

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

October 3, 2023

Closed Session 5:30 PM

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. 5:30PM CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, Councilmembers Baker, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton were present. Councilmember Davis was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

3. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will recess to Closed Session to discuss the below item(s). At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Open Session will reconvene and reportable action, if any, will be announced.

- a. **Conference with legal counsel—anticipated litigation (City Initiating) (Govt C §54956.9(d)(4))**
 - Number of cases: 2
- b. **Conference with real property negotiator (Govt C §54956.8)**
 - Property: 400 S. Foothill, Yreka APN 054-191-290-000
 - Agency negotiator: Jason Ledbetter
 - Negotiating parties: Siskiyou County
 - Under negotiation: Price and Terms
- c. **Conference with real property negotiator (Govt C §54956.8)**
 - Property: 1961 Campus Drive, Yreka APN 062-031-190-000 (1.25 acres)
 - Agency negotiator: Jason Ledbetter
 - Negotiating parties: Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum
 - Under negotiation: Price and Terms

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

Motion to proceed and authorize litigation to enforce the failure to pay transit occupancy taxes by a particular party.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Baker

SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: Councilmember Davis

Mayor Middleton announced that Councilmember Kegg recused himself from closed session item 3.c. due to a conflict of interests and Councilmember Davis is absent this evening.

5. 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.

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

Public comments were heard from Mike Grifantini, Jan Osborn, Lorenzo Love, Bob Caster, and Dawnmarie Autry.

7. 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 September 11, 2023, through September 25, 2023.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 19, 2023.
- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-47 Declaring a City-Owned Property as Surplus Land and Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Take Implementing Actions Necessary to Comply with the Surplus Land Act (Government Code Sections 54220 et seq.)

- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-48 Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Construction Contract to Advantage Paving, for the S. Oregon Street Rehabilitation Project in the Amount of \$963,992 for the Base Bid, and to Execute Related Documents.
- e. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-49 of the City Council of the City of Yreka, State of California, Authorizing the Filing of an Application for the USDA-FS Community Wildfire Defense Grant (USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF).

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

Consent agenda item 7.c. Surplus Lands Act item is being removed from consideration of the consent agenda.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as amended for the correction to the September 17, 2023, minutes where Councilmember Davis was present at roll call.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: Councilmember Davis

8. **OLD BUSINESS: (none)**

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: (none)**

Public Hearing Protocol:

- i. Mayor will describe the purpose of the Public Hearing.
- ii. City Staff will provide the Staff Report.
- iii. City Staff will respond to questions from the City Council.
- iv. Mayor will open the Public Hearing.
- v. Public wanting to comment will come to the podium, provide the City Clerk with their name and address, and provide their comments.
- vi. Mayor will close the Public Hearing.
- vii. City Council will deliberate and act on the item.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

Finance Director

- a. **Title:** Approving Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests in Connection with Rate Hearings Conducted Pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6 of the California Constitution

At the September 5, 2023, City Council meeting, Paul Reuter with PACE Engineering presented the City of Yreka's 2023 Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Study. This evening before you is the resolution requesting adoption of the protest voting procedures for the proposed rate increase. If the procedures resolution is approved this evening, rate increase notices will be mailed to all water and wastewater utility customers 45-days prior to the public hearing considering the rate increase. That public hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2023.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-46 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Approving Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests in Connection with Rate Hearings Conducted Pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6, of the California Constitution and Finding the Resolution Exempt from CEQA.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-46 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Approving Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests in Connection with Rate Hearings Conducted Pursuant to Article XIID, Section 6, of the California Constitution and Finding the Resolution Exempt from CEQA.

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

11. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

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

Jason Ledbetter attended the planning commission meeting on September 23, 2023, and the Communications Ad Hoc Committee meeting on September 28, 2023. City Manager Ledbetter is working on drafting a newsletter informing residents of the many actions and projects currently underway in the City of Yreka. City Manager Ledbetter has attended multiple fire staffing and fire station design meetings. City Manager Ledbetter is meeting with past Yreka fire volunteers to inform them of plans for a new fire hall and paid fire staff. City Manager Ledbetter met with the City's website virtual webmaster on September 28, 2023, in effort to continue to migrate City forms to fillable online documents. City Manager Ledbetter said staff has reviewed the bid from NMR AG for Ringe pool bid and is in process of scheduling a preselection interview with them.

12. 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 a fundraiser for the Sheriff's office, Councilmember Baker had a vacation, and unfortunately missed the recent communications ad hoc meeting.

Councilmember Kegg is continuing to stay engaged with the Continuum of Care and the County's pallet shelter proposed project, and mentioned he has been observing progress on the 400 S. property soil removal project.

Mayor Pro Tempore McCoy welcomed Dawnmarie Autry to the Planning Commission. Mayor Pro Tempore McCoy complimented the City Manager and Public Works staff on the construction projects this summer, and the Yreka Police Department on their community policing efforts, particularly with the unhoused population.

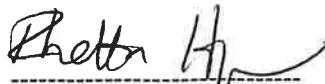
Mayor Middleton spoke to the importance of local government and how local government defines your community, encouraging volunteers and future local political leaders to get involved.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08PM.



Corey Middleton, Mayor
Minutes approved by City Council,
Motion on October 17, 2023


Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk