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**MINUTES OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN SAID CITY ON AUGUST 16, 2022  
Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA**

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On August 16, 2022 the City Council of the City of Yreka, met for a Special Meeting for Closed Session 5:30 p.m. and Regular Meeting Session at 6:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION: None**

**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. Public Employee Performance Evaluation § 54957**

*Title:* City Manager

**b. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code § 54957.6(a)**

*Agency negotiators:* City Manager, Asst. City Manager, Human Resources Director.

*Employee Organization:* Yreka Police Officers Association

**c. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)**

*Property:* California State Route 3 (SR 3)

*Third Party Negotiation:* California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2

*City Negotiation:* City Manager and City Attorney

*Negotiating Parties:* City of Yreka and Caltrans

*Under Negotiation:* Possible purchases and encroachment agreement including price, terms of payment, or both.

**d. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)**

*Property:* APN 062-031-250 (0.88-acre parcel)

*Third Party Negotiation:* Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum

*City Negotiation:* City Manager and City Attorney

*Negotiating Parties:* City of Yreka and Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum

*Under Negotiation:* Possible purchase 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.)

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

Mayor Kegg announced there was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

**7. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Donna Bacigalupi, and Michael Baxter.

**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 July 25, 2022, through August 7, 2022.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting held August 2, 2022.
- c. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.
- d. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.
- e. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar with one edit to the minutes on page 46 of the agenda packet.

MOTIONED: Smith Freeman

SECONDED: Baird

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**12. NEW BUSINESS: (This item was addressed before Agenda item 11)**

City Manager Ledbetter introduced the item followed by Tara Ames, Project Coordinator, who made a presentation to the City Council on Project Base Camp.

**a. Agenda Title: Approving a Letter of Support for a County Housing Shelter**

City Manager Jason Ledbetter and Mayor Duane Kegg County are presenting for City Council's consideration a Housing Shelter Letter of Support and the City Council's authorization for Mayor Kegg to speak on behalf of the City Council at the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors meeting in support of the shelter, as a part of the unhoused solution for chronic homeless and/or mentally challenged individuals.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to approve the letter of support for a County Housing Shelter and authorizing the Mayor to speak on behalf of the City Council at the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors meeting in support of a shelter facility.

Public Comment: City Manager Ledbetter read a letter with comments from Jan Osborn. Michael Coley, Louise Gliatto, Mel O'Brien, Rebecca Loughlin, Denise Patterson, Ashley Bray, Tryes Cha, Tracie Lima, Henry Lancaster, Michelle O'Gorman, Michael Greene, Mark Gilman (Chief of Police).

Council engaged in deliberations.

Motion to approve the recommended City Council action.

MOTIONED: Middleton

SECONDED: McCoy

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Council took a 5-minute recess.

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (This item was addressed after agenda item 12)**

*Planning Director/Finance Director*

Juliana Lucchesi, Planning Director presented the report, and Emily Aldrich, Finance Director, was present to address questions. Jason Ledbetter, City Manager, added information and clarified that this is strictly a Council decision on whether to subsidize services or partially recover costs and expenditures.

Public Comment: Lorenzo Love, Donna Bacigalupi, Donna Bacigalupi.

Juliana Lucchesi, Planning Director, answered questions on the issue of compliance on dog licensing and reported that the City is at 80% compliance. Emily Aldrich, Finance Director, provided financial data.

Council discussed various issues related to raising fees, and hesitation around public awareness of such increases. Staff provided details on the required legal noticing and how it was met. The City Council preference was to table the item.

City Attorney Henion interjected on a procedural matter. Mayor Kegg closed the public hearing. Council discussed holding a workshop to discuss this issue in more detail. Mayor Kegg polled the interest of the Council on the action tonight; a majority of the City Council wished to bring this item back via a workshop. Councilmember McCoy was ready to take action tonight. City Manager Ledbetter said he would aim an August 31, 2022 workshop.

**b. Agenda Title: Adopting an Updated Comprehensive Fee Schedule**

The Finance Director and Planning Director have coordinated to present a comprehensive fee schedule to update the fees charged for services by the City of Yreka and have found that the proposed fees provide a nexus to the cost of services rendered.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yreka Adopting an Updated Comprehensive Fee Schedule and Adopt the Finding that the Project is Statutorily Exempt from CEQA.

**13. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:**

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

City Manager Ledbetter reported on various meetings he attended. City Manager gave an update on Special Events (like the Night of Lights, Holiday Parade and Gold Rush Days). In particular, he mentioned two events being cancelled (Night of Lights, and Gold Rush Days) by the Northern Siskiyou Chamber of Commerce. The City Council agreed that these two events need to be brought back for Council consideration at a future meeting. The City Manager explained the various grants the City is considering applying for and reiterated that there are multiple sources of funds available. He reiterated Housing as a “need, and opportunity” for the City of Yreka should the City Council be interested in navigating/controlling future development in this community.

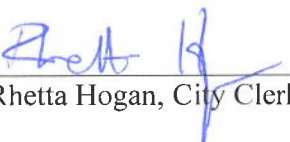
**14. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

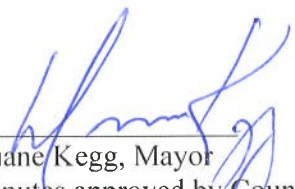
The City Council congratulated Chief Gilman on the birth of his granddaughter.

Councilmembers reported on various community events attended (locally and out of the area) and details related to the McKinney Fire. There was discussion about maintaining the fire breaks that were created to fight the McKinney Fire active. City Manager Ledbetter said he is already in discussions with various entities (CalFire and Department of Forestry) to keep those roads active. The two City Councilmembers who are not running for (City Council) office, thanked their colleagues and shared pride in the accomplishments of this City Council. Mayor Kegg requested an update on the shopping carts ordinance. City Manager Ledbetter said he could bring it back to Council

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk

  
Duane Kegg, Mayor  
Minutes approved by Council,  
Motion August 30, 2022