



**MINUTES OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 4, 2022
Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA**

On October 4, 2022 the City Council of Yreka, met for a Special meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. and upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg (via Zoom), Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION: None

2. CLOSED SESSION:

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

a. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code § 54957.6(a)

Agency negotiators: City Manager, Asst. City Manager, Human Resources Director
Employee Organization: Yreka Police Officers Association, Yreka Employees Association

3. OPTIONAL RECESS IF DESIRED:

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 PM:

Announcement of any action taken by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code § 54950 et. seq.)

Mayor Pro Tempore Baird chaired the meeting because Mayor Kegg participated via Zoom. She announced there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

5. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Manager Ledbetter announced that Agenda item 11.B was pulled because an incorrect document was published. The item will return with the updated version.

6. 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.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comment was heard from: Mark Atwood, Steve Radford, Jerry Stalker, Durriya Syed, and Bob Dawn.

8. 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.

9. 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 12, 2022, through September 25, 2022.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 20, 2022.
- c. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.
- d. Continuation of Urgency Resolution #2021-51: Remote Public Meetings.
- e. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Recommended City Council Action (after the Mayor’s request for public comment): Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented.

Mayor Pro Tempore Baird will abstain from voting on 10.b. as she was not at the meeting and did not read the draft minutes.

There was no public comment on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Smith Freeman asked for confirmation from Chief Lemos that the Fireworks ordinance is still valid and Chief Lemos confirmed there is still fire danger.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar excluding 10.b. by roll call vote:

MOTIONED: McCoy

SECONDED: Smith Freeman

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton

NOES: None

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar item 10.b., approval of Minutes, by roll call vote:

(Correction from one Councilmember on page 35 correction, resolution text to read “for the purpose of achieving long term stability” regarding Fire Dept Ad Hoc Committee)

MOTIONED: Smith Freeman

SECONDED: Middleton

AYES: Councilmembers: Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Baird

10. OLD BUSINESS

City Manager

- a. **Agenda Title: Resolution for the Creation of a Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to advise the City Council on matters related to the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department that includes its operational, capital equipment and facilities development plans.

There was no public comment.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-39 Authorizing the Creation of the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTIONED: Smith Freeman, with purpose of achieving “financial stability” as corrected

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Baird, Smith Freeman, Kegg, McCoy, Middleton,

NOES: None

b. Agenda Title: Adopting a Proclamation against Hate – item withdrawn and will return

The City Council considered at the September 20, 2022, a Proclamation Designating November 13-19, 2022, as United Against Hate Week. The Proclamation is being brought forth for Council’s consideration.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt the Proclamation that supports and names the City of Yreka in joining the Motion in Proclaiming November 13-19, 2022, as United Against Hate Week.

c. Agenda Title: Withdrawal of Grant SW-47-002 2018 Parks Bond Act, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization – Yreka Swim Center and Native Park

Withdrawal from Grant Award to Create the Swim Center and Native Park in the City of Yreka. Acquire approximately 7.8 acres. Construct a pool with retractable cover, swim center building/support facilities, native park with a sculpture garden, meditation garden/butterfly viewing area, playground, picnic area, parking lot, pathways, and public art, landscaping and lighting throughout the park.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Authorize the City Manager to give formal Notice to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services of the City’s Withdrawal from Grant Award SW-47-002 Yreka Swim Center and Native Park.

City Manager Ledbetter presented the report.

Public Comment was received from: Robin Richards, Jerry Stalker, and Steve Radford.

Council engaged in deliberations.

Motion to Authorize the City Manager to give formal Notice to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Grants and Local Services of the City’s Withdrawal from Grant Award SW-47-002 Yreka Swim Center and Native Park.

MOTIONED: Baird

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Kegg, McCoy, Baird

NOES: Smith Freeman

ABSTAIN: Middleton

City Manager/Public Works Director

- d. Agenda Title:** City of Yreka Project List – Review and discussion of City Capital and Operating Project list

Staff will present updates and progress on the City’s Capital and Operating Project list.

Recommended City Council Action: Informational item.

City Manager Ledbetter shared the current project list for review providing status updates when such information was available. Questions were posed for clarification on specific projects, and Council appreciated City Manager Ledbetter bringing this forward to the City Council. City Manager Ledbetter noted that with the new City Council a Strategic Planning process will begin.

No public comment.

11. NEW BUSINESS

City Manager

- a. Agenda Title:** Approval of the City’s preliminary grant application for a Chief Resilience Officer to Cal OES for up to \$1 million in State funds.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Submit to the State of California Office of Emergency Services, a grant application for up to \$1 million in State funds to augment staff by funding a Chief Resilience Officer or other similar position, as well as planning, activities, and outreach for mitigation, preparedness and recovery.

No public comment.

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MOTIONED: Middleton

SECONDED: McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers: Kegg, McCoy, Baird, Middleton, Freeman

NOES: None

Police Chief

- b. Agenda Title:** Public Safety Calls for Service – Presentation by Police Chief Mark Gilman

Yreka City Police Chief Mark Gilman will make a presentation regarding the City’s Police Department’s Call for service

Recommended City Council Action: Informational item.

Chief Gilman provided statistics on level of service calls received as well as impacts on Police Department staff resources.

There was no public comment.

The City Council was appreciative of all the Yreka Police Department provides to the community.

12. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

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

City Manager Ledbetter thanked Chief Gilman for all he and his department are doing. He spoke about the Homelessness issue, and the Housing Tools report that will come to the City Council in the not-too-distant future. City Manager Ledbetter thanked Councilmember Smith Freeman for assisting with the Elk's Lodge regarding the upcoming Holiday parade. The City Manager also shared details about the Night of Lights event. Regarding the Warming Center, Mr. Ledbetter said he and Supervisor Ogren have been trying to find a solution for the Warming Center. He gave specific details about the possibility of a tent. He said this item will come back to Council at the meeting of October 18, 2022.

Chief Lemos reported staffing shortages and continuous staff training. City Manager Ledbetter announced that the first meeting of the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee, approved tonight, will take place on Oct 6, at the Yreka Community Center at 7:30 A.M.

13. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

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

Councilmember Middleton inquired about public safety during the Holiday events like Toys for Kids, and the Yreka Police Department Shop with a Cop, and Chief Gilman confirmed the Police Department will be supporting such events.

Mayor Kegg announced an upcoming meeting at Behavioral Health. He asked City Manager Ledbetter if there is anything lacking on the critical infrastructure ordinance. City Manager Ledbetter provided additional details of where the item stands.

Mayor Pro Tempore Baird acknowledged Supervisor Ogren present in the audience.

Councilmember McCoy said that he spoke with Congressman's LaMalfa Office and thanked them for the federal help received during the recent fires. He highlighted a free Redding magazine with an article about a local personality. He thanked Public Works for using Measure C money to chip seal certain streets even working on Saturdays.

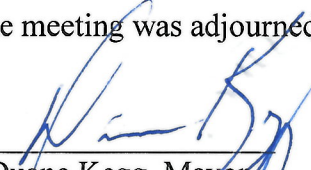
Councilmember Middleton would like to discuss call levels with the City Manager. He spoke about a fundraiser event last weekend that raised funds for the fire victims. He asks the community to realize that our sworn Officers are going above and beyond and are making a difference.

Councilmember Smith Freeman reported positively on the Montague Rotary Club Balloon Fest, and announced an upcoming Siskiyou Women in Business Annual symposium. She announced other upcoming events like the Red Scarf Society's quarterly event, and the Elks candidate forum. The League of Local Agencies Quarterly meeting is in Mt. Shasta on October 19, 2022. The Local Transportation Commission will meet next week, and she attended a workshop in Ashland for the Klamath Basin Integrated Fisheries Restoration and Monitoring Plan.

Mayor Pro Tempore Baird thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:01p.m.



Duane Kegg, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council,
Motion October 18, 2022



Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk