

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 20, 2017

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017, 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, Duane Kegg, and Norman Shaskey Absent - None.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Freeman 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 April 7 through April 20, 2017.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held April 5, and the regular meeting held April 6, 2017.
- c. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month of January 2017.

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

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Appoint a new City Councilmember to fill the unexpired term of David Simmen, which expires November 2018.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this item to the May 4, 2017 meeting.

Resolution to attempt to change California Law to allow nonpartisan special elections for City, School or Special Districts that occur at a different time from the normal primary and general elections to be held with a vote by mail election – Councilmember Shaskey.

Councilmember Shaskey submitted the following request to the City Council:

“This is a request that the Yreka City Council pass a resolution to attempt to change California Election law.

Currently special elections not in the ordinary election cycle (primary & general elections) are often held with very little voter turnout and high costs to the City, school or special district.

The proposed resolution would allow nonpartisan special elections for city, school or special districts that occur at a different time from the normal primary & general elections to be held

with a vote by mail election. This would increase voter participation and reduce election costs. Other states have vote by mail elections for all elected offices.”

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to direct staff to prepare a formal Resolution for Council consideration at the next meeting.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)  
 Agency negotiators: Steven Baker and Rhetta Hogan.  
 Employee Organizations: Yreka Police Officer's Association, Yreka Employees Association, Yreka Police Administration Association, Yreka Management Team Association, and the Confidential Unit.
2. 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).

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported out as to item no. 1, Council conferred with its labor negotiator and Item No. 2 was pulled from the agenda.

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

Attest:

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 Joan Smith Freeman, Mayor  
 Minutes approved by Council  
 Motion May 4, 2017

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 Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk