



# Yreka City Newsletter

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## City of Yreka now accepts plastic for more services

Article by Bill Choy, Mount Shasta Herald



Those that need to pay for things with the City of Yreka can now do so by credit card, including by phone. In January, the city expanded its payment methods. Rhetta Hogan, Finance and Administrative Services Director for the City said previously, Yreka was limited in its credit card agreement to only take credit cards for utility bills. The City Council recently gave permission to enter into an additional cardholder services contract for all other credit card payments. Because the merchant fee rates are different for utilities (deeply discounted) versus all other transactions (full fees to merchant), Hogan said the Council wanted to recover the merchant fees from the card users.

“The City is very pleased that businesses, dog owners, builders and developers, can now pay their fees via Visa or Mastercard,” she said. Hogan said that there is a convenience fee surcharge of \$2 for transactions under \$100, and \$1 more per \$100 for everything \$100 or greater.

People can now call in to pay or come in to pay. “Once the office has been running smoothly, we hope to expand the card services to other departments, (such as the) Yreka Police Department in the near future,” Hogan said.

In April of 2020, the City migrated its financial and transactional software to a cloud environment. This migration opened up the City of Yreka's opportunity to have iPad pay stations that could allow staff to process all types of credit card payments at the counter and over the phone for all other transaction's besides utility payments through the City's cash receipt module. These transactions include dog licenses, business licenses, building fees, encroachment permits, and all cash receipt transactions.

City Manager Steve Baker is glad people can now pay more bills by credit card and be able to now make payments by phone, especially during a pandemic, where many people want to limit going out. “This gives people another option to pay bills that we didn't have in the past,” he said.

Hogan said the response from people, especially those that can call and pay by phone, has been positive. “Those that call, of course, are thrilled to be able to complete the transaction conveniently from their home,” she said.

### Important Numbers

City Hall/  
Utility Billing  
(530) 841-2386

Fire Dept  
(530) 841-2383

Police Dept  
(530) 841-2300

Public Works  
(530) 841-2370

Senior Program  
(530) 841-2365

### Elected Officials

Duane Kegg  
Mayor

Deborah Baird  
Mayor Pro Tempore

Paul McCoy  
Councilmember

Corey Middleton  
Councilmember

Joan Smith Freeman  
Councilmember

Rhetta Hogan  
City Treasurer

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### Website

[www.ci.yreka.ca.us](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us)

### COVID-19 Coronavirus Notice

The City of Yreka is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace and community for our employees and citizens. To assist in the practice of social distancing, we would like to remind you of our zero-fee, no-contact, simple payment options:



**Mail:**  
Mail check or money order payments to:  
City of Yreka  
PO Box 1005  
Yreka CA 96097



**Payment Drop Box**

**Drop box:**  
Use our 24/7 drop box which is located to the left of City Hall's entrance at 701 Fourth Street.



**Phone:**  
Call (530) 331-9107 to pay using your VISA or Mastercard.



**Online:**  
Visit our website at [ci.yreka.ca.us](http://ci.yreka.ca.us) and scroll to the bottom. Our easy to use and secure payment portal can be accessed by clicking 'Pay My Utility Bill'.

## Animal Control Improvements

New fencing was recently installed at the City of Yreka Animal Control facility. According to Ben Miller, Maintenance & Operations Manager, the fence around the animal shelter was completed in the first week of January and will provide ample space for the dogs to get off-leash outside playtime. The new fence connects to the existing fence on the north side of the shelter so the animal control officer can pull their vehicle into a secure area to unload dogs. This will eliminate the opportunity for animals to escape during the transition from their vehicle to the kennel. "It's more secure now and give the dogs more opportunity to be outside and get additional exercise," Miller said. A big thank you goes out to Basic Fencing for a job well done!



## Help Prevent Flooding by Protecting Your Storm Drains!

**Please remember: don't rake, blow, or throw leaves or any other debris into the street. Leaves and other debris can clog drainage inlets and storm drains. These play a critical role in reducing and preventing flooding. Remember to dispose of leaves by composting or disposing with other solid waste.**

## Yreka's New City Clerk



**The City of Yreka has a new City Clerk! Arthur Boyd was appointed to the position by the Yreka City Council at its December 17th meeting. Boyd takes over for Liz Casson, who held the title for more than 20 years. Previously, the City Clerk post was an elected one, but a ballot measure passed in the last election moved the position from elected to appointed. Congratulations Arthur!**



## New Vacuum Truck

The City of Yreka recently purchased a 2020 Vactor 2100i PD combination sewer cleaner. It will be used for hydro-excavation while repairing leaks in the City's water distribution system and for jetting and debris removal in the City's sewer system. We also purchased an insulated 20' by 40' steel garage kit from NUCOR Building Systems to house the vehicle. BNG Finish Products will be erecting the structure and should be done with the project by early March.

