a great opportunity for the public to ask questions and share their ideas with me. 'Coffee with the Mayor' is scheduled for the first quarter of 2024.

Lastly, the City is working toward the goals established in the new 2024 Strategic Plan, that include focusing on five areas:

- Establish a strong financial position
- Build a high quality of life for Fernley
- City performance optimization
- Community investment
- Community engagement and pride

Together, we can all work toward meeting our established goals and continue to build a vibrant, stable, efficient, and family-oriented community that we can all be proud of in 2024 and beyond.

I will close by saying Happy New Year, and may each and every citizen have a prosperous 2024!

Thank you,


Mayor Neal E. McIntyre