

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
Andrew Jared, City Attorney
Jerry Lemos, Fire Chief
Juliana Lucchesi, Community Dev. Director

YREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Regular Session: 6:30 PM

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

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Regular Meetings of the Yreka City Council are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

1. 6:30PM CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton. At the start of the meeting Mayor Middleton announced the removal of item 5.a. Discussion of YMC 2.20.020 Planning Commission, Membership-Appointment-Terms-Vacancies due to the resignation of a Planning Commissioner. City Manager Jason Ledbetter explained the procedure for Planning Commissioner recruit arising from a vacancy.

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.

Presentation by Finance Director Emily Aldrich (*includes distribution of City's bi-annual budget binder*).

Finance Director Emily Aldrich introduced the City's bi-annual budget that will be brought back at the next regular City Council meeting on August 15, 2023, for discussion and possible adoption.

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 clarifying 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 Agenda. If your comments concern an item listed under the Public Hearing or New Business sections of the 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.
- 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. These become a public record.
- Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes.
- Since Council is unable to take action on issues not on the agenda, your matter may be referred to staff for follow up or be placed on a future agenda.

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

Public comment was heard from Glenn “Tad” White, Dawnmarie Autrey and Donna Bacigalupi.

4. **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,

- Approval/ratification of payments issued from July 10, 2023, through July 21, 2023.
- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 18, 2023.
- Resolution 2023-32 Approving the Destruction of Certain City Records Identified by the Finance Director.

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.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Kegg

SECONDED: Councilmember Middleton

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

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Yreka City Council, Mayor Middleton

- Title:** Discussion of YMC 2.20.020 Planning Commission, Membership-Appointment-Terms-Vacancies.

City Council will be discussing and possibly taking action regarding removal of a Planning Commissioner appointment(s) pursuant to YMC 2.20.020 absenteeism.

An announcement was made at the start of the meeting of the removal of item 5.a. due to the resignation of a Planning Commissioner.

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

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

City Manager Ledbetter received word of the Jumpstart OES grant for nearly \$1,000,000 funding over 5-years a position to manage and seek hazard mitigation grant funding for the community. The City received word from CalFire of another nearly \$1,000,000 grant for air curtain (closed system incinerator/burner). City is continuing to work with consultant on polling and ballot measure language for proposed sales tax initiative to fund the construction of a new fire hall as well as add some paid staff. Staff is recommending a special presentation to reflect one year after the McKinney Fire and its plans moving forward. The City has made employment offers that have been accepted for the open position of staff accountant and planning manager. City Manager Ledbetter met with City Manager at Shasta Lake City on economic development and interactive website GIS tools (that were discussed at the July 27, 2023 Ad Hoc Communications team). I attended a solid waste JPA meeting where we discussed our interest in getting a planning document for how the county plans are complying with recent composting laws. Assistant City Manager Hogan and I met with Great Northern to discuss the CDBG grant opportunities for the local food bank and devise a strategy to gain funding for the food bank. City is evaluating a Community Resilience Center grant application with the California Strategic Growth Council. The theater roofing bid close today. The city also has a bid notice out for soil cleanup at Foothill and an RFP for engineering design at Ringe Pool. Attended the July 27, 2023, Ad Hoc Communications Committee. City is looking at new joint Homekey project with the County and Karuk tribe. City Manager Ledbetter will be on vacation next week. The Bluebird property abatement is moving forward. And Ben Miller has a pickleball plan for the corner of Oregon and Knapp, gain more information and bring that back to council, but I believe it was something that we thought we could implement.

Chief Gilman gave an update on Sunridge project, permits have been received and kick off is next week.

Chief Lemos gave an update on the 4th of July, YPD had 5 dispatched calls, 8 officer initiated calls. There were no fire calls for service.

7. 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 Baker attended the Ad Hoc Communications meeting on July 27, 2023.

Councilmember Kegg thanked City staff for organizing the dumpster placement at COS near the homeless encampment.

Councilmember McCoy thanked Chief Gilman and his staff for their professionalism.

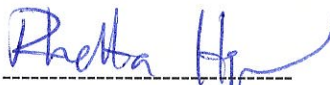
Councilmember Middleton thanked Finance Director Emily Aldrich for her work on the budget.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.



Corey Middleton, Mayor
Minutes approved by City Council,
Motion on August 15, 2023



Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk