

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 16, 2014

On the 16th day of October 2014, 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: Robert Bicego, Bryan Foster, Rory McNeil, John Mercier and David Simmen. Absent – None.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Bicego 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 3, 2014 thru October 16, 2014.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held October 2, 2014.
- c. Approve Transportation Claim for the 2014/15 Local Transportation Fund and authorize the Mayor to sign the claim on behalf of the City.
- d. Adopt Resolution approving the destruction of certain City records identified by the Finance Director.
- e. Approval of 2013-2014 Final Year End Closing Budget Revision.

Mayor Bicego requested that item 1e be pulled for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve items a - d on the consent calendar as submitted.

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of 2013-2014 Final Year End Closing Budget Revision.

Following Council discussion Council Member Mercier moved to table this item to the next meeting to be held November 6, 2014.

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of Architectural and/or Engineering Design Services Agreement with Calpo, Hom & Dong Architects for the Yreka Police Station retrofit.

Yreka Police Chief Brian Bowles reported that the Council allocated \$1,800,000 for this project, and approximately \$811,000. has been expended/committed for the existing building leaving approximately \$989,000 for the rest of the project. A Request for Proposals was put out on June 30,

2014 for Architectural and/or Engineering Designs teams. We received 4 responses in a timely manner to our request.

Staff evaluated the architectural and/or engineering design teams and determined the top two with consideration to relevance to our project and budget. Calpo Hom & Dong Architects was selected because of their extensive experience with police buildings.

The Agreement with Calpo Hom & Dong is not to exceed \$93,420. This amount will be taken out of the money allocated for this project in the capital projects budget.

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

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing funding for Siskiyou County Tourism Improvement District Formation.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that in 2011, the Cities of Yreka and Mount Shasta along with Siskiyou County each respectively received a \$35,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which were combined to fund a feasibility study for improving tourism marketing in Siskiyou County. The Final Report for the City's portion of this joint project was presented to the City Council in January 2014.

One of the main findings was a revenue source for improving tourism was necessary. The recommended mechanism was the establishment of a Tourism Improvement District (TID) which have been successful in a number of other counties in California. The typical TID has self-assessments from businesses that benefit from tourism created through the State law establishing TID's. The feasibility study could not fund the formation of such a district under the CDBG rules.

The motels and hotels have formed a Siskiyou County Tourism Improvement District Steering Committee with the goal of taking the final steps of creating a TID. This involves legal work to set up the District as well as handling the voting of the hotel/motel members who much approve the district by a majority vote.

The Steering Committee has already received pledges from the individual hotels towards the formation expenses and is requesting contributions from the City and County as well. The request from the City of Yreka is \$5,000. Funds from the administrative fees earned from CDBG program income is an appropriate source for this project.

If the District is successfully formed and tourism marketing increased, the hotels should receive additional revenues from tourists. This in turn will increase the City's transient occupancy tax receipts. Given this potential revenue increase, staff is recommending approval.

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

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

Upper Greenhorn Park Host Site Construction – Councilmember Foster.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to authorize staff to proceed with this project and the project to install water to the “Yreka Welcome Sign – Miner Statue” on E. Miner Street as approved and budgeted.

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

Consideration of increasing code enforcement efforts - Councilmember Mercier.

Councilmember Mercier stated that he asked for this matter to be placed on the agenda to discuss increasing code enforcement for blighted properties within the City.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to bring back a proposal for Council consideration at the next meeting.

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

- a. Budget of Revenue and Expenditures with Year to Date Actuals through June 2014
- b. Quarterly Fiscal Performance Report – 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2013/2014

Following Council discussion Council Member Foster moved to table both items a & b to the next meeting to be held November 6, 2014.

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

Mayor Bicego thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager announced that items No. 3 & 4 have been pulled from the Closed Session agenda.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)
 Agency negotiators: Steven Baker
 Employee Organizations: Yreka City Employees Association, and the Yreka Police Officer's Association.

2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
 Property: APN: 061-341-140
 Third Party Negotiator: Tonya Dowse
 City Negotiators: Steve Baker, City Manager
 Under Negotiation: Possible transfer, including price, terms of payment.

3. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
 Property: Portion of APN: 013-100-140 & portion of 013-110-130.
 Third Party Negotiator: Fruit Growers Supply Co.
 City Negotiators: Steve Baker, City Manager
 Under Negotiation: Possible purchase, including price, terms of payment, or both.

4. 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 – 2 - 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 Council gave direction to staff as to item #1, and no further action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

 Robert Bicego, Mayor
 Minutes approved by Council
 Motion November 6, 2014

 Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk