

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 15, 2015

On the 15th day of October 2015, 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, Bryan Foster, Joan Smith Freeman, John Mercier, and David Simmen. Absent – None.

Presentation – Yreka Police Department – “No-Shave November”.

Yreka Police Department Chief Brian Bowles and Sergeant Chris Betts addressed the City Council stating that if you are seeing Yreka Police Officers a little less clean cut there is a good reason. Well maybe it’s because they are taking up the challenge of No-Shave November.

What exactly is No-Shave November? The concept is simple. It’s a month of no shaving to raise cancer awareness, primarily for testicular and prostate cancer. The goal is to grow awareness by embracing our hair, something many cancer patients lose during treatment. The idea is that people asking men about their facial hair will spark conversation about men’s health issues.

Sergeant Betts reported that the officers asked for permission to grow facial hair as part of a nationwide initiative, known as "No Shave November," to raise money for the Yreka Madrone Hospice. "Most of the members of our department have been personally touched by cancer in one way or another," he said. "We've all had family or friends affected or taken by this horrible disease."

Officers from the Yreka Police Department will be accepting donations at the Yreka Police Department located at 412 W. Miner St. through the month of November. The Yreka Police Officers Association will match all donation up to \$1000 that will be donated to the Yreka Madrone Hospice. November is also National Hospice month.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Mercier 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 of Minutes of the meeting held October 1, 2015.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from October 2 through October 15, 2015.

Councilmember Simmen requested that item 1b be pulled from the agenda for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

Councilmember Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval/ratification of payments issued from October 2 through October 15, 2015.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the payments as submitted.

Councilmember Foster seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #2015-35 approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Events to be held on November 28 and December 4, 2015 known as Yreka's Holiday Parade of Lights and Night of Lights.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-35 as submitted.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve appointment of Smokey Jones to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the appointment of Smokey Jones to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilmember Foster seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

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

- Cash Balances Report – June 2015
- Quarterly Treasurer's Investment Report – 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2014/2015
- Budget of Revenue and Expenditures with Year to Date Actuals through June 2015
- Quarterly Fiscal Performance Report – 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2014/2015

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve the City Treasurer's Reports as submitted.

Councilmember Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Letter regarding bridge engineering costs – Councilmember Simmen.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the letter as amended.

Councilmember Foster seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier 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).

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

Agency negotiator: Steven Baker.

Employee Organizations: Yreka City Employees Association.

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:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion 11-5-15

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk