

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON NOVEMBER 7, 2019

On the 7TH day of November 2019, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chambers of said City in regular session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Norman Shaskey Absent - None.

Mayor Freeman presented a Proclamation proclaiming November 13, 2019 as Read Across Siskiyou Day, to Michelle O’Gorman and Kelly Nichols of Siskiyou Community Resource Collaborative.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Freeman announced that all matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item:

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from October 18 – November 7, 2019.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held October 17, 2019.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Kegg moved to approve the items on the consent calendar as submitted.

Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2019-37 approving requests for the Yreka Chamber of Commerce 2019 Special Event known as the Holiday Parade.

Amanda Eastlick, Executive Director of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the parade to be held on November 30, 2019.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Discussion: Requests Associated with the Special Events to be Known as the 2020 Yreka Art Hops.

Kris Taylor addressed the Council to present and discuss six multiply day events for the Yreka Art Hops for next year. Stating that these events would be held on the fourth Friday of each month from May through October 2020.

Ms. Taylor reported that plans are already underway and artists have reserved dates for the Yreka Art Hosp 2020 series. Next years events will be moved to the 4th Fridays to create a more cohesive and easily retained date for event attendance and participation. Because of this, instead of the traditional five-event series, it increases to a six-event series.

In addition, five of the six events are scheduled to be two to three-day events to promote tourism, commerce and overnight accommodations to Yreka as well as benefit other entities in Siskiyou. The new format that began in 2019 increased hotel stays, some of the hotels have created a “Yreka Art Hops” rate code for visiting artists and patrons.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct Public Works Staff to work with Ms. Taylor to work out the details to complete the necessary agreements and Resolution for Council approval of these events at a future meeting.

Ratify approval of Miner Street Façade Grant Program Application (50% of eligible costs) to Kit Marshall – Yreka Tap House - 231 W. Miner Street.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the City received a façade grant program application from Kit Marshall for the Yreka Tap House. Some of the work had been started before she turned in the application, however, there was still painting to be done. This time of year, painting needs to happen when the weather is good (a certain temperature before the paint is applied and a curing period prior to the temperature falling again). Since it appeared that there would be favorable weather this week, City Manager Baker reported that he administratively allowed her to move forward in advance tonight’s meeting. The total amount of work to be completed is approximately \$1,200.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to allow a deviation from the grant guidelines, allowing grant funds for a project that was started prior to application approval, and to approve the grant application authorizing a reimbursement of up to \$600.00.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt a Resolution # 2019-38 adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan Restatement Agreement with Nationwide.

Finance Director Rhetta Hogan reported that the City of Yreka established with AIG VALIC, a Deferred Compensation Plan (“Plan”) back on February 1, 2002, for the exclusive benefit of its employees and their beneficiaries. The Plan is periodically updated to reflect changes in laws, employer and employee investment options.

Currently, the City as the employer, recognizes the need to update its existing governmental 457(b) plan to include designated Roth contributions, optional employer contributions and elective Guided Portfolio Services for financial advice and asset management services with AIG VALIC. The benefit allows employees additional investment options to better suit their individual financial investment needs for retirement savings.

The adoption of the Resolution presented tonight will allow the City Manager to sign the Adoption Agreement Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (Governmental) of the Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan (Governmental Employers) on behalf of the City of Yreka and the City Manager and the Finance Director are each authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City the Guided Portfolio Services Management Agreement.

There is no employer fiscal impact to restate existing plan agreements. The recommended plan changes would be completed by December 31, 2019, and effective January 1, 2020, the next tax calendar year.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2019-39 adopting a Deferred Compensation Plan Restatement Agreement with AIG VALIC.

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Councilmember Shaskey seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2019-40 approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yreka and the Yreka Police Administration Association.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Support of the Letter to the County requesting to allow polyethylene to be burned on slash piles – Councilmember Shaskey.

Councilmember Shaskey stated that he placed this item on the agenda to request support for the Yreka Area Fire Safe Council's request for a rule change to allow polyethylene to be burned, and has asked Margaret Boland of the Yreka Area Fire Safe Council to address the Council on this matter.

Margaret Boland addressed the Council to answer any questions.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter to the Board of Supervisions supporting a rule change to allow polyethylene to be burned on slash piles in the County, as detailed in the letter from the Yreka Area Fire Safe Council.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Support the Aerial Bridge Option for the City's Mainline Crossing of the Klamath River.

Director of Public Works Matt Bray, reported that City staff have been meeting with KRRC staff and consultants regarding the crossing of the Klamath River by the City's main water line that needs to be relocated from its current position at the bottom of the Copco Reservoir.

The original preferred alternative of boring under the river is infeasible because the rock is not stable enough for successful boring. Instead, there were two overhead options, of the two, the preferred alternative is the aerial bridge option that would allow for future maintenance and better withstand possible seismic events.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the overhead option of the aerial pipe bridge as the best alternative.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Treasurer's Report: Discussion/Possible Action – Acceptance of:

Cash Balances Report – June 2019,

Cash Balances Report – July 2019,

Cash Balances Report – August 2019,

Cash Balances Report – September 2019,

Quarterly Treasurer's Investment Report – 4rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2018/2019

Quarterly Treasurer's Investment Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2019/2020

Following the presentation of the Treasurers Reports by Treasurer Rhetta Hogan, and Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to accept the Treasurer's Reports as submitted.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)

Agency negotiators: City Manager, Finance Director, and Human Resources Coordinator.

Employee Organizations: Yreka Management Team Association, Confidential Unit, Yreka

Employees Association, and the Yreka Peace Officers Association.

2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: AP Number: 053-642-080, 090 & 150

City Negotiators: City Manager and City Attorney

Third Party Negotiator: Harold W. Hohberg and Sharon L. Hohberg,

Under Negotiation: Possible acquisition and terms.

3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 of the Government

Code: (Number of cases to be discussed – 1 - The names of the parties are not disclosed, as it

is believed that that to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to serve process or to conclude existing settlement negotiations to the City's advantage).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported that as to items 1 and 2, the Council gave direction to the negotiators. No further reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

Joan Smith Freeman, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion November 21, 2019

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk