

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JUNE 4, 2015

On the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 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, John Mercier, and David Simmen. Absent – None.

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 May 22, through June 4, 2015
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 21, 2015.

Councilmember Simmen requested item 1a be pulled for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the minutes on the consent calendar as submitted.

Councilmember Foster seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen. Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution approving request for additional funding for the Yreka Police Department New Station Retrofit project and authorizing the project advertisement for public bid.

Yreka Police Department Chief Brian Bowles reported that on September 11, 2013, the Yreka City Council allocated \$1,800,000 for the new Yreka Police Department project. \$1,300,000 was from the Crandall Fund restricted reserves, and \$500,000 from the general fund. The City has utilized approximately \$900,000 for the purchase of the building and architectural services. This leaves a balance of approximately \$900,000.

Staff has worked on creating a modern police facility that will serve the citizens of Yreka well into the future. Many factors go into creating a modern and functional police facility such as meeting requirements to function during or after a critical incident or disaster. In addition, modernization of our furnishing and equipment is essential to operate efficiently. Dennis Dong (Architect) estimates bids for the project to come in at approximately \$150 a square foot. This will make the retrofit cost approximately \$1,350,000. Staff estimates the contents, computer move/upgrade, furniture, radio console, and furnishing at an additional \$350,000. Staff recommends \$100,000 for any contingency that may arise during the process. Based on these assumptions an additional \$900,000 is needed to complete this project. Staff is requesting an additional allocation of \$900,000 utilizing \$700,000 from the Crandall Fund restricted reserves and \$200,000 out of the general fund.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table this agenda item along with the discussion regarding the Crandall Fund to a future meeting.

Public Hearing to receive public comments regarding a proposed Ordinance amending and repealing certain sections of the Yreka Municipal Code in Chapter 1.24 entitled “City Council Procedure” and Chapter 13.16 entitled “Exempt Signs” and “Fee Exempt Signs”.

This being the time and date set for the public hearing, Mayor Mercier opened the hearing to the audience. Don East asked if this proposed change was related to the Historic District. There being no further statements or comments from the audience, Mayor Mercier closed the public hearing.

Introduce Ordinance amending and repealing certain sections of the Yreka Municipal Code in Chapter 1.24 entitled “City Council Procedure” and Chapter 13.16 entitled “Exempt Signs” and “Fee Exempt Signs” and finding the adoption of this Ordinance to be exempt from CEQA.

City Manager Baker reported that the City completes periodic reviews of the Yreka Municipal Code to amend or delete provisions which have become obsolete or that do not follow current City policies and practices. The following portions of the Yreka Municipal Code have been submitted for amendment or deletion by staff as part of this periodic review:

Section 1.24.150 Rules of Order. Staff is recommending an amendment to replace Robert’s Rules of Order, with Rosenberg’s Rules of order, which are known as the “Simple Rules of Parliamentary Procedure for the 21<sup>st</sup>. Century.

Section 13.16.020 Exempt Signs and Section 13.16.040 Fee Exempt Signs. Staff is recommending deletion of these sections. These sections were originally adopted in 1969, and are obsolete. These sections were inadvertently missed when the City updated the Sign Code in 2004.

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

Councilmember Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen. Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Mercier announced that the Closed Session has been pulled from the agenda. There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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John Mercier, Mayor  
Minutes approved by Council  
Motion June 18, 2015

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Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk