



**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JUNE 29, 2021**

On the 29th day of June 2021, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in emergency session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Duane Kegg, and Corey Middleton, Paul McCoy. Absent: Joan Smith Freeman.

1. Discussion/Possible Action:

AN UNCODIFIED URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YREKA DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, AND AUTHORIZING THE DELAY OF THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS WHICH MAY CREATE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY DEEMED TO BE ARISING FROM THE INCIDENCE OF THE LAVA FIRE AND SETTING FORTH THE FACTS CONSTITUTING SUCH URGENCY AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE EXEMPT FROM CEQA REVIEW.

This urgency ordinance generally provides:

1. The factual background of the Lava Fire, the drought, the prevailing climatic temperatures and the fact that Yreka's Fire Resources are engaged in mutual aid to suppress the Lava Fire as well as the allocation of law enforcement resources in traffic control and the fact that without Yreka's normally available police and fire resources, the use of fireworks and pyrotechnics fire may not be able to be suppressed which was found to constitute the basis for the urgency nature of the ordinance and the City Council determined that there existed an immediate threat to the public health, safety and/or welfare and a need for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety that warrants the adopted urgency measures.
2. The ordinance delays the sale of fireworks and the use of fireworks and public displays of pyrotechnics until the threat to public safety is abated and the urgency ordinance is terminated.
3. The city council determined that a local emergency now exists and shall continue to exist until its termination is ordained by the City Council. The need for continuance of the urgency measures will be regularly reviewed by City Council until it is terminated. The ordinance will be terminated at the earliest possible time.
4. The ordinance vests in the City Manager, Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief with the discretion to take such acts as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of the ordinance.
5. The Council determined that the ordinance complies with a categorical exemption from CEQA review.

Councilmember McCoy requested that the minutes reflect the fact that he asked for Councilmember Freeman to be recused from the vote due to a perceived conflict of interest.

City Attorney Dohn Henion stated that in his professional opinion there was no conflict of interest due to a lack of direct financial benefit.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted:

AYE: Baird, McCoy, Middleton, and Kegg.
NAY: None.
ABSENT: Freeman

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

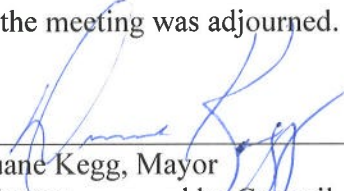
ADJOURNMENT.

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 July 20, 2021