

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012

On the 15th day of November 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: Robert Bicego, Bryan Foster, John Mercier and David Simmen. Absent – Rory McNeil.

Kathy Graves, of the Yreka Committee for Historic Preservation, gave the Council an update on the Committee's renovation project of three historic signs in Yreka that were estimated to have been originally installed in the late 1940s or very early 1950s. Mrs. Graves stated that the renovations are complete and the signs have been returned to their rightful places. The first sign shows where the City Meat Market was for many years on W. Miner St. The second sign sits in front of Miner's Inn on Main Street and marks the place of Yreka's First Gas Works. The third sign is in front of the First Log Home in Yreka located on North Street.

In closing Mrs. Graves stated that originally the project was to include four signs, however, the sign that marked the location of the saloon where Lotta Crabtree sang to the miners as a young girl, has unfortunately disappeared. However, the good news is that while searching for this sign an unexpected fifth sign was found for the Lockhart Saloon which was originally located somewhere on Main and Center Streets. The committee is currently negotiating with the property owners in the area of Main and Center in an attempt to place the sign on one of these buildings. If they are unable to get permission, the committee is hoping the City would consider installing a pole for the installation of this historic sign.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Simmen 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 special meeting held October 23, 2012 and the regular meeting held November 1, 2012.
- b. Approval of Warrants issued from November 2 through November 15, 2012.

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

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approval of budgetary appropriation of \$9,529 for capital outlay and the transfer of \$6,000 from unallocated to allocated capital projects for the YPD's computer aided dispatch and records management upgrade project.

Brian Bowles, Yreka Police Department Chief of Police, addressed the Council to request approval of the budgetary appropriation for the upgrade of the Police Department Computer

Aided Dispatch (CAD) Records Management System (RMS), 911 and electronic filing of reports to the District Attorney's Office.

Chief Bowles reported that the Yreka Police Department is tasked with upgrading the 911 system with the state. This is a lengthy process and the entire dispatch center is reviewed with this upgrade. The police department has an opportunity to go with a single vendor for the CAD and RMS services. We have experienced various issues with the support of our current system and need a better user friendly system. The CAD and RMS has multiple functions that will assist the department with evidence, training, warrants, evaluations, UCR, reporting to the state, 500 different reports and various in house functions. Our aging computer servers are all out of warranty and are very old. Our IT vendor recommends an upgrade to our computer system for this project. Higher speed delivery via fiber is desired for transfer of data, voice, video, and photos, to the District Attorney for prosecution of cases.

The City has recently received \$9,529 one-time money from the State of California for reimbursement of state mandated services rendered by the Yreka Police Department and staff is requesting appropriating these funds for this project along with a budgetary transfer from the unallocated capital projects fund in the amount of \$6,000 to cover the remaining costs.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Bicego moved to approve the budgetary appropriation of \$9,529 and the transfer of \$6,000 from the unallocated capital projects for the Yreka Police Department's computer aided dispatch and records management upgrade project.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance No. 831 repealing and amending by adding various sections of Title 11 of the Yreka Municipal Code relating to the adoption by reference of Uniform Construction Codes; Adding New Chapter 11.50 relating to Placards used to denote conditions relating to continued occupancy of buildings; and repealing certain Ordinances.

Following the reading of the title of the Ordinance and Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to adopt Ordinance No. 831 as submitted.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: to consider a zoning text amendment to Yreka Municipal Code Section 16.46.080 prohibiting sales from vehicles, trailers or mobile units in the public right of way.

This being the time and date scheduled for the public hearing, Mayor Simmen opened the hearing to the audience. There being no statements or comments from the audience, Mayor Simmen closed the public hearing.

Re-introduce Ordinance No. 832 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Amending certain sections of the Yreka Municipal Code in Chapters 6.08 Garbage, Rubbish & Waste, 8.04 Animals-General Provisions, 10.32 Vehicles & Traffic and 16.46 Zoning-Special Provisions.

City Steve Baker reported that Ordinance 832 was introduced on November 1, 2012 and subsequent to the introduction of the Ordinance, the Fire Chief met with the Siskiyou Air Pollution Control District Staff and the District staff indicated that the City burn permits are for residential burning only. Any commercial burning must have a permit issued by the Siskiyou Air Pollution Control District.

City Manager Baker further reported that this ordinance has been revised to incorporate these changes and as a result the ordinance needs to be reintroduced. If reintroduced, the adoption of this ordinance will be scheduled for December 6, 2012 and the ordinance would go into effect 30 days later.

Following the reading of the title of the Ordinance, and Council discussion, Council Member Mercier moved to introduce the Ordinance as submitted.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution No. 2998 making necessary findings pursuant to Government Code 7522.56 for post-retirement employment of Mark Schmitt and authorizing City Manager to execute agreement regarding such employment, together with any and all other necessary documents.

City Manager Baker reported that Mark Schmitt, the City's Building Inspector/Fire Marshall is retiring in December 2012, and that staff has considered various options for the continued provision of building inspection services including contracting with other entities, contracting with a firm, hiring a new inspector, and having Mr. Schmitt work as a retired CalPERS annuitant or some combination of these options.

In closing, City Manager Baker stated that after having considered the options, the best way to insure building inspection services that continue to meet the City's needs is to allow Mr. Schmitt to work for the City as a retired annuitant up to 960 hours a year. As a backup, if the workload increased or Mr. Schmitt is unavailable, the City will be contracting with a local firm that provides building inspection services for other local cities.

Following Council discussion, Council Member Bicego moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2998 as submitted.

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

Mayor Simmen thereupon declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Personnel pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1), consider appointment for the position of City Attorney.
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)
 - Property: Assessor Parcel No. 013-110-130 & 140
 - Third Party Negotiator: County of Siskiyou
 - 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 Manager Baker reported no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

David Simmen, Mayor
 Minutes approved by Council
 Motion December 6, 2012

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk