

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JANUARY 20, 2011

On the 20th day of January 2011, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chambers of said City in regular session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Robert Bicego, Bryan Foster, Rory McNeil, John Mercier and David Simmen. Absent – None.

Public Comments:

Don McCormick of Big Springs addressed the Council to request a fee waiver for the water base rate charged to his vacant rental located at 609 Yama Street.

Consent Calendar: Mayor McNeil announced that all matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion or a member of the audience wishes to comment on an item:

Council Member Bicego requested consent calendar items 1 b & 1 c be removed for discussion.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2010.
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report and budget to actual for the month of November 2010
- c. Adopt Resolution No. 2898 naming officers authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the City of Yreka

Following Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

Council Member Bicego seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, Foster, McNeil, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer's Report and budget to actual for the month of November 2010.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Bicego moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and budget to actual as submitted.

Council Member Mercier seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, Foster, McNeil, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2898 naming officers authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the City of Yreka

Following Council discussion, Council Member Bicego moved to adopt Resolution No. 2898 as amended to include “This Resolution supersedes and rescinds all previously adopted resolutions pertaining to this matter.”

Council Member Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, Foster, McNeil, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of Warrants issued from December 17, 2010 thru January 20, 2011.

Council Members Foster and Mercier announced their recusal. Foster stating that he has a conflict of interest with one of the warrants listed by reason of his employment relationship with one of the proposed payees, namely, Madrone Hospice, and therefore recused himself and left the Council Chamber. Mercier stating that he has a conflict of interest with one of the warrants listed by reason of his contractual relationship with one of the proposed payees, namely, Siskiyou County Employment Development Council, and therefore recused himself and left the Council Chamber.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Simmen moved to approve the warrants as submitted.

Council Member Bicego seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Bicego, McNeil, and Simmen.

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Council Members Foster and Mercier returned to their seats at the Council table.

Explore options for the removal of the vacant railroad cars that are being stored inside the Yreka City Limits - Council Member Simmen.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to direct the City Manager to explore options for the removal of the vacant railroad cars. Council Member Simmen reported that he will provide the City Manager with the contact information of the business owner.

It is the intention of the City of Yreka, in order to develop an alternative revenue source, to investigate the possibilities of a Biomass Facility as a sole venture or if advantageous a partnership venture. It is the intention of the City of Yreka to share in any revenue that might be created. – Council Member Simmen.

Following Council discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to schedule a 2nd special meeting workshop with a consultant who has expertise in the biomass field. Topics for

discussion would include: clarification to better understand and explore possible participation models; clarify questions arising out of the Preliminary Feasibility Assessment Report prepared for the US Forest Service dated September 2010; explore other options for revenue associated with a biomass facility, i.e. leasing the land; and discuss the obstacles/difficulties, risks and liability involved with City participation.

City Manager Steve Baker was asked to report back to Council with possible dates and cost for hiring a consultant to conduct the special biomass workshop meeting.

City Attorney Mary Frances McHugh announced that the closed session has been pulled from the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Rory McNeil, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion 2-3-11

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk