

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



Jason Ledbetter, City Manager  
Rhett 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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**YREKA CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 24, 2023**

**Special Meeting Start Time: 5:30 PM**

**Housing Element Workshop Start Time: 6:30PM**

**Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA**

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**1. 5:30PM CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Present: Councilmembers Colleen Baker, Drake J. Davis, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy and Corey Middleton.

Mayor Middleton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

After the pledge, there was a call for public comment. There was no public comment.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

*City Manager and Planning Director*

- A. Agenda Title:** Request for Deferral of Fire Sprinkler Building Requirement for 202 and 204 Turre Street APN 061-272-180)

The City Manager has received a request for deferral from Rob O’Gorman, contractor for the reconstruction of 202 and 204 Turre Street due to fire damage that occurred in October of 2021. The Applicant requests deferral or exemption to implement California Building Code and California Fire Code Section 903 “Automatic Sprinkler Systems”. City Council will consider a number of options related to this request.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Give direction to City Staff. (*Recommendation was that request for deferment die without a recommendation for a motion.*)

Public comment was heard from Dawnmarie Autrey and Lorenzo Love.

No motion was made by the City Council to override the California Building Code and California Fire Code Section 903 “Automatic Sprinkler Systems”.

**3. RECESS TO 6:30PM:**

At 6:33PM the meeting recessed for five minutes.

**4. 6:30PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Meeting was resumed and called to order at 6:42PM after a brief recess. The Mayor moved directly to the special presentation 7. Special Presentations: Final Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element.

**5. 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.

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- 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**Final Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element**

The City Council will review and consider the final draft of the 2023-2031 Housing Element. The City Council and members of the public are welcome to give public comment on the proposed final draft.

<https://ca-yreka.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1349/Final-Draft-2023-2031-Housing-Element?bidId=>

Planning Director Juliana Lucchesi presented changes from the City Council approved draft housing element to the current draft incorporating the California Department of Housing comments.

Mayor Middleton surveyed by a raise of hands the number of speakers in the audience and online for public comment on the housing element final draft and for general public comment. Mayor Middleton opened up all public comment to five minutes.

Public comment regarding the Final Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element was heard from Debbie Bacigalupi, Louise Gliatto, Jan Osborne, Bill Schmidt, Debbie Bacigalupi (again), and Dawn Marie Autry.

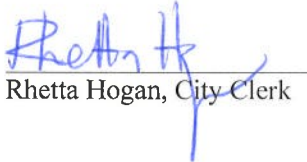
Mayor Pro Tempore McCoy announced that the Continuum of Care Point in Time count is tomorrow, January 25, 2023.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



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



Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk