

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON FEBRUARY 1, 2018

On the 1st day of February 2018, 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, Robert Bicego, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, and Norman Shaskey
Absent - None.

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 January 19, 2018 through February 1, 2018.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2018.
- c. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month of November 2017.
- d. Adopt Resolution # 2018-3 extending the suspension of Section 13.76.010 of the Yreka Municipal Code allowing installation of Banners on Fairlane Road.

Councilmember Bicego requested that item 1c be pulled from the consent calendar.

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

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month of November 2017.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual as submitted.

Councilmember Shaskey seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2018-4 to authorize the City Manager to award a construction contract to Robert Nichols Construction in the amount of \$2,614,500. for the Yreka Police Station Remodel Project, and to execute related documents.

Jeannette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, reported that bids for construction of the Yreka Police Station Remodel were opened on January 18, 2018. The estimate for construction was \$3,040,000.

The results of the bid opening are:

Robert D. Nichol Construction, Anderson CA	\$2,614,500
Siskiyou Cascade Construction, Medford Or.	\$2,624,242
McCuen Construction, Red Bluff, CA	\$2,880,350
Danco Builders, Arcata, CA	\$3,069,786

Four deductive alternates were included in the bid solicitation to ensure that the City could award a project within the available budget. Staff and the Architect do not recommend that the City Council award any of the deductive alternates since the base bid is within the budget.

The low bidder's amount, proposed subcontractor's, license status, reference and insurance company information have been evaluated and found to be acceptable. Robert D. Nichol Construction is appropriately licensed and registered for work in California, is not debarred from working on projects, and is not excluded from working on federal projects. Therefore, City Staff and the Architect, Dennis Dong recommends that the City Council award the project to Robert D. Nichol Construction.

Construction of the planned improvements and related eligible costs, will be paid from the USDA Rural Development loan of \$3,000,000. Other expenses and administrative costs will be paid from the project funds previously appropriated by the City Council.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-4 as submitted.

Councilmember Shaskey seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Downtown Requests.

City Manager Baker reported that at the December 7, 2017 City Council meeting, the City Council requested that staff look at some of the requests for changes in the downtown that came up at that meeting. Specifically, the Council requested that staff examine the request to place a stagecoach in front of the Franco American building, the request to consider amending Yreka Municipal Code 9.28 relating to sound from commercial buildings and a request regarding placement of the sign on the balcony of the Franco American building.

Stagecoach: Mr. Gary Nelson, owner of the Franco American building, requested permission to place his stagecoach in a particular location based on where it was in old pictures of the Franco American Hotel. The City originally allowed the coach to be placed in a loading zone to the west of the landscaping to see how it fit into downtown. The response was generally positive. When the Council reviewed this request again at its November 17, 2016 meeting, a permit was granted to leave the stagecoach at this location indefinitely.

Staff recommended that the coach not be placed to the east of the crosswalk because of safety concerns for pedestrians. However, staff presented an alternate location, recommending to

Council to allow the placement of the coach west of the crosswalk in the landscaping area, and removal of one of the trees to make room for the stagecoach. During the subsequent discussion, a long-term plan of looking at a “complete streets” concept for downtown was discussed, this plan which could take a significant amount of resources as well as time to implement, assuming that adequate funds could be allocated. Mr. Nelson stated that he liked this approach and the discussion on the other location ended.

The downtown project was an identified goal in the March 2017 goal setting session. It also came up again in the partial review of goals in December 2017, where Council direction was to work with the Chamber to assess whether the downtown was interested in the project and might support a downtown association in support of joint marketing and events before proceeding with discussion of the project. At the January 11, 2018 workshop, that goal was further broadened to identify how to help businesses throughout the city, rather than only focusing on just on Miner Street. There is a possibility of a smaller infrastructure project that deals with the landscaping on the north side of Miner Street, drainage at the same location and reorientation of the crosswalks at Miner and Fourth Streets that could result in changes that could allow the stagecoach in the original location. Noting that the impact of these changes would also affect other businesses in the area, and that they should be consulted. In short, if location of the stagecoach is desired quickly, the location to the west of the crosswalk remains the permitted option. The smaller infrastructure project would likely be 12 - 18 months or more to plan, including outreach to downtown merchants, engineering, allocation of funds, bid and construction. The larger infrastructure project would be years away.

Sound Ordinance, the City’s sound ordinance allows amplified music from commercial businesses so long as the music is not audible from more than 200 feet away. Originally, staff was advised that a technical problem with the older sound system did not allow sound from the Franco American to be turned down to that level; it is our understanding that has now been fixed.

In a quick review of other sound ordinance of nearby communities, it appears that the City’s ordinance is fairly easy to enforce and less restrictive than most of the other ordinances. Any changes to the City’s sound ordinance would have to continue to try to balance the desire to have music audible with the interests of other nearby businesses.

One idea that came up under the “mall” concept was to have connected speakers up and down Miner Street so that there would be lower volume at any one location, but the ambiance would be along the entire length. Staff would recommend that this option only be considered if indeed the merchants formed an association than then collectively requested such a system as well as commit to run it.

Staff can look more broadly at other ways to control sound by looking at ordinances from other cities if Council so desires. Staff is not sure that there is a problem with our current ordinance, when the sound was turned down, complaints stopped. If any changes are suggested, a public process involving relevant interested parties would be appropriate.

Sign, the Planning Department approved the Sign Permit December 12, 2014. A building permit was applied for and issued. One of the requirement is that an engineer review the sign structure

and attachment to the building's balcony for compliance with the building code. The applicant was also given a Miner Street Grant program application, which would allow for reimbursement of 50% of the cost of the sign including engineering. As of today, Mr. Nelson has not submitted an Engineers Report, nor has he submitted the Miner Street Grant program application.

This agenda item was requested by Council with some options for looking at these three issues. The City has responded to these issues in the past, although some of those responses predate a majority of the present City Council. To the extent that there is significant work on any of these issues in the future, such as the proposed downtown plan, fitting that work into the other priorities of the City would be appropriate.

Miner Street

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to authorize the Public Works Director to obtain a quote with 2-3 options from PACE Engineering to address the possible relocation of the crosswalk, ADA access, re-direction of water and installation of storm drains with an appropriation up to \$15,000.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Sound Ordinance

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to take no further action on Yreka Municipal Code Section 9.28 relating to sound amplifying devices.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Sign

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to take no further action, as there is a well-defined procedure in place.

Mayor Freeman announced that the closed session has been pulled from the agenda.

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

Attest:

Joan Smith Freeman, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion February 15, 2018

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk