

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON OCTOBER 16, 2008

On the 16th day of October 2008, 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: Tom Amaral, Jason Darrow, Jim Griffin, Rory McNeil and David Simmen. Absent ó None.

PUBLIC HEARING ó Consideration of Proposed Administrative Fees relating to Water and Sewer Service Pursuant to Ordinance 805 to be effective November 1, 2008.

This being the time and date scheduled for the public hearing, Mayor Amaral opened the public hearing to the audience.

There being no statements or comments from the audience, Mayor Amaral closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Mary Frances McHugh requested a motion from Council to re-affirm the adoption of Resolution No. 2736 modifying water and wastewater utility administrative and operational fees effective November 1, 2008.

Following Council discussion Council Member Amaral moved to reaffirm the adoption of Resolution No. 2736.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Amaral 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 or audience wishes to remove an item for discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held October 2, 2008.
- b. Approval of Warrant Listing dated October 9, 2008 and supplemental warrants dated October 16, 2008.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Griffin moved to approve the items on the consent calendar as submitted.

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of Appointment of Russel öRustyö Bigler to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Simmen moved to approve the appointment of Russel Bigler.

Council Member Darrow seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of 2008-2009 Transportation Claim ó Local Transportation Fund.

Steve Neill, Director of Public Works reported that the Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are distributed to cities and counties in California because of the Transportation Development Act that was passed in the late 1970s to subsidize public transit. The County receives 0.25 cents of each 7.25 cents of sales tax collected from the County. The major use of the funds is for public transit. However, counties with a population of less than 200,000 can use the money for streets and roads after its transit needs are met and a public hearing on unmet needs is held. Siskiyou County distributes any remaining funds to the County and cities in Siskiyou County based on population.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Griffin moved to approve the 2008-2009 Transportation Claim for streets/roads in the amount of \$47,108 as submitted.

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2737 authorizing submission of an application to the State of California Health and Human Services Agency California Department of Public Health's Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SDWSRF) 2008 Project Funding Program.

Steve Neill, Director of Public Works, reported to the Council that the submittal of the pre-applications are a necessary step in order for the City to see what water improvements each agency is willing to fund, the possible terms of a loan, and the possibility of a grant. The actions are a preliminary step in the financing process, and the City is not making any commitment to either agency at this time.

Mr. Neill further reported that staff will report back to council with the results of the applications and recommend an action to Council. Council will have the opportunity to review and approve the proposed improvements and the terms of any proposed financing for the improvements before a commitment is made to either agency.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Darrow moved to adopt Resolution No. 2737 as submitted.

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2738 finding certain city vehicles and equipment as surplus property and authorizing sale by the City Manager.

Steve Neill, Director of Public Works addressed the Council to recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 2738 and to answer any questions from the Council or the audience.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Griffin moved to adopt Resolution No. 2738 as submitted.

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of Annexation Tax Share Agreements with the County of Siskiyou:

- Property owned by Shasta Forest Products ó Phillipe Lane & State Highway 3.
- Property owned by Tom McCullough ó Discovery Street & North View Drive.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Simmen moved to approve the Annexation Tax Share Agreements with the County as submitted.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Senior Program

- Appointment of a committee to consider alternative plans for the continued operation of the Yreka Senior Program. Committee to consist of two council members, the City Manager and Finance Director.

City Manager Brian Meek reported that program costs have increased tremendously since the last PSA II grant application and, as a result, the City is absorbing more of the cost of the program than anticipated.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Darrow moved to appoint an advisory committee consisting of Council Member McNeil, the Finance Director, the City Manager, and three residents to be chosen by the City Manager to consider alternative plans for the continued operation of the Senior Program.

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Darrow, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Report from Staff regarding status of staff's investigation on feasibility of blight designations on as yet unidentified Yreka properties as directed by Council on August 7, 2008.

City Attorney Mary Frances McHugh submitted a status report on pending efforts which relate to economic development and blight remediation for Council consideration.

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for a special election to establish a Utility User Tax (UUT) for the amounts paid for intrastate, interstate, or international telephone communication service, including cellular telephone services and other telephone service that gain access to the public switched network by means of various technology (including internet based communication and all other forms of communication allowed within the parameters of a communication UUT) by every person using such services in the City.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McNeil moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and Request for Proposal for: Community Satisfaction Survey along with a recommendation for appropriation for this purpose, and to report to Council by (date) for further action.

Following Council discussion Council Member Simmen moved to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and request for proposal for a Community Satisfaction Survey.

Council Member Darrow Seconded the motion. Following further Council discussion, Council Member Simmen withdrew his motion.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McNeil moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried.

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and Request for Proposal for: Demographic and Psychographic Survey and Retail Analysis along with a recommendation for appropriation for this purpose, and to report to Council by (date) for further action.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McNeil moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and Request for Proposal for: Strategic Plan Facilitator along with a recommendation for appropriation for this purpose, and to report to Council by (date) for further action.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McNeil moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and Request for Proposal for: Income Measure Facilitator along with a recommendation for appropriation for this purpose, and to report to Council by (date) for further action.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Griffin moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member McNeil seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried

Consideration of request of Council Member Darrow to direct staff to prepare a recommendation of vendor list and Request for Proposal for: Marketing Firm for new image for City of Yreka along with a recommendation for appropriation for this purpose, and to report to Council by (date) for further action.

Following Council discussion, Council Member McNeil moved to table this item until after a special meeting to be called by the Mayor.

Council Member Griffin seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Amaral, Griffin, McNeil & Simmen. Nays ó Darrow.

Mayor Amaral thereupon declared the motion carried

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with legal counsel ó existing litigation (see Cal. Gov't Code § 54956.9) regarding the matter known as the Klamath Hydroelectric Project (Project No. 2082-027) pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
2. Pending Litigation: In re the matter of the application of the Karuk Tribe of California before the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, for acceptance by the United States of America in trust for the Karuk Tribe of California the land known as the Yreka Clinic property located at 1519 Oregon Street, Yreka, California.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Attorney McHugh reported the following from items 1 & 2 of Closed Session: Council received status report and legal advice from the City Attorney and gave direction.

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

Attest:

Liz Casson, City Clerk

Tom Amaral, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion 11-6-08