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



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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 MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023

Regular Session: 6:30 PM

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

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

**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.

**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.

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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.

There was no public comment.

#### **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 13, 2022, through January 30, 2023.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 17, 2023.
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting held January 19, 2023.
- d. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting held January 24, 2023.
- e. Cash Balances, Budget to Actual and Fiscal Performance Reports for November 2022.
- f. Approval of the City’s Biannual Budget Preparation Calendar for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.
- g. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.
- h. 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.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Davis

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

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

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

*Human Resources*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Approval of United Public Employees of California, LiUNA Local 792 (Yreka Management Employees Unit) Agreement

Representatives for the City and Yreka Management Employees Unit have met and agreed upon compensation over the next twenty-nine months for wages, benefits (including healthcare coverage) and other compensation (like standby pay, remote pay and deferred compensation).

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2023-04 of the City Council of the City of Yreka approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yreka and the Yreka Management Employees Unit.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2023-04 of the City Council of the City of Yreka approving execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Yreka and the Yreka Management Employees Unit.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Baker

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

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

*Planning Director*

- b. **Agenda Title:** Approval of the Final Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element

The City of Yreka has prepared the 2023-2031 Housing Element update in compliance with State Housing Element Law and contains each off the elements mandated by state law, including but not limited to, identifying adequate sites for a variety of housing types and making adequate provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the City.

The timeline below highlights the iterative public engage steps taken to prepare this plan:



**Fiscal Impact:** Most of the Federal and State agencies require assurances or certificates of compliance on state housing element being current. Failure to maintain an updated housing element would be reportable to Department of Water Resources, Department of Toxic Substances, California Housing and Community Development, CalFire, CalOES, Caltrans and Federal Agencies of HUD, USDA, EPA, EDA, USFS, FEMA. The City has active, pending and planned loan and grant applications with all of these agencies that total over \$75,000,000.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05 “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yreka Adopting the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update and Approving the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)”

Public comment was heard from Peter O’Brien, Jack Phillips, Dawnmarie Autrey, Beverly Harlan, John Andrews, Louise Gliatto, Danielle Clair, Mason McCoy, Michael Norland, Jessica Potter, Paster Mike Beckstrom, Sally McCoy, David Lloyd, Diane Collier, Laurie Kiezer, Steve Neill, Gilda Lloyd, Tom O’Gorman, Erica Alvarez, Steve Young, Sean Cassaray, Lori Windsom Dixon, Yolanda O’Brien, Joanne Lang, Consuela, Berta Salzar, Tracy Lima, Dr. Sarah Collard, Donna Bacigalupi, Maddelyn Bryan, Ben Veagas, Quintin Gaddy, Amanda Harris, Alia, Tamera Braden, Kris Taylor, Jenny O’Gorman, Patricia Lord, Tessa, Bailey, Jackie Terwilliger, Brian Devlin, Sara .

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-05 “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Yreka Adopting the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update and Approving the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)” as amended for comments noted below on Program HE-1.3.6 by Councilmember Baker.

*Program HE-1.3.6*

*The City shall consider a vote of Article XXXIV of the State Constitution (Article 34) to remove regulatory barriers for publicly-owned affordable rental housing. The City will support the State and/or local initiatives and referendums to allow the electorate of Yreka to vote in a state-wide or local election on the potential repeal of Article 34 of the State Constitution. Should the State or local initiatives or referendums fail to progress or pass, the City shall initiate an Article 34 initiative that, if passed by a majority of qualified voters, would allow the City to develop, construct or acquire low cost rental housing, or to partner with non-profit housing developers using State funding.*

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy  
SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg  
AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton  
NOES: Councilmember Davis  
ABSENT: -0-

*Police Chief/City Manager*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Yreka High School Senior Prom on Miner Street

Yreka High School’s Senior Prom is scheduled for May 13, 2023, from 8-11pm. We have speakers this evening to present the idea to City Council of the engagement level for and consideration of the event. Additionally, Police Chief Gilman, City Manager Ledbetter and City Attorney Henion will be addressing questions and concerns regarding the event.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Give staff direction in consideration of the Request made by the Yreka High School to close off a section of Miner Street and to allow the Juniors and Seniors to have prom on the City Streets. (Staff will bring back the special event documents at a future meeting based on the direction, as needed.)

Public Comment was heard from Kris Taylor, Quintin Gaddy, Donna Bacigalupi, Lori Window, Nancy Ogren, Tom O’Gorman, Tom Callison and Mike Moore.

Direction to staff was given to consider the request made by the YHS to close off a section of Miner Street and to allow the Juniors and Seniors to have prom on the City Streets.

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

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

There were no staff reports.

**8. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS, STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

*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.)

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

Councilmember Kegg spoke to the point time count being a huge success.

Mayor Middleton thanked the City Council for doing their homework and proud of the Council and City in moving forward.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.