

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON FEBRUARY 18, 2016

On the 18th day of February 2016, 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.

Mayor Mercier announced that the closed session has been pulled from the agenda.

Mayor Mercier stated that the public has weighed in loud and clear and announced that the item to discuss contracting out the Police Department has also been pulled from the agenda, however, a discussion item would remain on the agenda to allow the audience to speak.

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 February 4, 2016.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from February 5 through February 18, 2016.
- c. Adopt Resolution approving requests associated with Special Event of the Reenactors of the American Civil War, Inc., to be held May 20 through 22, 2016.

Councilmember Foster requested that item 1c be pulled for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Smith moved to approve items 1 a & b on the consent calendar 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.

Adopt Resolution #2016-5 approving requests associated with Special Event of the Reenactors of the American Civil War, Inc., to be held May 20 through 22, 2016.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-5 as submitted.

Councilmember Freeman 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 #2016-6 consenting to Converse Construction's request to withdraw, and authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to RTA Construction, Inc., in the

amount of \$1,203,500.00 and execute related documents, for the North Street Booster Pump Station and North Well Replacement Project.

City Manager Baker reported that on January 21, 2016, bids were opened for the North Street Booster Pump Station and North Well Replacement project. This project includes the replacement and upgrade of 60-plus year old facilities, pumps, motors and controls. The project resolves a confined space hazard at the North Street Pump Station, and will increase reliability of the water system as well as mitigate noise in the adjacent residential neighborhood. The replacement pumps will be controlled by Variable Frequency Drives to reduce energy costs. The pump station site will also be made ADA compliant.

Currently, the North Well (infiltration gallery) is the City's only emergency backup water source. The second part of this project will replace aged electrical and mechanical equipment, reducing energy needs, and replacing the control building, which has settled so much that the mortared blocks have pulled apart. These upgrades are necessary in order for the backup well to be sanitary and reliable as an alternate water supply or when needed to augment the existing Fall Creek supply during emergencies.

Converse Construction, Inc. was the apparent low bidder initially with a bid of \$973,75.00, but on January 25, 2016 they submitted a Request to Withdraw pursuant to California Public Contract Code §5100. In accordance with the Public Contract Code, the awarding authority must document the facts for each prescribed element in order to consent to a withdrawal of the low bid. In considering the project, staff and PACE Engineering recommends that the City award the project to the next lowest responsible, responsive bidder, RTA Construction of Redding in the amount of \$1,203,500.

The fiscal impact of awarding the base bid contract is \$1,203,500.00 plus an estimated \$120,000 for the related costs of inspection, survey, testing and contract administration. The FY 2015/16 water department budget was supplemented for this project on July 18, 2015. Since the work will extend into FY 16/17, staff requests that unspent project funds also carry over into the coming year. Staff is recommending that the Council adopt the Resolution consenting to Converse Construction's Request to Withdraw, and authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to RTA Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,203,500.00, and execute related documents, for the North Street Booster Pump Station and North Well Replacement project.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-6 as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Discussion -Yreka Police Department – Mayor Mercier:

- Consideration of contracting out for police dispatch.

- Consideration of eliminating Yreka Police Department and contracting out to the Sheriff's Department for police services.”

Mayor Mercier thanked the very large crowd for coming and apologized for not having enough space in the City Council Chamber to accommodate everyone.

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

- a) Cash Balances Report – December 2015
- b) Quarterly Treasurer's Investment Report – 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2015/2016
- c) Budget of Revenue and Expenditures with Year to Date Actuals through December 2015
- d) Quarterly Fiscal Performance Report – 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to accept the Treasurer's reports 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.

Appointment of Liaison the League of California Cities.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved appoint Councilmember Joan Smith-Freeman as the City of Yreka's official Liaison to the League of California Cities.

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.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion March 3, 2016

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk