

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 7, 2015

On the 7th day of May 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, and David Simmen. Absent – John Mercier.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Pro-tempore Foster 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 17 through May 7, 2015.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2015.
- c. Acknowledge Receipt of Annual General Plan Report and Housing Element Progress Report.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Miner Street Grant Façade Program Application – Applicants Craig and Annette Mommer - Shasta's Confectionery 313 W. Miner Street.

City Manager Baker reported that the City received an application from Craig and Annette Mommer to paint the front exterior and purchase and install a new sign and awning on the front of the building located at 313 W. Miner Street. City staff has reviewed the application and is recommending approval.

The Community Projects Façade Grant Program has been designated to provide financial assistance to local businesses located on Miner Street by providing grants to aid visual improvement projects. This grant was made possible by private funds donated by the Stewart Trust. All projects must be approved by the City Council before any work begins. Projects must be consistent with the City's Historic District rules and regulations.

The Façade Grant Program allows for a grant of up to 50% of the eligible costs, which would equal a grant reimbursement allocation up to \$3,886.41.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the grant application as submitted and authorize a grant reimbursement allocation of \$3,886.41.

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2015-14 – approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Event known as the Yreka Gold Rush Days to be held on June 20, 2015.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2015-15 accepting and authorizing the recordation of grant deeds for the purpose of a Boundary Line Adjustment between parcels owned by the City of Yreka known as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 013-110-130 & 013-100-140.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the City owns two parcels on Phillipe Lane purchased for the purpose of supporting industrial development. The northernmost parcel is approximately 8.8 acres and includes the recycling pond that was once part of the former Hi-Ridge Lumber Mill. This parcel, together with approximately 5.4 acres of the southern parcel are currently leased to Fruit Growers as part of the new lumber mill project. This area is surrounded by a berm that was part of the old lumber mill.

Staff has been working on a boundary line adjustment to create a parcel that reflects the boundary of the old mill, with the intent of selling the northern parcel to Fruit Growers. This Resolution authorizes the recording of the Boundary Line Adjustment.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #2015-16 authorizing agreement and acceptance of Easement Deed with Mt. Shasta Title and Escrow Company for the Yreka Creek Greenway.

Jeannette Hook, Administrative Assistant reported that the City has negotiated an access easement with Mt. Shasta Title for the Oberlin Trail Project at the Yreka Creek Greenway. This easement will allow a trail to cross their property at an important location for public, emergency, and maintenance access. Mt. Shasta Title is donating the easement and supporting title research services in exchange for the installation of a revised landscaping and fence to secure their property along the trail. The costs associated with trail construction in this area are estimated to

be approximately \$50,000 including revisions to landscaping and fencing. Funding will come from the River Parkways grant for the Oberlin Trail Project.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #2015-17 finding certain city vehicles as surplus property and authorizing sale by the City Manager.

City Manager Baker reported that the Fleet Manager, in cooperation with the Maintenance Manager, is recommending the sale of the vehicles and equipment as listed on the proposed Resolution.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2015-18 to approve the sale of surplus property (1998 American LaFrance Fire Engine) to the Scott Valley Fire Protection District.

City Manager Baker reported that one of the items on the surplus property list on this agenda is the 1998 American LaFrance Fire Engine. In the past, the City has donated fire apparatus to other local fire departments (e.g. Klamath River in 2012). This is based on the premise that donating the unit to another fire department with lower call volume that cannot afford this type of unit is of benefit to the City and to general fire service in the County. Having an active engine in other areas of the county helps to suppress fires that could otherwise need mutual aid from Yreka (or other agencies), including fires that could threaten Yreka or other communities. The Scott Valley Fire Protection District has indicated that they have an interest in this engine.

The engine was manufactured by Weststates in Woodland, CA, using American LaFrance parts. Weststates is now out of business and American LaFrance is going through bankruptcy. Parts and service are sometimes difficult to get. This engine also requires repair of a pump and electrical issues that would be in the range of \$2,000 to \$2,500. The estimated value of this engine at auction is difficult to assess, but Fleet staff believes that the auction value is between \$10,000 and \$15,000, based on "fair" condition. To sell this engine in "fair" condition would require the above pump and electrical repairs be completed. Due to the higher value of this engine, staff is not recommending donation, but is recommending a sale price to the Scott Valley

Fire Protection District based on the lower end of the value range less the estimated cost of repairs (i.e. selling the engine “as is”) instead of making the repairs. Staff is therefore recommending a sale price to Scott Valley Fire Protection District of \$7,500. Scott Valley has indicated they would be interested in the engine at that price.

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

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

Mayor Pro-tempore Foster 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 that item #1, Conference with Legal Counsel, was pulled from the agenda and that instruction was given regarding item #2, Conference with Labor Negotiator.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion May 21, 2015

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk