

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014

On the 6th day of November 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 17, 2014 through November 6, 2014.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held October 16, 2014.
- c. Adopt Resolution approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Events to be held November 29, and December 5, 2014.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve the items on the consent calendar 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.

Final work on Community Theater Rehabilitation.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that work is nearing completion on the Theater siding project. At the time of approval, staff recommended that a certain amount be retained as a contingency since unknowns could occur during rehabilitation. At this time, it appears that there will be contingency funds available to allocate towards the siding replacement in the entry foyer, however not enough to complete the project. The members of the Red Scarf Society have requested this item be placed on tonight's agenda for Council's approval to allocate an additional \$16,000 from the Crandall funds, which is the same funding source as the original contract, for the completion of the siding replacement in the entry foyer.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the allocation of an additional \$16,000 from the Crandall funds.

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 a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Weed for reimbursement of costs associated with the Boles Fire Response and a Resolution designating authorized signatories for Declared Emergency.

Administrative Assistant Jeannette Hook reported that because the Boles Fire has been declared a disaster by the State of California, the City is eligible apply for reimbursement from the State for the assistance the Yreka Police Department provided to the City of Weed. The reimbursement process requires the adoption of the Resolutions presented tonight authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Weed and the City of Yreka and a Resolution designating authorized signatories for Declared Emergency.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to adopt the Resolutions 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.

City Treasurer's Report: 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.
- c. Approval of 2013-2014 Final Year End Closing Budget Revision.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Mercier moved to accept the Treasurer's reports as submitted and to approve the 2013-2014 Final Year End Closing Budget Revision.

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.

Code Enforcement Efforts

City Manager Baker reported that the City's Code Enforcement Process is discussed in a number of sections of the City Municipal Code. Section 1.04.070 outlines six different processes, depending in part on the violations and the legal processes that are available or cost effective for different types of violations.

Recently the Siskiyou County District Attorney's Office contacted City staff indicating that they have received a grant specifically for the abatement of blighted property and offered assistance to the City of Yreka.

Sergeant Chris Betts reported to the Council that his office has become involved in the abatement of blighted properties which are more complex such as properties that are being used as a drug house as well as having blight issues.

His office is currently working with the District Attorney's office on a property that has received more than 50 calls for service in the last two months, in this case the District Attorney sent a letter that gave the tenants or the landowner 35 days to clean the property. A failure to clean up the property resulted in five people receiving citations, and a judge can order the tenants to vacate the property. If an order is made, the property owner will have five days to clean up the property before the City can go in, clean it up and put a lien on the property to recoup the costs.

City Manager Baker noted that this type of situation is rare and most properties are cleaned up when the first notice is sent out.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to proceed the abatement process focusing first with the 5-10 worst properties in the City.

Cameras – Public Safety – Mayor Bicego.

Mayor Bicego stated he asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and that he would like to see a pilot project for surveillance cameras trained on high crime areas, hoping that it could act as both a tool for prosecution and as a deterrent of future crimes.

City Manager Baker stated that in addition to the potential benefits to the Police Department, a surveillance system could also help the City's Public Works Department keep an eye on City property often targeted for vandalism. However, the cost to purchase and install cameras meeting the standards for law enforcement is considerable and that he would need to consult with the Chief of Police.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to report back to Council at a future meeting with potential costs and options for a possible pilot project locating at least two surveillance cameras within the City.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)
 Agency negotiator: Steven Baker.
 Employee Organizations: Yreka Management Team Association, Confidential Unit, Yreka City Employees Association, Yreka Police Administration Unit, Yreka Police Sergeants 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 no reportable 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 20, 2014

 Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk