



**YREKA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

September 20, 2022

Closed Session: 5:00PM

Regular Session: 6:30PM

Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA

On September 20, 2022 the City Council of the City of Yreka, met for a special meeting starting at 5:00 p.m. and for a regular session starting at 6:30 p.m. and upon roll call the following Councilmembers were present: Duane Kegg, Joan Smith Freeman, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton. Councilmember Deborah Baird was absent.

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. 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.

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, Yreka Employees Association

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 nothing to report from the Closed Session.

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.

a. City Council Proclamation against Hate.

City Manager Ledbetter provided information on this matter and invited Molly to the podium as well. The matter will come up for a vote at the next meeting.

b. Madrone Hospice Senior Services Program Updates, Chris Clother, Executive Director

Mr. Clother provided a full report on the services provided.

c. Update on County Sharps (free needles) Program, Jessica Skillen, Siskiyou County Health and Human Services

Ms. Skillen provided a report and details about the services provided by the County.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public comment was heard from Jennifer Silveira, Sarah Springfield, Henry Lancaster, Ben Woodruff, Steve Radford, Tryes Cha, Dawnmarie Autrey, and Amy Tam.

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 August 23, 2022, through September 11, 2022.

b. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held August 30, 2022

c. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held August 31, 2022.

d. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.

e. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.

f. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

There was no public comment.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar except for item 10.C.

MOTIONED: McCoy

SECOND: Middleton

AYES: Councilmembers: Smith-Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Baird

Motion to approve Consent Calendar item 10.C.
MOTIONED: Middleton
SECOND: McCoy
YES: Councilmembers: Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Smith-Freeman
ABSENT: Baird

11. OLD BUSINESS

Planning Director/Finance Director

a. 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. *(Dog licensing fees will be considered at a future meeting.)*

Public Comment was heard from Lorenzo Love and Ben Woodruff.

One Councilmember requested the following grammatical errors be fixed on the staff report: bast substitute for best, individual make it plural, foods substitute with goods and services, charge substitute with charged.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-37 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.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-37 approving and adopting an Updated Comprehensive Fee Schedule and Finding that the Project is Statutorily Exempt from CEQA and highlighting one free Pre-Application Review/Consultation and correcting the spellings in the staff report as noted.

MOTIONED: Kegg
SECONDED: Middleton
AYES: Councilmembers: Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton
NOES: Smith Freeman
ABSENT: Baird

12. NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager/Maddelyn Bryan, Housing Coordination Siskiyou County

a. Agenda Title: Resolution and Agreement between the County of Siskiyou and the City of Yreka for Joint Participation in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)

City of Yreka, as the applicant is seeking authorization and direction to apply for and to receive a PLHA grant, in an amount not to exceed the five-year estimate of the PLHA formula allocations of \$612,043 in accordance with all applicable rules and will delegate the County of Siskiyou, through a legally binding agreement, to submit an application on its behalf and administer the PLHA grant.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-38 Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program Funds, and grant to the City Manager, the authority to enter into an agreement between the County of Siskiyou and the City of Yreka for Joint Participation in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funding Program for the Fiscal Years 2020-2025, and to designate the County of Siskiyou as the Administering Local Government for the Program.

Public Comment was heard from Sarah Springfield.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-38 Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program Funds, and grant to the City Manager, the authority to enter into an agreement between the County of Siskiyou and the City of Yreka for Joint Participation in the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Funding Program for the Fiscal Years 2020-2025, and to designate the County of Siskiyou as the Administering Local Government for the Program.

MOTIONED: Kegg

SECONDED: Middleton

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

ABSENT: Baird

City Manager

b. Agenda Title: Resolution for the Creation of a Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee

The purpose of this committee is to advise the City Council on matters related to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department that includes its operational, capital equipment and facilities development plans.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-XX Authorizing the Creation of the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee.

City Attorney Henion asked for the resolution to be tabled and brought back after edits. Council consensus was to table the item.

Fire Chief

c. Agenda Title: Resolution to Accept California Department of Forestry (CDF) Grant Award of \$5,050

The Yreka Volunteer Fire Department received notice of funding for its application for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection 2022-2023 Grant, pursuant to the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 - Rural Fire Capacity Program for \$5,050, that requires a 50% match of \$5,050 for a total project cost of \$10,100. The purpose of the grant, through cost share funds, is to help rural areas in upgrading their capability to organize, train, and equip local forces for fire protection.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion Adopt Resolution 2022-40 of the Yreka City Council of the City of Yreka, County of Siskiyou, State of California, Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 for the State Fiscal Year 2022-23.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-40 of the Yreka City Council of the City of Yreka, County of Siskiyou, State of California, Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection under the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 for the State Fiscal Year 2022-23.

MOTIONED: Smith Freeman

SECOND: Middleton

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

ABSENT: Baird

13. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

Special Events

City Manager Ledbetter reported on the following items:

He is back from Covid and feeling better. Precision Engineering is working with California Department of Fish and Wildlife on finalizing the 1600 Permit (CA DFW); ADA Improvements at City Hall will be out for rebid;

The Main St Sewer Project is essentially complete. USDA's Kevin DeMers, PACE Engineers and Yreka PW staff inspected project on September 8, 2020. The City Council was informed that Yreka PW and PACE have approved and staff will file a notice of completion with the County. Resolutions involving closing on the USDA loan, issuing Certificates of Participation (COPs) and paying off the Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) should be coming before Council in late October or early November., the loan, and issuing COP in late Oct & early Nov.

Community Theatre HVAC: the project is moving along once Mountain Air gets under contract. As per the Madrone Services presentation tonight, there might be an opportunity to look at the reference made about the community center and using grants to rehabilitate.

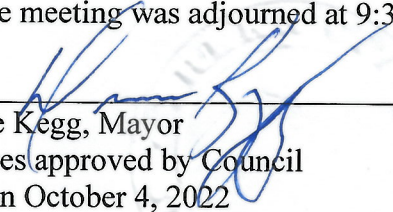
City Manager Ledbetter sought direction/clarification on City Special Events and what constitutes a City event. Mr. Ledbetter spoke about three City events where that the City has financially supported these events: Gold Rush Days, Night of Lights, and the Holiday Parade. Council agreed these should be considered City events.

14. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

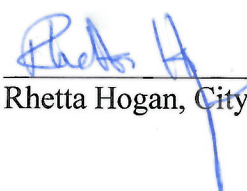
Various Councilmembers appreciated Molly and the City Manager's work on the proclamation against hatred. The following items were also shared: Appreciation for Joan Favero and Brian Meek's work on the Miner St Park Arch; and welcoming back our City Manager. A Councilmember mentioned the recent event "Kid's block party" was a success, the upcoming Balloon Fest this weekend in Montague, and the fact that Stacey Green, Weed City Councilmember, lost everything in the Mill fire. Various Councilmembers expressed empathy for the Mill fire victims and support for the proclamation against hate. The upcoming Elk's candidate forum was announced. Mayor Kegg attended a County Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Prop 47 grant, and the goal of opening a County homeless shelter.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the City Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.



Duane Kegg, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion October 4, 2022



Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk