

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

On the 17th day of September 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, Joan Smith Freeman, John Mercier, and David Simmen. Absent – Bryan Foster.

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 September 3, 2015.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from September 4, through September 17, 2015.
- c. Adopt Resolution approving requests associated with the special event known as the Yreka High School Northern Athletic League Cross Country meet to be held September 30, 2015.

Councilmember Simmen requested item 1b, be removed for discussion.

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

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

Approval/ratification of payments issued from September 4, through September 17, 2015.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the payments as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Presentation on Municipal Separate Storm Sewage System (MS4) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – Keven Jorgensen

Kevin Jorgensen, GIS Intern, made a presentation on the Geographic Information System (GIS) being utilized by the City to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial and geographical data.

Mr. Jorgensen reported that the summer assignment entailed installation of software, field data collection, and compiling the data into a generally accessible database. The features and associated information of the maps will continue to be developed by City staff.

The GIS software was first used to collect an inventory of storm drain inlets within the city limits to create a map for the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. After completion of the storm drain inlet inventory, we began the process of creating a similar inventory and record of spatially accurate locations for water meters in the City. The digital maps that were created are sub-meter accuracy, which means the margin of error is less than 3 feet and can be updated to record maintenance activities and new service installations as they occur.

In closing, Mr. Jorgensen stated that utilizing GIS to its full potential will enable Public Works to keep current and expanding data in a single functional location, accessible to office and field staff. With GIS as an everyday tool, maintenance efforts become more streamlined and cost effective.

Adopt Resolution approving Consultant Agreement with Morrison Structures, Inc., for the design and engineering of the Fairlane Road Bridge Deck Preventative Maintenance Project and authorizing a supplemental appropriation for required match funds.

Jeannette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, reported that the City programmed federal funds in the Highway Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP) in 2013 for preliminary engineering to address deficiencies identified in the bridge deck surface at Fairlane Road identified by a routine Caltrans Bridge Inspection. The deficiencies could affect the long-term integrity of the structure. In 2013, the City Council approved Resolution No. 3032 to accept the funds and authorize executing the implementing agreements with Caltrans.

After conducting a Request for Qualifications and receiving responses from two qualified firms, Morrison Structures, Inc., of Redding was selected. The Professional Services Agreement that has been negotiated is greater than the City's currently available allocation, staff has requested additional funding from Caltrans for the Preliminary Engineering, and related staff costs. The funding approval from Caltrans is anticipated on or about October 1, 2015. The increase in funding will also increase the required match. Because full funding is not yet approved, the Agreement with Morrison Structures provides for segmented authorizations to proceed in order to allow the City to better control the pace of expenditures. Starting the design now is critical to ensure the City can program the construction funds necessary to complete the project at the next opportunity, February 2016.

The Agreement with Morrison Structures is not to exceed \$160,382. The program is a federally funded reimbursement program and requires 11.47% local match. The City has match funds budgeted for design in the amount of \$8,625. Based on the total amount of funds requested, the match requirement for the design will be \$20,075, an increase of \$11,450.

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, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Authorize Mayor to send letter supporting HR 3353 regarding Clean Water Act Citizen Lawsuits.

City Manager Baker reported that House Resolution 3353 would make changes to the Clean Water Act to bring the procedures for citizen suits into alignment with similar procedures under other environmental laws.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to authorize the Mayor to send a letter supporting HR 3353 regarding Clean Water Act Citizen Lawsuits.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, 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. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) (Number of cases to be discussed – 0 – No details of the existing litigation will be discussed this will be a general discussion of process only. 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).

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 October 1, 2015

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk