

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 17, 2018

On the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of May 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.

Mayor Freeman reported that she is going to move around the order of the agenda items.

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 May 4 through May 17, 2018.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 3, 2018.

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

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Provide Bus Passes for Students from June 15 – August 15, 2018 - Mayor Freeman.

Mayor Freeman reported that since Ringe Pool will not be open this summer, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of providing student bus passes so that youth could get to other pools such as Montague and Etna. This was contingent upon the Local Transportation Commission (LTC) approving a Student Summer Pass Program, which was approved at their meeting held May 9.

Staff has discussed the bus schedule with LTC staff and there are two bus runs to Montague and two return bus runs from Montague that may accommodate students taking the bus to the Montague Pool.

The bus passes would be \$40 per student from ages 5 through 17. Staff has discussed subsidizing the passes for Yreka students, either providing them at a discounted rate or perhaps offering a fixed number of passes without cost to the student.

The fiscal impact is difficult to predict because there is no way to reliably estimate the number of students who might wish to get bus passes. If 100 students used the passes, at a subsidy of \$20 per bus pass, the cost would be approximately \$2,000; if free, the cost would be \$4,000.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to authorize providing up to 100 bus passes @ \$40.00 each for students from June 15 through August 15, 2018.

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.

Approval of appointment of Joseph Betts and Cody Hankins to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Yreka Volunteer Fire Chief Jerry Lemos introduced candidates Joseph Betts and Cody Hankins, recommending their appointment to the Fire Department.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to approve the appointment of Joseph Betts and Cody Hankins to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilmember Kegg seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey. Abstain – Bicego due to his membership with the Fire Department.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Presentation – Klamath River Renewal Corporation.

Dave Meuer of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) gave a presentation about the activities of the KRRC.

Several members of the audience spoke in opposition to the presentation made by Mr. Meuer.

Direct City Manager to review the City of Yreka Conflict of Interest Code as required by California Government Code Section 87306.5.

City Manager Steve Baker reported the Political Reform Act requires each local government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially to determine its accuracy or, alternatively, that the code must be amended. The City's Conflict of Interest Code was last amended on September 18, 2014 to delete the designated positions of Community Center/Theater Facilities Director, Senior Program Director, and Recreation Director from the City's Conflict of Interest Code. To meet the requirements of the Political Reform Act, the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, will have to review the conflict of interest code to determine whether amendments are necessary based on whether:

- The addition, deletion or modification of the specific types of investments, business positions, interests in real property, and sources of income which are reportable for the designated positions should occur; or,

- If there should be addition, reclassification, renaming or deletion of previously designated positions.

The deadline for presentation of these recommendations is October 1, 2018. No resolution or ordinance is required for this action; it may be done by minute order. Any recommended changes will be presented to the Council for adoption by Resolution.

Biennial review of the Conflict of Interest Code is required by the Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 87305.6. The last review was conducted by order of the City Council on May 19, 2016.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to direct the City Manager to review the City of Yreka Conflict of Interest Code.

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.

Discussion of Development Standards; Possible Scheduling of Workshop – Councilmember Kegg.

Councilmember Kegg distributed the following written statement to the Council:

“Since 2007, the State of California has implemented many new building standards that the citizens never voted on. Some of these standards are non-flammable siding, tempered glass windows, fire suppression (sprinkler) systems, Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter electrical panels, heavier insulation requirements, etc. The newest mandate requires mandatory solar panels on all new construction starting in 2020. This has increased costs of a new home built in California by a minimum of \$25-30 thousand dollars. Keep in mind that this is in addition to the large permitting fees and school taxes; the list goes on and on.

We need to look at our City and what we require. Right now in the City, if you do \$20,000 or more of permitted work to your home, you are required to put sidewalks in, if not currently existing, and if you are more than 200 feet past the last light pole, you have to put in a light pole in as well. Keep in mind that the light poles cost \$6,000 +, and after paying for it, the homeowner doesn't own it.

Proposed Changes:

1. We need to change the permitted work cost baseline from \$20,000 to \$60,000. With the increased costs of construction, \$20,000 is no longer a reasonable baseline. The current baseline discourages small home improvement projects, and encourages work without proper permits. There is also a percentage baseline on garages and other kinds of projects that should also be addressed.

2. Lighting in a residential area should not be the responsibility of the home owner but the responsibility of the City. This change would exclude developments of three or more homes and commercial developments.
3. Repairs to preexisting driveways and sidewalks should not be required to meet new State codes and requirements. For example, if a homeowner wants to repair or replace their driveway, as long as they are maintaining the original footprint and design, they should not be required to meet the new State codes and requirements.
4. Homeowners should never be responsible for infrastructure improvements, such as continuing water or sewer lines. Their responsibility is to hook up the City's lines and repair any damage that they have done to the road, curb, or sidewalk. This change would exclude developments of three or more home and commercial developments.
5. We need to bring back the 50% discount waiver on impact fees. Now that we are coming out of the housing crash, the discount would encourage new construction. This would need to be publicized so that the public knows it is available."

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct the City Attorney, City Manager and Director of Public Works to review the City's development policies, Municipal Code sections and State Law, and to work with Councilmember Kegg to schedule a date and time for a Council Workshop to discuss this matter in detail.

Adopt Resolution # 2018-22 adopting a list of Projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 funded by SB1, The Road Repair and Accountability Act.

Director of Public Works Matt Bray reported that Senate Bill 1 known as SB1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 was passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor in April 2017 in order to address the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfalls statewide. The 2016 California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment found that the local streets and roads in Siskiyou County are, on average in an "at-risk" condition.

The City has been allocated an estimated \$129,145 in Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation funds for fiscal year 2018-19. In order to accept these funds and fulfill accountability and transparency provision of SB1, a Resolution listing the potential projects is required before the list is submitted. This Resolution allows the City to receive the funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the purpose of maintaining and rehabilitating local streets and roads.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to adopt the Resolution 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.

Adopt Resolution # 2018-23 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Information Technology Professional Services Agreement with Acme Computer of Yreka, CA.

Finance Director Rhetta Hogan reported that ACME computer services has been providing information technology help desk support to networking support services to the City since 2004. In January 2018, the City asked ACME to integrate into its network support model, public safety support services for the Yreka Police Department as part of overall integrated network support services. That integration required changes in scope of services and related terms of support services as well as the opportunity to migrate from Cal-Ore to ACME to providing hosted dedicated fiber to the City departmental sites. The support and networking service changes are reflected in the updated agreement and pricing structure. City staff has met with the City Attorney, and ACME representatives for agreed upon terms and conditions of service. The cost for services is \$7,892, per month, fixed term agreement.

Cael Weston of ACME Computer Services addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the proposed services and agreement.

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

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.

Approval of the City of Yreka 2017-2018 Operating Budget Revisions.

Finance Director Hogan reported that during the course of the year budget revisions are needed to reflect changes in the budget estimates to more accurately reflect the revenue and expense trends. The detail of the revisions presented tonight have already been authorized by bargaining unit contracts and other Council actions, and this report details by account these revisions to ensure public transparency of those actions. As the year comes to close there will be more revisions, as part of closing books.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to approve the 2017-2018 Operating Budget Revisions 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 April 2018.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird 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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. 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 no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

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Joan Smith Freeman, Mayor  
Minutes approved by Council  
Motion June 21, 2018

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Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk