

Corey Middleton, Mayor  
Paul McCoy, Mayor Pro tempore  
Colleen Baker, Councilmember  
Drake Davis, Councilmember  
Duane Kegg, Councilmember



Jason Ledbetter, City Manager  
Rhetta Hogan, Asst. City Manager and Clerk  
Emily Aldrich, Finance Director  
Matthew Bray, Public Works Director  
John Elsnab, Human Resources Director  
Mark Gilman, Police Chief  
Dohn Henion, City Attorney  
Jerry Lemos, Fire Chief  
Juliana Lucchesi, Planning Director

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**MINUTES OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2023**

**Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

On January 17, 2023, the City Council of Yreka, met for a Regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were present: Colleen Baker, Drake Davis, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton.

**2. 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.

Swearing in of Planning Commissioner Marlee Billingsley by the Yreka City Clerk.  
Planning Director, Juliana Lucchesi will present the Final Draft Housing Element 2023-2031.

A presentation was heard from Juliana Lucchesi and a special meeting on January 24, 2023, is scheduled to discuss the Final Draft Housing Element 2023-2031.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Public participation is welcomed and invited at all City Council meetings. This time is set aside for residents to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.

The City requests that persons addressing the City Council refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

Councilmembers, when recognized by the mayor, may ask questions of presenter but no action may be taken by the City Council during the public comment section of the meeting. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

This time is set aside for residents to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.

- Please speak into the microphone from the podium. The podium electronically adjusts up and down to accommodate speaker. *(Should you need an additional special accommodation, e.g., remote microphone, please notice the City Clerk prior to the start of meeting for arrangements).*
- Please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.
- Please address the Council as a whole.
- If you have documents to present, please provide a minimum of seven (7) copies.
- Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes.

Public comments period is **not** intended to be a “Question and Answer” period or conversations with the Council or City staff.

Public Comments were heard from Jan Osborn, Dawnmarie Autrey, and Diane Collier

**4. 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.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion,

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from December 27, 2022, through January 08, 2023.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 3, 2023, and Special Meeting held January 10, 2023.
- c. Financial Report on Investments as of September 30, 2022.
- d. Cash Balances, Budget to Actual and Fiscal Performance Reports for October 2022.
- e. Resolution 2023-02 Recognizing the City of Yreka’s 2023 Contribution to Employees Healthcare Costs through the IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Plan.
- f. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.
- g. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented except for item 5.g. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.

Public comment Dawnmarie Autrey.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda item 5.g. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.

Public comment Dawnmarie Autrey, Diane Collier.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Davis

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Discussion and direction to staff to bring back Fireworks Urgency Ordinance for reconsideration when Fire Chief Lemos is available.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

*Human Resources*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Approval of City Manager Employment Agreement

The Yreka City Manager Employment Agreement has been rewritten reflect some of the compensation (salary and benefits) recently afforded to employees of the City of Yreka through collective bargaining. The City Manager as an at will employee serves at the pleasure of the Yreka City Council.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Approve the City Manager Employment Agreement.

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Public comment Dawnmarie Autrey.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Davis

SECONDED: Councilmember Baker

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

*City Manager*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Presentation and Possible Adoption of the Yreka Community Action Plan: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities.

The Siskiyou Economic Development Council, along with a group of local partners and organizations, applied to the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program in hopes of combining Yreka's progress on sustainable land use and brownfields assessment with nearby outdoor recreation resources to create an action plan that supports local business, employment, and economy in ways that respect the area's people, environment, and history.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt the Yreka Community Action Plan: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities.

City Council took a short recess at 7:37PM and the meeting resumed at 7:48PM

Motion to Adopt the Yreka Community Action Plan: Recreation Economy for Rural Communities.

Public comment Jan Osborn, Dawnmarie Autrey, Louise Gliatto, Diane Collier, and Lorenzo Love

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Davis

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

- b. **Agenda Title:** Request to Change the Meeting Date for City Council Meetings from Tuesday Nights to Thursday Nights

At the City Council meeting held on December 20, 2022, City Councilmember Duane Kegg requested that an item be placed on a future Council Meeting to change the City Council meeting nights from Tuesday to Thursday.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Discussion and possible action: Staff from an operational efficiency viewpoint is not in support of the meeting weekday change from Tuesday to Thursday evenings, however staff supports the City Council in its endeavor to conduct the City's business.

Motion to draft an ordinance to schedule the City Council meetings to Thursday night.

Motion: Duane Kegg

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

#### **8. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS**

*AB 1234\* Conference and Meeting Report (verbal, if any)*

\*(In accordance with AB 1234, Councilmembers shall make a brief report or file a written report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)

Councilmember McCoy spoke on events during his ride along with Yreka Police Department on patrol.

Councilmember Colleen Baker reported that she attended a Cannabis and Community Development Webinar hosted by the League of Cities.

Mayor Corey Middleton and Councilmember Drake Davis spoke on attending the League of Local Agencies dinner and presentations.

Councilmember Duane Kegg reported on the COC Point in Time unhoused "homeless" counted. Training for volunteers is tomorrow (1/18/2023) and the following Wednesday (1/25/2023) is the actual event, and Councilmember Kegg called out the many agencies participating.

#### **9. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:**

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

Jason Ledbetter, City Manager, thanked Ken Barnes, and Black Barts in Yreka hosting the LOLA Dinner. Jason Ledbetter is attending the City Managers Conference in Carlsbad February 6-10, 2023, he will be available that week while working and attending City Council February 7, 2023, via Zoom. Jason Ledbetter spoke to the many upcoming meetings:

January 18, 2023, Planning Commission with new Commissioners Anne Ohlund and Marlee Billingsley

January 19, 2023, Ad-Hoc Fire Committee is meeting 7:30AM at 810 N Oregon

January 19, 2023, Finance Committee 11AM, 701 Fourth Street.

January 19, 2023, Special Meeting, Closed session 6PM, 701 Fourth Street

January 24, 2023, Special Meeting, Yreka City Council, 701 Fourth Street

Additionally, a Warming Center will be open Thursday and Friday nights at the Yreka Methodist Church on Fairchild, Yreka.

#### **10. 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.

Councilmember Baker suggested that staff have an educational outreach on how to connect with the city on future alerts. City Manager sought direction to have City staff bring forward a Communication Ad Hoc Committee proposal. Councilmember Baker was interested in the development of the policy to address written (electronic – emailed) public comments.

Councilmember Davis mentioned that the College of the Siskiyou's is considering reopening their nursing program soon in Yreka. Dr. Collard was thanked for her presentation at the League of Local Agencies dinner.

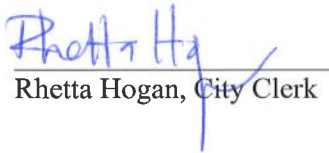
Councilmember Kegg requested an update on the Urban Campground the City Manager at a future meeting in late February.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



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Corey Middleton, Mayor  
Minutes approved by City Council,  
Motion on February 7, 2023



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Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk