

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YREKA PLANNING COMMISSION HELD
ON THE 18th OF NOVEMBER 2015

On the 18th day of November, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chamber in said City in regular session. The meeting was called to order by Chair Osborn and present were:

Commissioners: Duane Kegg, Diane Knitter, Steve Leal, Paul McCoy, Barry Ohlund, Matt Osborn and Richard Rolzinski. Absent – N/A

Conflict of Interest Declaration – Commissioner Paul McCoy declared a conflict of interest on Item 2, Adopt Resolution finding that the proposed partial vacation of water and sewer easements for 915 S. Main Street conforms to the General Plan of the City of Yreka.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Consent Calendar – Chair Osborn announced that all matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Planning Commission 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 regular meeting held on September 16, 2015.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner Leal moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 2015 as submitted.

Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Kegg, Knitter, Leal, McCoy, Ohlund, Osborn and Rolzinski.

Chair Osborn thereupon declared the motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – Adopt Resolution finding that the proposed partial vacation of water and sewer easements conforms to the General Plan of the City of Yreka. Location – 915 S. Main Street, Assessor's Parcel Number 061-163-010.

Commissioner McCoy announced his recusal, stating that he has a conflict of interest by reason of being a business owner within 500 foot of 915 S. Main Street and therefore recused himself and left the Council Chambers.

The Planning Commission reviewed Resolution No. PC 2015-09 that the proposed partial vacation of water and sewer easements conforms to the General Plan of the City of Yreka.

City Manager Steve Baker presented commissioners with staff report. City staff has analyzed the vacation of a public service easement for utilities at 915 S. Main Street to ensure the conformity of the proposal with the goals, policies, and actions of the City of Yreka's current General Plan and recommends adoption of the Resolution as submitted.

Notification of the public hearing was published in the Siskiyou Daily News on November 3, 2015.

Public Hearing – This being the time and date set for the public hearing, Chair Osborn opened the hearing to the audience.

There being no statements or comments received, Chair Osborn closed the public hearing and discussion was opened to the Commission.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner Ohlund moved that the Planning Commission adopt Planning Commission Resolution # PC 2015-09 finding that the proposed partial vacation of water and sewer easements conform to the General Plan of the City of Yreka.

Commissioner Keggs seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Keggs, Knitter, Leal, Ohlund, Osborn and Rolzinski.

Chair Osborn thereupon declared the motion carried.

The foregoing Resolution #2015-09 was adopted by the Planning Commission on the 18th day of November, 2015 by the following vote: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Commissioner McCoy returned to his seat at the table.

City Manager's Report – Discussion only – Marijuana Cultivation

City Manager Steve Baker reported that Governor Jerry Brown signed a comprehensive package of bills recently to establish a regulatory structure around the State's multi-billion dollar medical marijuana industry, known as AB 266, AB 243, and SB 643 which comprise the Medical Marijuana Regulation & Safety Act.

California's new medical marijuana laws will take effect on January 1, 2016. Cities and Counties that do not have ordinances regarding cultivation on the books by March 1, 2016 will be subject to state law only. State law appears to allow 100 square feet of medical cannabis for a patient, and allow caregivers to grow 500 square feet for up to five patients. State licensing or commercial-sized medical marijuana farms is allowable under the new law, provided local governments approve.

City Manager Baker presented the commissioners with a copy of Ordinance No. 817 adopted by the Yreka City Council in October 2011 prohibiting marijuana dispensaries in all zoning districts within the City, stating that the Council did not adopt an Ordinance regarding the cultivation at that time.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.


Matt Osborn
Approved by motion of the Planning
Commission on December 16, 2015