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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN SAID CITY ON JULY 25, 2022**

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On July 25, 2022, the City Council of the City of Yreka, Special Meeting for Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m., met and upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman (via teleconference), Duane Kegg, Corey Middleton, and Paul McCoy.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:**

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

The City Council will recess to Closed Session to discuss the following item(s). At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Open Session will reconvene and reportable action, if any, will be announced:

**a. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code § 54957.6(a)**

Agency negotiators: City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Human Resources Director  
Employee Organization: Yreka Police Officers Association

**3. OPTIONAL RECESS IF DESIRED:**

**4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 PM:**

Announcement of any action taken by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.)

**5. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

This time slot is for informational presentations, appointments, or awards to be presented by the City Council or to the City Council.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Louise Gliatto, Steve Radford, Rob Bicego, Donna Bacigalopi made public comments.

Per Council consensus, Public Comment was limited to three minutes.

Robin Richards, Allison Wells Leal, Jerry Stacher, Buzzy McCluskey, Hal Pierce, Dawn Marie Autrey, Lorenzo Love, Tom Larson, Catherine Gilbert, and Jeremy McVey addressed the Council.

Mayor Kegg made a public statement that this is not the right time to move with this matter forward. Councilmember Baird stated that she too was not going to vote for a myriad of reasons.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:**

This is the time for City Council or the City Manager to respond to public comments and may direct staff to prepare a report or place an item on a future agenda.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was Council discussion on this matter. City Attorney Henion confirmed that the vote needed to pass the matter was a 4/5 vote. Various Councilmembers made comments about where they stood on the matter.

City Manager Ledbetter made clarifications regarding points of confusion.

No further City Council action was taken on the matter.

*City Manager/City Attorney*

**a. Agenda Title: Imposing a ½¢ Transaction and Use (Sales Tax) for General Purposes to be considered in the November 8, 2022, Consolidated Election.**

At the last meeting on July 19, 2022, the City Council Introduced and passed to a second reading for consideration on August 2, 2022, an Ordinance establishing a General Sales Tax of ½¢ sales tax within the City. Tonight, the City Council is discussing the specific language contained within the Resolution calling for an Election on the Ordinance, and other actions necessary to place the Ordinance on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot. It is expected that direction given to the City Attorney and staff for changes are to be incorporated into the Resolution for consideration/action at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, August 2, 2022.

As drafted the ballot The City’s voters would be asked the following question:

<p><b>Sales Tax to Generally Fund Essential City Services</b>          To maintain Yreka’s long-term financial stability through the adoption of a supplemental sales tax that would generally fund essential city services such as necessary fire/paramedic facilities public safety response time; the operation and maintenance of the Yreka Aquatic Center; the Native Park project located on Foothill Drive; clean and safe city parks; and other essential city services, shall the City of Yreka ordinance be adopted establishing a ½¢ sales tax (transaction and use tax) for general governmental use, on an ongoing basis, until ended by the voters, providing about \$1,000,000 annually, with independent audits and all funds locally controlled?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
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**Recommended City Council Action:** Provide input and give direction to the City Attorney and staff on the ballot measure language for the Resolution calling for an Election on the Ordinance, and other actions necessary to place the Ordinance on the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot.

**10. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:**

City Manager and Staff may make brief announcements or reports at this time.


**11. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

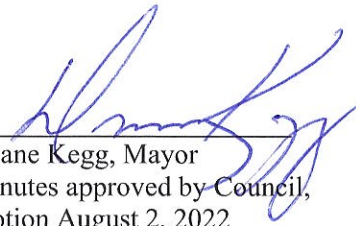
Members of the Council may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to Council on any matter at a subsequent meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Attest:

  
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Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk

  
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Duane Kegg, Mayor  
Minutes approved by Council,  
Motion August 2, 2022