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**MINUTES OF THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022  
Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA**

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On November 1, 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, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:**

**3. 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 Ledbetter, Assistant City Manager Hogan, Human Resources Director Elsnab

*Employee Organization:* Yreka Police Officers Association, Yreka Employees Association, and Yreka Management Association

**4. OPTIONAL RECESS IF DESIRED:**

**5. 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 Kegg announced there was no reportable action from Closed Session.

**6. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**7. 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.

**Proclamation – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Read Across Siskiyou (RAS) 2022**

This item was postponed until the presenter arrived.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

City Manager Ledbetter read a letter by Dawnmarie Autrey.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:**

## **10. 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 of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 18, 2022.
- b. Water Permit Extension Environmental Review: Motion to adopt a Class 1 "Existing Facilities" Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA §15301 for the Water Permit Extension Project.
- 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.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Smith Freeman

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

NOES: None

City Manager Ledbetter requested agenda item New Business 13.c Payments/disbursements be addressed at this time.

**13.c. Agenda Title:** Payments/disbursements issued from September 27, through October 23, 2022.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Approval/ratification of payments issued from September 27, through October 23, 2022.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve/ratify payments issued from September 27, through October 23, 2022.

MOTIONED: Mayor Pro Tempore Baird

SECONDED: Councilmember Middleton

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

NOES: None

RECUSED: Mayor Kegg

Michelle O'Gorman arrived to present the proclamation on Annual Read Across Siskiyou County.

Public comment was heard from Steve Radford.

The City Council was supportive of the proclamation.

## **11. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

*Finance Director*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Yreka Transfer's request to the Yreka City Council to approve residential rates for the collection of garbage in the City of Yreka.

Yreka Transfer, as required within their franchise agreement with the City of Yreka, is required to submit requests for residential services increases for approval by the City Council. Yreka Transfer has submitted a request for a rate increase.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-41 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Consenting to an Increase of Residential Rates for the Collection of Garbage in the City of Yreka.

Finance Director Aldrich presented the staff report.

Mayor Kegg opened the Public Hearing

Public comment was heard from Dawnmarie Autrey, Lorenzo Love, and Steve Radford.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-41 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Consenting to an Increase of Residential Rates for the Collection of Garbage in the City of Yreka.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Middleton

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

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

NOES: None

**b. Agenda Title:** Rate Increase for Dog Licensing Fees.

The services provided by Animal Control offer both private and public benefits for the city. Animal Control assists private owners in locating their dogs if dogs stray from private property. The public also benefits, as the Animal Control Unit maintains community safety by ensuring that stray, and potentially dangerous, dogs are removed from public places. Due to the combination of public and private benefits that the Animal Control Unit provides, the costs of the program are divided between user fees (licensing and shelter fees) and City funds. In the face of rising costs (wages, fuel, and supplies) the City started raising fees to fund at least 50% of Animal Control’s annual costs. The last increase of fees was in 2017. Current rates for dog licenses are \$30/year for altered, and \$60/year for unaltered.

Yreka Municipal Code Section		Fee or Charge				
YMC 8.8.050 - License and Registration						
Year Effective		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Altered		\$35	\$37	\$41	\$43	\$45
Un-Altered		\$105	\$111	\$123	\$129	\$135
Low-Income Community Service Hours (hrs)	Altered	3 hrs	3 hrs	4 hrs	4 hrs	4 hrs
	Un-Altered	9 hrs	9 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-42 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Establishing Fees Relating to Dogs, Pursuant to Ordinance 806, effective December 31, 2022.

Finance Director Aldrich presented the staff report.

Mayor Kegg opened the Public Hearing.

Public comment was heard from Steve Radford.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2022-42 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Establishing Fees Relating to Dogs, Pursuant to Ordinance 806, effective December 31, 2022.

MOTIONED: Mayor Kegg

SECONDED: Mayor Pro Tempore Baird

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

NOES: None

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

*City Treasurer*

### **a. Agenda Title:** Issuance of Certificates of Participation Series 2022 Wastewater Revenue Certificates

The construction of the Main Street Sewer Interceptor Project is now complete, and it is therefore necessary and appropriate for the City to follow through with the long-term “take-out” financing of the Project. The take-out financing is coming from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the form of Series 2022 Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation in an aggregate amount of not to exceed \$5,700,000 (the “Certificates”). The Certificates will bear interest at a rate of 1.75% and will be repaid semi-annually over a 40-year fully amortizing term, which equates to annual debt service of approximately \$197,000.

### **Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt:

- (1) Resolution 2022-43 Authorize the Issuance of Certificates of Participation Series 2022 Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation, Approving and Authorizing and Directing Execution of a Trust Agreement, Installment Sale Agreement, Assignment Agreement and Purchase Offer, and Providing for Other Matters Properly Related Thereto, and
- (2) Resolution 2022-44 Approving, Authorizing and Directing Approving and Adopting USDA RUS Bulletin 1780-27 Loan Resolution Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending the Main Street Sewer Interceptor Improvement Project

Assistant City Manager Hogan and Cameron Weist presented the report.

Public comment was received from Steven Radford.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-43 Authorize the Issuance of Certificates of Participation Series 2022 Wastewater Revenue Certificates of Participation, Approving and Authorizing and Directing Execution of a Trust Agreement, Installment Sale Agreement, Assignment Agreement and Purchase Offer, and Providing for Other Matters Properly Related Thereto

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Mayor Pro Tempore Baird

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

NOES: None

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-44 Approving, Authorizing and Directing Approving and Adopting USDA RUS Bulletin 1780-27 Loan Resolution Providing for the Incurrence of Indebtedness for the Purpose of Providing a Portion of the Cost of Acquiring, Constructing, Enlarging, Improving and/or Extending the Main Street Sewer Interceptor Improvement Project

MOTIONED: Mayor Pro Tempore Baird

SECONDED: Councilmember Smith Freeman

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

NOES: None

## **13. NEW BUSINESS:**

*City Manager/Fire Chief*

### **a. Agenda Title:** Purchase of a Class 6 Fire Apparatus

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, October 27, 2022, and evaluated the business needs and benefits of having this type of apparatus available for initial “quick strike attack, QTAC”. The committee unanimously recommended bringing this to the City Council for consideration. The committee recommends appropriating \$275,000 from Fire Equipment reserves (mutual aid strike team equipment reserves) and Measure H funds for the purchase.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-45 Approving and Authorizing Acquisition of Equipment and Execution of all necessary documents for the Acquiring of Equipment for the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Lemos presented the report.  
There was no public comment.

Motion to Approve Resolution 2022-45 Approving and Authorizing Acquisition of Equipment and Execution of all necessary documents for the Acquiring of Equipment for the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Smith Freeman

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

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

NOES: None

*City Manager/Siskiyou County*

**b. Agenda Title:** Syringe Exchange Program Kiosks

**Recommended City Council Action:** Discussion and possible direction of Syringe Exchange Program Kiosks in the City.

City Manager Ledbetter presented the item.

Public comment was heard from Jan Osborn (letter read by City Manager Ledbetter), Dawnmarie Autry (letter read by City Manager Ledbetter), Louis Gliatto, Mark Atwood, Lorenzo Love, and Steve Radford. Nancy Ogren was asked to comment on behalf of the County's program.

The City Attorney mentioned that Oroville adopted its no needle ordinance in 2020.

Direction was given to City Manager Ledbetter to 1) follow up on Oroville/Butte Ordinance effectiveness, and 2) direction that City has no problem with County Health having a kiosk on their own property. City Attorney will bring point list of considerations for an ordinance in future discussion.

**This item was addressed earlier in the meeting.**

*Finance*

**c. Agenda Title:** Payments/disbursements issued from September 27, through October 23, 2022.

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#### **14. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:**

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

City Manager Ledbetter explained that Siskiyou Family Resource Center is not a warming center option. He also reiterated that he will be working on City owned facility options as per prior Council direction.

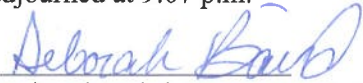
#### **15. COUNCILMEMBER STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:**

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

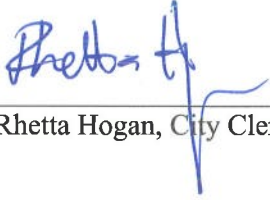
Council expressed concern for traffic control and markings for lane changes under freeway at Moonlit Oaks. City Manager Ledbetter will call CalTrans to share the concern.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Deborah Baird, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Minutes approved by City Council,  
Motion November 15, 2022



Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk