

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 18, 2021**

On the 18th day of May 2021, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in regular session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton.

1. Information Item: Code Enforcement presentation.

Code Enforcement Officer Willow Martindale presented information to the Council regarding Code Enforcement activities.

2. Discussion/Possible Action - Consent Calendar:

Mayor Kegg 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:

The City Manager recommended approval of the following consent calendar items:

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from April 26, 2021, through May 9, 2021.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held May 4, 2021.
- c. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #855
- d. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Councilmember Freeman removed item #2a from the Consent Calendar due to a financial question.

Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of item #2a. Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, Freeman, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

After a brief discussion with Finance and Administration Director Rhetta Hogan, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve item #2a. Councilmember McCoy seconded the motion, and upon roll call the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, Freeman, McCoy and Middleton.

3. Discussion/ Possible Action: Agreement Between the City of Yreka and the Siskiyou Media Council for Operation of Public, Educational Government Television Channel

Executive Director Paris Petrick presented information to the Council regarding the Siskiyou Media Council and Public Access Television. Siskiyou Media Council has submitted a new agreement which would begin in 2021 and renew automatically until 2027. This agreement was submitted late last week and has not been fully reviewed by either City Staff or the City Attorney, however Staff wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council.

The new agreement would be reviewed annually and may be terminated by 60-days advance (written) notice, as in the current agreement. The City of Yreka currently provides funding of

\$5,800 per year, paid in quarterly installments to Siskiyou Media Council. SMC is proposing the same amount to continue managing and operating the Public Educational Government access cable channel YCTV-4 for the City of Yreka.

The scope of work contained within the SMC Public Access Television Services Agreement determined that all scheduled meetings of the Yreka City Council would be recorded and rebroadcast to the public via cable channel YCTV4. SMC would also provide video-on-demand access on their website to all scheduled meetings of the Yreka City Council.

Following Council discussion, Mayor Kegg gave direction to City Staff that they should bring the agreement back to Council after it has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

4. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for Competitive Bids for Construction for the Main Street (Highway 3) Sewer Interceptor Project

Municipal Projects Manager Cynthia Lynch presented information to the Council regarding this item.

The impending Caltrans Highway 3 Rehabilitation Project has presented the City with serious financial and logistical challenges regarding its sewer lines in the Caltrans right of way. On direction of Council, City staff members have been working with our local USDA-RD representative and PACE Engineering to finalize a \$6.2M loan application for the sewer portion of the utility work, and PACE has prepared bid documents for the project.

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, contractors have been extremely busy, and construction costs are constantly increasing, partly due to supply disruptions. PACE, as City Engineer, has advised placing the advertisement for bids as soon as possible. City staff is requesting authorization to move forward with the bidding process after the City Attorney and USDA have reviewed and approved the bid documents.

PACE's City Engineer costs are recoverable under the loan. The cost for City staff time is de minimis and will be part of the loan's City match.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve, pending City Attorney review and approval.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, and Freeman. Nay: McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for Competitive Bids for Construction for the Yreka Main Street Water System Improvement Project

Municipal Projects Manager Cynthia Lynch presented information to the Council regarding this item.

In February 2020, the City held a public meeting to discuss potential applications for the 2019/2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and to solicit citizen input regarding community needs and project ideas. One of the comments identified the need to upgrade and/or relocate water lines that are in Caltrans' right-of-way on Main Street. The impending Caltrans Yreka Rehab project, which involves the complete rehabilitation of State Route 3 through Yreka, increased the urgency of this need; to avoid disruption of both projects, it is important to have the utility work done before Caltrans' project begins.

On direction of Council, the City applied for a CDBG Over-the-Counter (OTC) construction grant to plan and execute a shovel-ready project. CDBG is currently in the process of awarding the City a grant in the amount of \$3.25M for this construction. One condition of the grant is that the project go out to bid no more than 90 days after the grant agreement is fully executed.

PACE Engineering, the City Engineer, is completing bid documents and specifications. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted normal construction supply chains, PACE has advised the City to place the advertisement for bids as soon as possible after the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the bid documents. PACE's City Engineer costs are recoverable under the grant. The cost for City staff time and placing advertisements will be part of the grant's City match.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve, pending City Attorney review and approval.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, and Freeman. Nay: McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City to Advertise for Competitive Bids for Construction for the E. Lennox Street Water Line Replacement and WTP Filter Improvements Project

Municipal Projects Manager Cynthia Lynch presented information to the Council regarding this item.

In May 2020, the Council approved Resolution 2020-13 authorizing the City to accept a Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) construction grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to enter into a funding agreement, and to allocate the grant amount of \$3,135,000 for the E. Lennox Street Water Line Replacement and Water Treatment Plant (WTF) Filter Improvements Project.

The City Engineer has completed the necessary planning work, permitting and draft bid documents. Since this construction season is uncharacteristically busy it is important to place the advertisement for bids as soon as possible. City staff requested authorization to move forward after the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the bid documents.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve, pending City Attorney review and approval.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, and Freeman. Nay: McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager/Staff Reports:

The City Manager and City Staff made brief announcements and reports.

Council Statements and Requests:

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

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. Public Employment (§ 54957)

Public Employee Recruitment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)
Position affected: City Manager.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported that no action was taken by the City Council in Closed Session, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.)

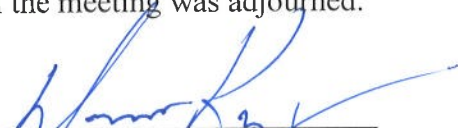
ADJOURNMENT.

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

Attest:



Arthur Boyd, City Clerk



Duane Kegg, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council,
Motion June 1, 2021