

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 1, 2014

On the 1ST day of May 2014, 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: Robert Bicego, Bryan Foster, Rory McNeil, John Mercier and David Simmen. Absent – None.

PROCLAMATION – MAY AS NATIONAL BIKE SAFETY MONTH – Mayor Simmen.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Simmen 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 April 17, 2014.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from April 18 through May 1, 2014.
- c. Adopt Resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou to consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday November 4, 2014, with the Statewide General Election.
- d. Adopt Resolution accepting Deed from Todd W. Whipple and Stacy R. Whipple Trust for a Fee Title Acquisition, and authorizing execution of all documents relating to the transaction.

Councilmember Mercier requested item d be pulled from the consent calendar.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the items a, b & c as submitted.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution accepting Deed from Todd W. Whipple and Stacy R. Whipple Trust for a Fee Title Acquisition, and authorizing execution of all documents relating to the transaction.

Councilmember Mercier announced his recusal stating that he has a potential conflict of interest and therefore recused himself and left the Council Chamber.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to adopt the Resolution accepting Deed from Todd W. Whipple and Stacy R. Whipple Trust for a Fee Title Acquisition, and authorizing the execution of all documents relating to the transaction.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Councilmember Mercier returned to his seat at the Council table.

Adopt Ordinance No. 837 amending Title 16 Zoning, of the Yreka Municipal Code by adding definitions to Chapter 16.12; amending Sections 16.18.050, 16.20.050, 16.20.070, 16.22.050, 16.22.070, 16.24.050, 16.26.050, 16.30.070, 16.34.070, 16.36.070, 16.38.060, 16.40.050, 16.40.070, 16.42.050; adding Section 16.46.150, Single-room occupancy residential unit (SRO); adding Section 16.46.160, Emergency shelters; and determine that the proposed project is exempt from further review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section §15061(b)(3).

Following the reading of the title of the Ordinance and Council discussion, Councilmember McNeil moved to waive the reading of the body of the Ordinance and to adopt the Ordinance as submitted.

Councilmember Bicego seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, McNeil, and Simmen, Nays: Foster & Mercier.

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution adopting a Negative Declaration for the General Plan Amendment 2014-1 and approving General Plan Amendment #2014-1 Adopting the 2014-2019 General Plan Housing Element Update.

Mike Martin of Pacific Municipal Consultants gave a presentation on the Housing Element Update and an overview of the Housing Element Requirements.

Public Hearing – To receive input and respond to questions regarding the proposed Housing Element Update of the Yreka General Plan that reflects the new State’s Regional Housing Need Assessment requirements for planning period 2014-2019.

This being the time and date scheduled for the public hearing, Mayor Simmen opened the public hearing to the audience. There being no statements or comments received from the public, Mayor Simmen closed the public hearing.

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

Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, McNeil, Mercier and Simmen, Nays – Foster.

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing a Use Agreement with Yreka Splash for the operation of Ringe Pool for fiscal Year 2014-2015, with a contribution of \$32,500.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the City has received a request to from Yreka Splash to continue the financial support for the operation of Ringe Pool in the amount of \$32,500.

City Manager Baker further reported City staff has been meeting with representatives of Splash regarding to the pool's need for long-term repairs, however no major maintenance items have been identified this year. While all of the pool partners are supportive, a long term strategy for capital investment and management is still elusive. Splash has been a great resource for the community and has kept the pool open for the last eight years. Staff is recommending providing the funding as requested in the amount of \$32,500 to operate the pool for the eight-week season for 2014.

Bussy McCluskey, Yreka Splash President, addressed the Council reporting that they teamed up with the Yreka Elks Lodge and held their first bingo event, which raised \$3,000 through bingo and raffle prizes and that they are planning to once again sell fireworks in July, which brings in around \$9,000. And this year they are planning a new fundraiser called a "Microbrew Tasting Booth" at the Threads Bluegrass Festival in August.

Ms. McCluskey stated the pool will open on June 9, and that they are planning to offer the same programming schedule as last year with the possible exception of the summer swim team, which is contingent on finding a coach.

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

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing the City Manager to award a construction contract to Marrone Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$927,051.33 for base bid and additive/deductive alternatives No. 20.6, 20.7, 20.9, and 20.10 for the North Yreka Creek Trail Project – Re-bid.

Director of Public Works Steve Neill reported that this project will construct park improvements at two locations. The new North Yreka Creek site on Deer Creek Way includes grading, excavating, paving approximately ½ mile of trail, minor street improvements (curb, gutter, and driveway approaches), parking lot, restroom, and temporary irrigation for re-vegetation of native species. Improvements at the existing Visitor Center include a sound wall, a "outdoor classroom" seating area at the east end of the footbridge, and landscaping and irrigation improvements to reduce maintenance and improve public safety. Improvements at the Visitor Center are authorized by the County of Siskiyou and the US Forest Service.

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

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Authorize the City Manager to enter into public-private agreement for relocation of the Fire Station water dispenser.

Finance Director Rhetta Hogan reported that at the direction of City Council, staff contacted Mr. Cowley and he has agreed to limit the dispensing charge to the public to \$6 to \$8 per fill (up to 1000 gallons) for five years and limit dispensing charge increases to the greater of either the cost of living as defined by the American Cities Municipal Cost Index or City's water consumptive rate increase within that 5-year period (rounded up to the nearest \$0.25).

The fiscal impact is expected to be \$12,500 to construct a water service connection to the City's main and \$5,000 to reimburse the costs of the dispensing facility. A mini-grant from SCORE, has been tentatively approved to cover the \$5,000 reimbursement cost.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into public-private agreement for relocation of the Fire Station water dispenser.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing execution of an Agreement to provide financial support to the Montague-Yreka Airport.

City Manager Baker reported that on November 21, 2013, the Council authorized sending a letter to the City of Montague giving notice of termination of the Joint Powers Agreement for Airport Facilities for the Montague-Yreka Airport. The City of Montague subsequently took action to also authorize dissolution of the JPA. By the terms of the JPA, it expires at the end of June.

Part of the intent of the actions taken was to replace the JPA with a simple agreement providing for continuation of Yreka support to the airport, specifically the fund that is used to maintain airport facilities.

This proposed agreement accomplishes that objective. We have requested that Montague on an annual basis provide a report on the activities of the airport and the use of the funds (the funds from Montague and Yreka are matched by state airport funds and sometimes accumulated over years to do major repair and maintenance projects).

In closing, City Manager Baker stated that this action is also before the Montague City Council and if approved the agreement would go into effect on July 1, 2014.

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

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Mayor Simmen announced the closed session has been pulled from the agenda.

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

Attest:

David Simmen, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion 5-15-2014

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk