

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YREKA PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN
THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IN SAID CITY
ON THE 16th DAY OF MAY, 2012

On the 16th day of May, 2012 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 Leal and present were:

Commissioners: Steve Leal
Deborah Baird
Barry Ohlund
Paul McCoy
Richard Rolzinski

Absent: Matt Osborn
Diane Knitter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Leal 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 the Minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 2012, approved as corrected.

Commissioner Ohlund made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2012 meeting and seconded by Commissioner McCoy. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Baird, Leal, Ohlund, McCoy, Rolzinski
NOES: None

SIGN USE PERMIT – LED MESSAGE CENTER

SIGNS ETC. BY TOM DALE – 2524 WESTSIDE RD.

APPROVED

The Commission reviewed the application submitted by Tom Dale for a sign use permit to replace double sided pole sign 5’ x 10’ per side (100 sq. ft. total), 20 ft. high LED Message Center. Assessor’s Parcel No. 062-191-130, M-1 (Light Industrial) zone, GC (General Commercial) General Plan designation.

City Manager Baker presented the Commission with the staff report which included a recommendation to approve the application as submitted subject to the findings and conditions proposed by staff and that the Planning Commission make a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15311 (a) (on-premise signs) of the CEQA Guidelines.

This being the time and date set for the public hearing, Chair Leal opened the hearing to the public.

Applicant Tom Dale of Signs Etc. was present to answer questions regarding the proposed sign.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and discussion was opened to the Commission.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner McCoy made a motion to approve the sign use permit to replace double sided pole sign 5' x 10' per side (100 sq. ft. total), 20 ft. high LED Message Center. Assessor's Parcel No. 062-191-130, M-1 (Light Industrial) zone, GC (General Commercial) General Plan designation.

Project approval is with the determination that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15311 (a) (on-premise signs) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The project approval is based on Staff's recommendation and subject to full compliance with all applicable city, state, and federal laws and regulations and the following findings and conditions of approval:

FINDINGS:

1. The installation of a double sided 5' x 10' (100 sq. ft.) LED Message center sign on existing 20' pole will not be contrary to the public's interest, safety, health, and welfare because scrolling electronic signage is prohibited under Yreka Municipal Code section 13.12.030, and is also prohibited as a condition of approval of this Sign Use Permit.
2. The Planning Commission made a determination that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15311(a) (On-Premises Signs) of the CEQA Guidelines.

The following conditions shall be complied with at all times that the sign use permit is in effect:

1. The installation of a double sided 5' x 10' (100 sq. ft.) LED Message center sign to replace existing sign on pole 20' high shall comply with the specifications and plans approved by the Planning Commission on May 16, 2012, and shall serve to identify only the business carried on said premises as stated in Yreka Municipal Code Section

13.12.050.

2. The LED Message Center sign shall comply with Yreka Municipal Code Section 13.12.030. Scrolling electronic signage is prohibited under Yreka Municipal Code section 13.12.030, and no scrolling electronic signage shall occur.
3. The LED Message Center sign shall not flash on and off or simulate any motion through a series of rapid light changes and shall not be installed, designed or used to attract attention by any flashing on and off, or simulating any motion through a series of rapid light changes. For purposes of this permit, "flashing on and off" means blinking, flashing or fluttering lights, or a changing light intensity, brightness or color.
4. The signs shall be erected in accordance with the specifications and plans submitted for Siskiyou Eye Center Properties LLC approved by the Planning Commission on May 16, 2012, and shall not be deviated from without prior review and approval of the Planning Commission.
5. The signs shall be erected in accordance with Title 13, Signs, of the Yreka Municipal Code. Including Section 13.080.050(4) that provides sign illumination, where allowed by provisions of Title 13 shall be at the lowest level consistent with adequate identification and readability.
6. The signs shall comply with Yreka Municipal Code Section 13.12.040 that states that no sign shall be permitted to have movement or moving parts which is generated by electronic means except barber poles.
7. The signs shall harmonize with the materials, textures, sizes, shape, heights, locations, and designs of the buildings, properties, or neighborhood of which they are a part, and as approved by the Planning Commission.
8. Permittee shall obtain a building permit and shall pay the necessary fees therefore prior to installing the electrical sign.
9. The permit does not constitute approval from the Department of Transportation of the State of California; the Permittee shall comply with any and all statutes, rules, and regulations of the State of California if applicable.
10. The sign shall be removed within thirty days after the business closes and is no longer in operation on the property upon which the sign is located.
11. The sign use permit shall expire and terminate if not used within one (1) year from the date of approval. Approval may be extended upon written application to the Planning Department before expiration of the first approval.

Commissioner Ohlund seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Baird, Leal, Ohlund, McCoy, Rolzinski
NOES: None

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Steve Baker introduced Benjamin Matts as the Project Assistant for the Miner Street Grant Program. Mr. Matts reported that the City has received five applications for the first round and gave the commission a brief overview of the applications submitted.

COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENTS & COMMENTS

Commissioner's asked about the status of various projects. Also asked if city had sent out weed reminder letters this year.

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

Steve Leal, Chair
Approved by motion of the
Planning Commission on August 15, 2012