

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON JUNE 21, 2012

On the 21st. day of June 2012, 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: Bryan Foster, Rory McNeil, John Mercier and David Simmen. Absent – Robert Bicego.

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:

- a. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held June 7, 2012.
- b. Approval of Warrants issued from June 8, 2012 through June 21, 2012.
- c. Adopt Resolution no. 2978 authorizing the expenditure of funds prior to adoption of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Budget.
- d. Adopt Resolution No. 2979 approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with the County of Siskiyou for the consolidation and operation of the Siskiyou County Library and the Yreka Carnegie Library increasing the City's contribution to \$2 per capita.

Council Member Foster requested item d be removed for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to approve items a, b, & c on the consent calendar as submitted.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2979 approving Amendment No. 1 to Agreement with the County of Siskiyou for the consolidation and operation of the Siskiyou County Library and the Yreka Carnegie Library - increasing the City's contribution to \$2 per capita.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Foster moved to adopt Resolution No. 2979 as submitted.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2980 declaring the results of General Municipal Election held June 5, 2012.

- Oath of Office for Newly Elected Council Members, City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to adopt Resolution No. 2980 as submitted.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried, and administered the oath of office to newly elected Council Members, Bryan Foster & David Simmen, City Clerk Elizabeth Casson and City Treasurer Shella Rhetta Hogan.

Greenhorn Trail Names – Review and Approve.

Dan Blessing addressed the Council on behalf of the Ford Family Foundation Leadership Program Cohort No. 5 stating that as their class project they are undertaking improvements to the Greenhorn Park Trail System, which includes mapping, signage, and trail improvements to rejuvenate the park.

Mr. Blessing reported that the project will consist of two large park signs, one each at the upper and lower entrances to the park trail system, and directional trail signs on the junctions of the trails themselves. The park signs will provide a large map of the trail system, permitted uses, and trail distances. The park signs will be elevated by two six-foot posts and will be 3 feet wide by 4 feet tall. The signs will be designed so that in the future information about the history of the park and natural resource information can be added to the signs. The Upper Greenhorn sign will be placed near the kiosk. The Lower Greenhorn sign will be placed near the restrooms and parking area.

The smaller directional signs will be placed on the individual trails. These signs will be approximately two feet off the ground and will be four inches tall by twelve to twenty-four inches wide. These signs will be placed at intersections, display the trail name and directional information to the next trail. There will also be mileage markers placed on at least one trail that is used mostly by runners.

Maintenance of the signs has been addressed by commitments from the Yreka Rotary, Shasta Valley Rotary and the Friends of the Greenhorn group to take on portions of trail maintenance as their service projects. In addition, Jefferson Mountain Bike Association, a local chapter of the International Mountain Bike Association has programs for trail maintenance and development.

Mr. Blessing distributed to the Council a draft copy of the trail map with a few proposed trail name changes. Mr. Blessing stated that the names of the trails were discussed and vetted thoroughly amongst the Cohort Class, City of Yreka staff, Friends of Greenhorn, local mountain bikers and other trail users. The names will be routed on the smaller direction signs by volunteers and also be on the large maps at the park entrances.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Simmen moved to approve the trail names of Big Ditch Trail, AARP Trail, Pine Trail, Kids Trail, Lynn Skinner Trail, Miners Trail, Humbug

Trail, Goat Trail, Fools Gold Trail, Veterans Memorial Trail, Assay Trail, Okohoiwah Trail, Oak Trail, Sidewinder Trail and Flume Trail.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2977 approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce special event to be held September 22, 2012 known as the Sizzlin' September Show and Shine Car Show.

Joan Smith-Freeman, Executive Director of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce and Shannon Salvestro, Chamber Director, and Event Chair, addressed the Council regarding this year's event.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to adopt Resolution No. 2977 as submitted.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve Financing for Miner Street Grant Program Applications.

Project Assistant Benjamin Matts reported to the Council that the City received four applications for the Miner Street Grant Program, three applications for the Façade Grant Program and one for the Community Projects Grant Program.

The Façade Grant Applications received were from Natural Selections/Surrounds, Siskiyou Gallery and Frame/Miner Street Antiques, and Lalos Mexican Restaurant.

The Community Projects Grant application was from Kris Taylor for a Petunia Project.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Simmen moved to approve the Façade Grant program applications received from Natural Selections/Surroundings for 331-333 W. Miner St. for a rebate of up to \$3,817; Siskiyou Gallery and Frame/Miner Street Antiques for 325-327 W. Miner St for a rebate of up to \$1,200, and Lalos Mexican Restaurant for 219 W. Miner Street for a rebate of up to \$10,000, and the Community Project Grant application received from Kris Taylor for a "Petunia Project" for a rebate of up to \$2,040.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of appointment of Alternate Representative to the Siskiyou Association of Governmental Entities (SAGE) – Mayor McNeil.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to appoint Council Member Bicego as the Alternate Representative to SAGE.

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

Mayor McNeil thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Steve Baker provided the Council with an update on the unallocated General Fund Capital Projects.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Anticipated Litigation. Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(3)(E) and (c). Conference with Legal Counsel, a point has been reached where, in the opinion of the Council on the advice of its legal counsel, based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the City and the Council is deciding or will decide whether to initiate litigation, due to a statement threatening litigation made outside an open and public meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the Council. Two cases – names of parties are not disclosed since it is believed the facts which may result in litigation are not yet be known to the potential litigant(s), which facts need not be disclosed, and, to do so would jeopardize City's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property:	Assessor Parcel No. 053-681-070
Third Party Negotiator:	Cliff Brown, Phillippe Lane Industrial Park
City Negotiators:	City Manager and City Attorney
Under Negotiation:	Possible purchase including price, terms of payment, or both.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Attorney Mary Frances McHugh reported out the following:

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The Council conferred with the City Attorney on two matters. No other reportable action was taken.

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 The Council conferred with its legal adviser. No further reportable action was taken.

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

Attest:

 Mayor
 Minutes approved by Council
 Motion July 19, 2012

 Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk