

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JUNE 1, 2017

On the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of June 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, Robert Bicego, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, and Norman Shaskey  
Absent - None.

Mayor Freeman reported out from the Closed Session of the Special Meeting held June 1, 2017 at 6 p.m., stating that the Council gave direction to the City staff that they did not want to pursue the property acquisition at this time, and that the closed section has been pulled from tonight's agenda.

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 May 19, through June 1, 2017.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2017.
- c. Adopt Resolution # 2017-22 extending the suspension of Section 13.76.010 of the Yreka Municipal Code, allowing installation of Banners on Fairlane Road.

Councilmember Bicego requested that item 1a be pulled for discussion.

Mayor Freeman requested that item 1b be pulled for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Pro-tempore Baird moved to approve item 1c on the consent calendar as submitted.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval/ratification of payments issued from May 19, through June 1, 2017.

Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 18, 2017.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to approve/ratify the payments as submitted and approve the minutes as corrected to reflect the name of Heather Dodds as the representative speaking on behalf of Scott Valley Bank for the 2017 Concert Series.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve request of Yreka Chamber of Commerce for use of the Downtown Plaza for 2017 special events.

Karl Greiner, Executive Director of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council stating that he inadvertently forgot to request the use of the Downtown Plaza when he requested street closure for the 2017 Chamber events.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Kegg moved to approve the request for use of the Downtown Plaza for the special events to be held June 17, 24, and 30, 2017, and requested that the Chamber submit a request for Council consideration at the next meeting with specific dates and times for each of the events.

Mayor Pro-tempore Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve Miner Street Grant Program Community Project proposal to install a Security Door to the entrance of the Public Restrooms at the Downtown Plaza located on the corner of Miner and N. Broadway authorizing grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to approve the “Art Deco Design” as submitted by Steve Young, and authorize grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution #2017-23 authorizing applications for a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan for the Yreka Police Station remodel and designating the City Manager to execute related documents.

Public Works Administrative Assistant Jeannette Hook reported that in April, the City Council provided direction to move towards financing the costs of construction on the Yreka Police Station Remodel. At this time, staff is requesting formal authorization to apply for a USDA Community Facilities Loan and for the City Council to designate the signatories for the process. Once the application is processed and USDA has committed to the funding, additional resolutions will be necessary for the Council to approve the specifics of the loan and provide for cash flow during construction. Any internal borrowing will be repaid when the USDA loan is completed. USDA will handle this project as a lump sum loan draw at the completion of construction (not construction draws). Note that a one-draw loan will reduce the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan by not starting to accrue interest until the loan draw has been made.

Project Updates: Plan Revisions (additive/deductive alternatives)

- a. Site Constraints - Discussions regarding potential options are underway. Resolution of this discussion is critically necessary to finalize the plans for bidding.
- b. Peer Review of Plans – Nichols, Melburg, and Rosetto Architects (a large Redding firm specializing in public buildings) has conducted a review of the plans and specifications. We asked them to review the plans for constructability (i.e. things that would make construction significantly easier or cheaper) and to review the additive/deductive options to ensure we are considering all the possibilities that make sense. The recommendations still need to be evaluated and incorporated into the plans.
- c. Architectural Redesign– Dennis Dong, CHD Architects, completed the initial revisions the City requested to improve flexibility. Dennis is working to update the probable estimates of costs for construction (required before bidding a public project). Indications are that construction costs have increased generally state-wide by 10 -20% since last year.
- d. Bidding Alternatives – The alternatives are deductive, rather than additive. While the preference is for additive alternatives, the cost and time associated with redesigning alternatives is considerable. The Peer Review Report repeats the Architect’s recommendation that the bid schedule be as simple as possible to entice busy contractors to bid on this project however there is a balance to be struck between making bidding easy for contractors and ensuring maximum award flexibility for the City.

Bid Timeline: Current expectation is that we will be ready for Council to authorize the call for bids by approximately August.

Staff is working with Kevin DeMers of USDA Rural Development to complete an application package, provide all the necessary information, and obtain USDA approval for bidding. Adoption of the Resolution provides staff with necessary authorizations to execute the loan application and related paperwork.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to adopt the Resolution as amended to change the last word in Section 3 from “loan” to application.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2017-24 approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Yreka Police Administration Association.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Pro-tempore Baird moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Appointment to the Audit, Debt and Investment Committee.

City Manager Baker reported that members of the City Council represent the City by serving on various committees. Some are appointed directly by the City Council, while others are appointed by the City Selection Committee, which is comprised of the board members of the Siskiyou League of Local Agencies (LOLA).

On January 5, 2017, the City Council appointed Councilmembers David Simmen and Norman Shaskey to the Audit, Debt and Investment Committee. Councilmember Simmen resigned his position on the Council effective March 12, 2017, so we are asking that the City Council appoint someone to fill the vacant position.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Shaskey moved to appoint Mayor Pro-tempore Baird to the Audit, Debt and Investment Committee.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Appointment of Water Rights ad hoc committee.

Mayor Freeman reported that the City's water comes from Fall Creek, through a 23 mile pipeline to the City. The Klamath River Renewal Corporation known as the KRRC has been formed in order to facilitate removal of the dams and take other actions related to that action. The City's water conveyance pipeline and water rights may be indirectly affected by the dam removal. An ad hoc committee of two councilmembers is recommended to review and make recommendations, as necessary, to the Council regarding these issues.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Pro-tempore Baird moved to appoint Mayor Freeman and Councilmember Bicego to the Water Rights ad hoc committee.

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

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Authorize Mayor to Execute a letter opposing AB 975 (Wild and Scenic Rivers).

City Manager Baker reported that a bill that has reached the Assembly Floor, AB 975, would amend the wild and scenic rivers section of California Code to change the area protected along

the Klamath River and its tributaries from “immediately adjacent” to “within a quarter mile” of the river. Staff is still reviewing the impacts of this legislation. The bill is apparently headed to the Senate, so any concerns about the bill need to be raised immediately.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Bicego moved to authorize the City Manager to work with the City Attorney and the Mayor to prepare and send a letter in opposition to AB975.

Mayor Pro-tempore Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Bicego, Freeman, Kegg, and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager/Staff Report: MS4 (Storm Drains) Update.

City Manager Baker reported that the City has a number of obligations under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Director of Public Works Matt Bray gave a brief update on the MS4 requirements and how they affect the city.

**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 June 15, 2017

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Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk