



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN SAID CITY ON AUGUST 2, 2022**

On August 2, 2022, the City Council of the City of Yreka, Special Meeting for Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m., met and upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman (via teleconference), Duane Kegg, Corey Middleton, and Paul McCoy.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will recess to Closed Session to discuss the following item(s). At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Open Session will reconvene and reportable action, if any, will be announced:

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)

<i>Property:</i>	California State Route 3 (SR 3)
<i>Third Party Negotiation:</i>	California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2
<i>City Negotiation:</i>	City Manager and City Attorney
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Yreka and Caltrans
<i>Under Negotiation:</i>	Possible purchases and encroachment agreement including price, terms of payment, or both.

4. OPTIONAL RECESS IF DESIRED:

5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 PM:

Announcement of any action taken by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code § 54950 et. seq.)

Mayor Kegg stated there was no reportable action from the 5:30PM Closed Session meeting.

6. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

After the Call to Order, Mayor Kegg announced the need to add an item an urgency item, Resolution on **Proclaiming the Existence of Local Emergency because of the McKinney Wildfire**. Councilmembers Kegg, Middleton, SmithFreeman, McCoy and Baird agreed to the addition of the item.

7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This time slot is for informational presentations, appointments, or awards to be presented by the City Council or to the City Council.

Police Chief Gilman spoke to the City Council about the McKinney fire evacuations within City limits. Chief Gilman explained some of the decisions behind the need to evacuate designated areas. Chief Gilman described mutual aid law enforcement assistance in patrolling the evacuated areas.

Fire Chief Lemos spoke about the fire briefing he received on the McKinney fire at the joint command, and impacts of recent rain. Chief Lemos complimented the USFS and CalFire Joint Incident Team command.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public participation is welcomed and invited at all City Council meetings. Time is reserved at each regular meeting for those in the audience who wish to address the City Council. The City requests that persons addressing the City Council refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

Councilmembers, when recognized by the Mayor, may ask questions of presenter but no action may be taken by the City Council during the public comment section of the meeting. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

- Please speak into the microphone from the podium. The podium electronically adjusts up and down to accommodate speaker. *(Should you need an additional special accommodation, e.g., remote microphone, please notice the City Clerk prior to the start of meeting for arrangements).*
- Please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.
- Please address the Council as a whole.
- If you have documents to present, please provide a minimum of seven (7) copies.
- Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes.

Public comments period is **not** intended to be a “Question and Answer” period or conversations with the Council or City staff.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:

This is the time for City Council or the City Manager to respond to public comments and may direct staff to prepare a report or place an item on a future agenda.

10. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion,

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from June 12, 2022, through June 28, 2022.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from July 11, 2022, through July 24, 2022.
- c. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 2022.
- d. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held July 25, 2022.
- e. Accepting the Grant Award for \$169,000 with the California State Department of Toxic Substances (Granter) and Authorizing the City Manager to sign necessary documents.
- f. Award the contract for the On-Call Planning Services to Housing Tools and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation.
- g. Award the contract of On-Call Planning and Environmental Services Contract to Precision Civil Engineering and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation.
- h. Award the contract for Grant Writing, Administration, Labor Standards Compliance Services, Project Management and Implementation of Community Development Block Grant Programs and Other State and Federal Grant Programs for the City of Yreka’s Economic Development Grants (non-design and non-construction) to the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documentation.

- i. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Contract for Financial Planning Services for a Fire Services Development Impact Fees Study with Capital Public Finance Group not to exceed \$7,500.
- j. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.
- k. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.
- l. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Mayor Kegg spoke of the need to recuse himself from voting on 10.a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from June 12, 2022, through June 28, 2022, due to a conflict.

Motion to approve the Consent calendar Items 10.b. through 10.l.

MOTIONED: McCoy

SECONDED: Middleton

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion to approve the Consent calendar Items 10.a

MOTIONED: McCoy

SECONDED: Middleton

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Kegg

ABSENT: None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing Protocol:

- i. Mayor will describe the purpose of the Public Hearing.
- ii. City Staff will provide the Staff Report.
- iii. City Staff will respond to questions from the City Council.
- iv. Mayor will open the Public Hearing.
- v. Public wanting to comment will come to the podium, provide the City Clerk with their name and address, and provide their comments.
- vi. Mayor will close the Public Hearing.
- vii. City Council will deliberate and act on the item.

City Manager/City Attorney

a. Agenda Title: PC2022-16 Turre Street Rezoning Application

The City Council will consider rezoning the following addresses from Commercial Highway (CH) to Commercial and Professional Office (CPO): 104 Turre St, 106 Turre St, 107 Turre St, 108 Turre St, 109 Turre St, 927 S. Main St, 931 S. Main St, 935 S. Main St, 939 S. Main St, 918 Fourth St, 922 Fourth St, 1011 Fourth St, 180 Rose Ln, 1110 S. Oregon St, and APN's 061-272-030 & 061-272-360. The properties are developed as residential houses and commercial buildings. The purpose of the rezoning would be to allow these properties to convert into residential homes through a conditional use permit process or remain as residential homes. The project was evaluated for

compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a General Rule or “Common Sense” exemption is recommended for the project.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Approve City Council Resolution No. 2022-33 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Approving Turre Street Rezoning and Adopt the Finding that the Project is Exempt from The California Environmental Quality Act

Motion to approve the 11.a. PC2022-16 Turre Street Rezoning Application.

MOTIONED: Baird

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Yreka Rotary/City Manager

a. Agenda Title: Special Event Siskiyou Scenic Bike Route to be held May 5-7, 2023.

The Rotary Club of Yreka would like to hold the Siskiyou Scenic Bicycle Tour on the dates of Friday, May 5, 2023, for overnight camping and the bike ride itself on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The club is requesting to sell alcohol on Saturday, May 6, 2023, as well as collect fees from riders and sell t-shirts related to the event. Siskiyou Scenic Bike Tour estimates 350- 400 cyclists for 2023 as this event will be featured in an article of Cycle California in the January 2023 edition which is distributed in California, Southern Oregon and Nevada.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2022-34, Approving Requests Associated with the Special Event Known as the Siskiyou Scenic Bicycle Tour to be held on the dates of Friday, May 5, 2023, Saturday, May 6, 2023, and Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Motion to approve the 12.a. Special Event Siskiyou Scenic Bike Route to be held May 5-7, 2023.

MOTIONED: McCoy

SECONDED: SmithFreeman

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

b. Agenda Title: Siskiyou Rotary Picnic Table Replacement Project Request for Funds

Request of a cash match of \$1,000 to finish the Yreka Rotary picnic table replacement project.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to approve the request from the Rotary Club of Yreka for a \$1,000 cash contribution towards the replacement of picnic tables project at Upper Greenhorn Park and an appropriation of funds from the existing parks budget.

OR;

Motion to approve the request from the Rotary Club of Yreka for a \$1,000 cash contribution towards the replacement of picnic tables project at Upper Greenhorn Park and a supplemental appropriation of funds from General Fund reserves.

Councilmember Baird spoke of contributing \$200 personally to the project.

Motion to approve the 12.b. Siskiyou Rotary Picnic Table Replacement Project Request for Funds of a \$1,000 cash contribution towards the replacement of picnic tables project at Upper Greenhorn Park and an appropriation of funds from the existing parks budget.

MOTIONED: Kegg

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Kris Taylor/City Manager

c. Agenda Title: Kris Taylor “Kids Block Party 2022” to be held on September 17, 2022

Kris Taylor, doing business as Art Among Us (AAU), has submitted a request for Council permission to hold the 2022 Kids Block Party. The event is to be held on September 17, 2022, and will result in some temporary closure of Miner, Broadway, and adjacent streets for the one-day event. Ms. Taylor will present and answer questions about the event.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-35 Approving Requests Associated with the Special Event known as the Kids Block Party 2022 to be held on September 17, 2022.

Motion to approve Kris Taylor “Kids Block Party 2022” to be held on September 17, 2022 conditional that insurance is provided one week prior to the event and that closing streets does not interfere or impede response for any wildfire events being active.

MOTIONED: Kegg

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Planning Director/City Manager

d. Agenda Title: Proclaiming the Existence of Local Emergency because of the McKinney Wildfire

The City finds itself at risk from the McKinney wildfire, where conditions of extreme peril and a potentially crippling disaster exist. This disaster could severely impair the safety of persons and property. The McKinney wildfire has resulted in mandatory evacuation zones within City limits and the City has hastened preparations for a subsequent disaster that may or

may not occur in the aftermath of the wildfire. Combined, these conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-36 Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency and Ratifying the Director of Civil Defense and Disaster/City Manager's Declaration of Local Emergency.

Motion to approve the resolution Proclaiming the Existence of Local Emergency because of the McKinney Wildfire

MOTIONED: Baird

SECONDED: Middleton

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

13. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager and Staff may make brief announcements or reports at this time.

City Manager Ledbetter spoke to the fire efforts at the City and Incident Command System partners. Public Works Director, Matt Bray commented on the Public Works response, particularly the Water Divisions efforts to maintain water pressure and keeping the storage tanks at maximum capacity.

14. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

Members of the Council may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to Council on any matter at a subsequent meeting.

Mayor Kegg and City Councilmember each expressed gratitude to staff and the City's response to McKinney wildfire incident.

Councilmember McCoy expressed thanks to George Jennings and his work with the Fire Safe Council, and complimented various State and Federal Elected Officials in reaching out to support the community in the aftermath of the event.

Councilmember Middleton commended staff and City Manager, expressing thanks to the City Manager in role of relaying updates and communicating with the City Councilmember throughout the event. Councilmember Middleton shared the disappointing news about the cancellation of the County Fair.

Councilmember SmithFreeman commented how complimentary residents have been about job public safety (both police and fire) have performed.

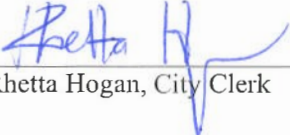
Councilmember Baird reminded residents how important it is to adhere to the evacuation notices.

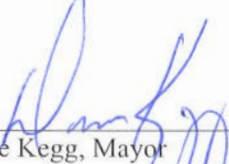
Mayor Kegg pointed out the extensive work being performed to create fire protection line (barriers) on the westside of town, that will help protect the City for years to come.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk


Duane Kegg, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council,
Motion August 16, 2022