

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON DECEMBER 17, 2015

On the 17th day of December 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, and David Simmen. Absent – John Mercier.

Mayor Pro-tempore Bryan Foster announced that he received a request to add one item to the agenda, which came to the staff's attention after the preparation and posting of the agenda. Mayor Pro-tempore Foster stated that he would entertain a motion that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Council subsequent to the agenda being posted.

The item to add to the agenda is:

Report of Closed Session action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(5). On November 20, 2015, upon a motion made by Councilmember David Simmen, and seconded by Councilmember Bryan Foster, the City Council unanimously voted to dismiss a Police Officer from employment.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to add to the agenda for public record, the report from the Special Meeting of the Yreka City Council held November 20, 2015 as submitted.

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried, and asked that the record reflect the following report from closed session:

Report of Closed Session action pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1(a)(5). On November 20, 2015, upon a motion made by Councilmember David Simmen, and seconded by Councilmember Bryan Foster, the City Council unanimously voted to dismiss a Police Officer from employment.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Pro-tempore Foster 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 special meeting held November 20, 2015 and the regular meeting held December 3, 2015.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from December 4, 2015 through December 17, 2015.
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-40 approving requests associated with the Special Event of the Jefferson Mountain Bike Association known as the Humbug Hurry-Up to be held June 25, 2016.

- d. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month of October 2015.

Councilmember Freeman requested that item 1c be pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-40 approving requests associated with the Special Event of the Jefferson Mountain Bike Association known as the Humbug Hurry-Up to be held June 25, 2016.

Jill Harris addressed the Council on behalf of the Jefferson Mountain Bike Association, to answer any questions regarding the 2016 event.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-41 approving agreement for the Collection of Solid Waste within the City of Yreka.

Neill Eller addressed the Council on behalf of Yreka Transfer to update the Council on the success of the residential curbside recycling program. Mr. Eller stated that in 2010 they started a pilot program for curbside recycling with approximately 90 residential customers. The program included recycling of cardboard, newspaper, aluminum cans, and #1 and #2 plastic at the curb. The initial program required customers to separate each item.

As the program grew in popularity, we realized our baler could not handle the increase in volume and that the system of pickup was inefficient. By 2011, we made a significant investment in the program by purchasing a larger automated baler and conveyer system to address these problems as well as a new truck with an automated arm and 400 new toter carts. As of November 2015, we now have over 600 residential customers, and our customers are no longer required to separate the recycled items, all accepted items are simply put into the blue recycling tote. The volume of recyclables has gone up over 465% since 2011, and we expect that the increase will be even higher when we receive the data for the month of December 2015.

In closing, Mr. Eller stated, "This program has been so popular that we will likely need to split Yreka up into two-recycling day routes as we are barely able to pick up and process the recyclables in one day anymore."

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-42 authorizing implementation of a Signing Bonus Program for Lateral Police Officers from other agencies.

Police Chief Brian Bowles addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the proposed Signing Bonus Program.

Ken Cozzetto, owner of Ken's Glass, addressed the Council in support of the proposed signing bonus program, stating, "We need to enable the Police Department to put more cops on the streets".

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-43 agreeing to collaborate with the City of Weed and Siskiyou County for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant.

City Manager Steve Baker reported to the Council that in 2013, the City of Yreka, in cooperation with the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council, completed a successful Brownfields Assessment Project with funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency. This grant provided an important economic development tool for the reuse of old industrial sites and it resulted in the location of several new businesses in Yreka, including Belcampo Meats and Fruit Growers Mill on Phillipe Lane.

The City received a request from the staff at Siskiyou County Economic Development Council requesting that the city participate in a regionally collaborative Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant application with the City of Weed and Siskiyou County to ensure funds are available should a specific opportunity present itself. Even though potential sites located within Yreka may be limited, staff believes that a new grant would be a valuable opportunity to support business development.

Due to the City's successful experience with the previous program, the City has been asked to act as the lead-agency for the project coalition. If the Grant is awarded, the City will act as fiscal sponsor for the project and administer an Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from each participating agency to oversee implementation of the grant objectives.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion January 7, 2016.

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk