



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JULY 6, 2021**

On the 6th day of July 2021, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in regular session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, and Corey Middleton, Paul McCoy.

Mayor Duane Kegg suggested removing items #2 and #4 due to potential legal issues with the language presented in those items, which was approved with the unanimous consent of the Council.

The order of the items on these minutes has not been changed, in order to maintain consistency with the published agenda.

1. Presentation: Siskiyou Economic Development Council

Siskiyou Economic Development Council Executive Director Tonya Dowse and Communication Manager Kory Hayden presented information to the Council on this item.

2. Discussion/Possible Action - Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Authorize the Mayor to execute and sign such documents necessary to achieve the purposes of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan as submitted by the Yreka Area Fire Safe Council.

3. Discussion/Possible Action - Consent Calendar:

Mayor Kegg announced that all matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion, or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item:

The City Manager recommended approval of the following consent calendar items:

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from June 7, 2021, through June 27, 2021.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held June 15, 2021.
- c. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #855
- d. Treasurer's Report on Cash and Budget to Actuals – May 2021
- e. Adopt Resolution Appointing Delegate to the League of California Cities
- f. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman was appointed as Delegate to the League of California Cities.

Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Freeman, McCoy, Middleton, and Kegg.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

4. Discussion/Possible Action – Animal Control MOU

Discussion and Possible Direction: Memorandum of Understanding between the Yreka Police Department, Animal Control, and the Siskiyou County Department of Agriculture

5. Discussion/Possible Action – “No Parking” Sign Placement:

Adopt a Resolution Approving of “No Parking” Signs Being Placed Adjacent to the Vacant Land that Fronts Campus Drive and 4H Way.

Police Chief Mark Gilman presented information to the Council on this item.

The City of Yreka has mowed and cleared the vacant land on the east side of Campus Drive near the corner of 4H Way. This was done to lessen the fire danger due to the high number of homeless living in that area.

Prior to clearing the vacant lots several motor vehicles and trailers were parked on the dried vegetation. Now that the lots are cleared it is important keep them clear of vehicles and fire danger.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Freeman, McCoy, Middleton, and Kegg.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

6. Discussion/Possible Action – Waiver of Nepotism:

Approval of the Waiver for Employment of a Family member pursuant to Yreka Municipal Code 02.50.020

Police Chief Mark Gilman presented information to the Council on this item.

The Police Department has extended a conditional offer of employment to a new Animal Control Officer. The prospective employee presently has an immediate family member who is employed by the city within the same department, currently employed as a part-time dispatcher.

At present the Police Department will be down a full-time dispatcher due to recent resignation and having access to a trained reliable part time dispatch is essential. Chief Gilman indicated that the hours worked by the family member (weekends) will not conflict with the regularly scheduled hours of the animal control officer and is requesting consideration of the waiver.

The City's municipal code Chapter 2.50.010 addresses the Hiring of Relatives, where elected officials, appointing authorities, department heads or persons having power to do any hiring of personnel on behalf of the city shall:

- (1) Not employ any person who is related within the third degree, whether by blood or marriage to any of the above;
- (2) Employ members of the same immediate family only if:
 - (a) They are not supervised by the same person,
 - (b) The course and nature of their work is independent and does not cause interaction or a close working relationship,
 - (c) They are appointed and employed in distinctly separate locales.

However, Chapter 2.50.020 describes a process for a Waiver of prohibition by council. The council may waive the prohibition of Section 2.50.010 due to unusual circumstances pursuant to the following procedure:

A statement setting forth unusual circumstances or conditions requiring the employment shall be submitted to the City Manager. The City Manager shall review the request and make a recommendation to the council. The Council shall consider the best interests of the city and either approve or disapprove the request. Final discussion and action to approve the request shall take place in an open meeting and not in executive session.

The City Manager believes that this request from Chief Gilman meets the above criteria for a waiver and recommends approval.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Freeman, McCoy, Middleton, and Kegg.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

7. Discussion/Possible Action – Siskiyou Media Council

Agreement Between the City of Yreka and the Siskiyou Media Council for Operation of Public, Educational Government (PEG) Television Channel.

Municipal Projects Manager Arthur Boyd and Siskiyou Media Council Executive Director Paris Petrick presented information to the Council on this item.

On December 15, 2011, the City passed Resolution #2945, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Siskiyou Media Council (SMC) to operate the community access television capabilities for the City of Yreka. The Agreement was finalized on March 28, 2012.

The scope of work contained within the Siskiyou Media Council Public Access Television Services Agreement included that all scheduled meetings of the Yreka City Council would be recorded and rebroadcast to the public via cable channel YCTV-4. SMC would also provide video-on-demand access on their website to all scheduled meetings of the Yreka City Council.

At the Council meeting on May 4th, 2021, Paris Petrick presented information to the Council regarding the Siskiyou Media Council (SMC) and PEG Television. A new agreement has been proposed, which would begin in 2021 and renew automatically each year until 2027.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to approve the agreement with Siskiyou Media Council as presented.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Freeman, McCoy, Middleton, and Kegg.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager/Staff Reports:

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

Council Statements and Requests:

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item(s):

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: (Number of cases to be discussed – 1 - The names of the parties are not disclosed, as it is believed that that to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to serve process or to conclude existing settlement negotiations to the City's advantage).

2. Public Employment (§ 54957)

Public Employee Recruitment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)
Position affected: City Manager.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

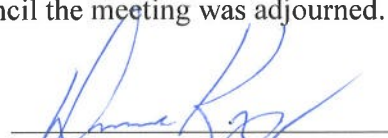
Upon return to open session, Mayor Kegg reported that no action was taken by the City Council in Closed Session, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.)

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