

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 5, 2015

On the 5th 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, Joan Smith Freeman, John Mercier, and David Simmen. Absent – Bryan Foster.

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 February 20, through March 5, 2015.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held February 19, 2015.
- c. Adopt Resolution for the Affirmation and Implementation of the Provisions of Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code to Tax Defer Employee Retirement Contributions to CalPERS.
- d. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month of January 2015.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve the items on the consent calendar as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Consideration of request of Bob Kaster regarding resurfacing the tennis courts at Miner Street Park.

Bob Kaster addressed the Council regarding the dilapidated condition of the tennis courts in Miner Street Park and requested that the Council determine what resources, if any, may be available for the project and obtain an official evaluation and cost estimate of what is needed for both a short-term and long-term solution.

Mr. Kaster stated that once the cost assessment is done, we may be able to put together a partnership involving the city, user groups, and hopefully one or more of the charitable foundations to complete the project.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved authorize staff to obtain cost estimates and options for short-term and long term solutions to repair the tennis courts and to report back to the Council along with possible funding sources.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2015-6 consenting to the formation of the Siskiyou County Tourism Improvement District by the County of Siskiyou.

Robert Coox, Siskiyou County Economic Development Council Program Manager, reported to the Council that Tourism-related business owners throughout Siskiyou County have been working with the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council to form a funding source for effective tourism marketing programs. The proposed formation of the Siskiyou County Tourism Improvement District (SCTID) is the result of their efforts. The purpose of the SCTID is to increase tourism in Siskiyou County, by marketing it to potential visitors.

The SCTID is a benefit assessment district, to be formed pursuant to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 ('94 Law). The SCTID will provide funding for marketing efforts, working to attract visitors to lodging establishments and ski resorts throughout Siskiyou County, including in Yreka. If formed, the SCTID will place an assessment of two percent (2%) of gross short-term (stays less than 31 days) room rental revenue on lodging businesses and an assessment of two percent (2%) of ski resort lift ticket revenue on ski resorts. The assessment will be levied on hotels, inns, tourist homes or houses, motels, studio hotels, bachelor hotels, lodging houses, rooming houses, apartment houses, dormitories, public or private clubs, mobile homes, and ski resorts.

The '94 Law allows for the formation of multi-jurisdictional improvement districts, with consent of the included jurisdictions being granted to one "lead" jurisdiction. The County of Siskiyou proposes to act as the lead jurisdiction in forming the SCTID. To form the SCTID, the County of Siskiyou will follow the formation proceedings specified in the '94 Act, including accepting petitions, adopting a resolution declaring their intention to form the district, holding a public meeting and public hearing to allow for comments, and adopting a resolution forming the district.

The purpose of this Resolution is to grant the City's permission to the County of Siskiyou to form the SCTID and include the City of Yreka in the proposed district.

Adopting this resolution will have no immediate fiscal impact to the City of Yreka. An increase in visitors could increase the City's transient occupancy and sales tax revenues. There will be an increase in administrative costs for the collection of the SCTID, and the City will be paid an administrative fee equal to 1% of the assessment collected to offset this expense.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-6 as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Acceptance of the Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Steve Drageset, of Aiello, Goodrich & Teuscher, presented the Council with highlights from the audited financial report, stating that no significant audit findings were found, and the City did not have any findings pursuant to compliance with the federal single audit act report, commonly referred to as OMB Circular 133A for federal grant awards.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to accept the Audited Financial Report as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Mayor Mercier announced that the Closed Session has been pulled from the agenda.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion March 19, 2015

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk