

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON AUGUST 20, 2015

On the 20th day of August 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, John Mercier, and David Simmen. Absent – Joan Smith Freeman.

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 of Minutes of the meeting held August 6, 2015
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from August 7 through August 20, 2015.
- c. Adopt Resolution approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Event to be held on September 26, 2015 known as the “Sizzlin September Car Show and Shine”.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster 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, Mercier and Simmen. Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Yreka repealing Chapter 12.12 entitled Enacting “Water Limitations” and Sections 12.04.280 and 12.04.290 of the Yreka Municipal Code, and supplanting them with Chapter 12.12 entitled “Water Efficiency” and finding the adoption of this ordinance to be exempt from CEQA, and waive the reading of the body of the Ordinance.

Mayor Mercier noted for the record that the Council received a second e-mail from Alexander Macilraith, Legislative Aide on behalf of the California Pool and Spa Association and a letter dated August 17, 2015 from John A. Norwood, President, California Pool & Spa Association, both in opposition to the proposed Ordinance relating to the Pool Permit Moratorium.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that this is the second reading of this Ordinance, which was introduced at the City Council meeting held August 6, 2015.

This proposed ordinance contains 5 water conservation stages ranging from Stage One, which is standard water conservation rules that are in place year round to stage five (water emergency). These stages mirror the stages in the Urban Water Management Plan and are increasingly restrictive as they increase. The City is currently in a Stage two (water alert) status, which restricts watering of landscaping to three days a week as well as other water conservations measures. The ordinance also contains fines and remedies for people using excessive water. If adopted tonight, the Ordinance will become effective immediately.

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

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

Adopt Resolution # 2015-30 adopting regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water within the city's service area.

City Manager Baker reported that the Ordinance adopted tonight implements the City's structure for water conservation. This resolution implements the temporary rules enacted by the Governor and State Water Resources Control Board due to the current drought in California. These are designed to be temporary, during the term of the drought, so are contained or referenced separately. The resolution allows the restrictions to stay in place as long as the drought emergency exists, currently through February 2016, then either expire if the drought is over or renewed if the drought regulations continue.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted, and to appoint the City Attorney to draft a summary of the Resolution for publication.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Foster, Mercier and Simmen. Mayor Mercier 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. Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957, consider public employee performance evaluation for the position of City Attorney.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion September 3, 2015

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk