

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 19, 2015

On the 19th day of March 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.

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/ratification of payments issued from March 6 through March 19, 2015.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held March 5, 2015.
- c. Adopt Resolution #2015-8 authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an interagency agreement with the County of Siskiyou for the Foothill Drive sewer extension and execute related water and sewer agreements for engineering services.

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

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

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Administrative Assistant Jeannette Hook reported that the County has purchased property east of Sierra Vista Drive with the intent of using it for the new jail. Extension of utility services for new development is the responsibility of the property owner. These costs are not paid for through the Development and Connection Impact Fees, which pay only for system-wide upgrades necessary to serve growth.

The City has funds currently programed in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to reconstruct Foothill Drive from approximately Kleaver Street to the eastern City Limits. This project is anticipated to be advertised for bids this summer. It is the City's policy to impose a pavement cutting moratorium on new street surfaces for a minimum of five years in order to preserve the longevity of new payment.

In consideration of the City reconstruction plans for Foothill Drive, the County has requested that the City authorize its consultant, Bray and Associates, to design the Foothill Drive sewer extension on behalf of the County and include this work in the advertisement for bid.

The City also has a need to replace an aging water line in Foothill Drive, work that was recommended in the 2005 Water Master Plan. It is efficient to include this water line work in the upcoming roadway project. It is requested that the Council also authorize the City Manager to execute agreements for additional design work necessary for the water line replacement in the bids.

The sewer work is not eligible for STIP reimbursement, Siskiyou County has authorized funds to reimburse the City for the design and construction work and its direct administrative costs, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The reimbursable costs are estimated to be \$6,000 for the sewer design, \$5,000 for City administrative costs, and \$89,000 for construction costs.

The water line replacement work is also ineligible for STIP reimbursement. The City's water enterprise funds will be used to pay for the work associated with the water line. The costs are estimated to be \$6,000 for the design and \$285,000 for construction costs, plus costs for related administration and inspections.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-8 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.

Request from Beacon of Hope Gospel Mission to consider leasing City owned M-1 Property for a Homeless Shelter.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the City received a request from the Beacon of Hope Gospel Rescue Mission for the City to consider leasing City-owned land zoned M-1 to allow construction of a homeless shelter.

The City owns parcels that are zoned M-1 near the College of the Siskiyous and Greenhorn Park. While the City has not formally designated these parcels for the future expansion of the College, that intent has been discussed on numerous occasions. It is also possible that one or two of these parcels could be developed as industrial uses directly related to the College's courses and programs, strengthening both. A homeless shelter, even if "temporary" could adversely affect these potential projects.

These parcels are also in close proximity to Greenhorn Park, which would be a concern, even for a temporary use. Shelter users tend to migrate to nearby open areas when the shelter is closed and Greenhorn Park is our largest park and one of the top two in the City for usage.

The City has three M-1 parcels outside of the College and Greenhorn area. One is the new police station; another is the Yreka Creek entry area and creek north of Oberlin Road. The third is a parcel slated to be used for expansion of the floodway corridor.

At this time, Staff does not believe that any of these parcels are suitable for lease as a shelter site.

In closing City Manager stated that if the Council decided to consider any of these sites for a shelter, further analyses of the Mission's policies, practices and operation plans would be appropriate prior to leasing city property.

Daniel Simon and John Krueger addressed the Council requesting that the Council consider leasing the City owned 12 acre parcel located on E. Oberlin Road to the Beacon of Hope Rescue Mission for a Homeless Shelter.

Matt Rokes addressed the Council in opposition of the proposal to build a Homeless Shelter in Yreka.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to deny the request and to discontinue discussions regarding the lease of City owned land for a homeless shelter.

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.

Miner Street Grant Program Community Projects Application – Old Town Yreka Merchants for Historic Directional Parking Signs on Miner Street.

City Manager Baker reported that the City received an application from the Old Town Yreka Merchants to purchase new historical directional signs to replace the existing parking signs on Miner Street.

The Community Projects Grant Program has been designated to provide financial assistance to enhance Miner Street by providing grants to aid community oriented projects. This grant was made possible by private funds donated by the Stewart Trust.

The Old Town Yreka Merchants group has submitted an application for \$1,800, which is the estimated amount for 12 signs. This amount does not include the sales tax or costs that will be incurred by the Public Works Department for the installation of the signs.

City Staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval of the grant application as submitted in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.

Linda Martin and Gary Nelson addressed the Council on behalf of the Old Town Yreka Merchants to answer any questions regarding the application.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve the grant application in an amount not to exceed \$3,300.

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.

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: The Yreka City Employees Association.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported out that item #1 was pulled from the agenda and that no reportable action was taken on item #2.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion April 2, 2015

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk