

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON DECEMBER 1, 2016

On the 1st day of December 2016, 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: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, John Mercier and David Simmen Absent - None.

Consent Calendar: Mayor Mercier 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/ratification of payments issued from November 18 through December 1, 2016.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held November 17, 2016.
- c. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report and Budget to Actual for the month October 2016.
- d. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve the items on the consent calendar as submitted.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Ordinance No. 849 adding to Title 2 of the Municipal Code and Establishing Section 2.24.065 relating to the approval of plans and designs.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that this Ordinance was introduced by the City Council at its meeting held November 17, 2016. State law provides public agencies with a design immunity defense for any public works projects designed and constructed by the public agency, provided that the design was approved in advance of the construction by the agency's legislative body or by an employee authorized by the legislative body to give such design approval. The purpose of the design immunity is to protect local governments by preventing a jury from second-guessing the legislative body's decision to adopt a design.

Following the reading of the title of the Ordinance and Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to adopt the Ordinance as submitted.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt a Resolution agreeing to collaborate with the City of Weed and Siskiyou County for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant.

Tonya Dowse, Executive Director of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the proposed collaboration for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant.

Ms. Dowse reported that in 2013 the City of Yreka, in cooperation with the Economic Development Council completed a successful Brownfields Assessment Project with funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency which provided an important economic development tool for the reuse of old industrial sites. Due to the City's successful experience with the Brownfield's program, we are requesting that the City of Yreka act as lead-agency for a project coalition comprised of the cities of Yreka, Weed and the County of Siskiyou. In closing Ms. Dowse stated that potential development sites located within the City of Yreka may be limited, however, submitting a collaborative application will ensure funds are available should a specific opportunity present itself.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to adopt the Resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – to receive comments on the City of Yreka Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update.

Curtis Paget, of PACE Engineering addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan Update, and reported that the Urban Water Management Plan serves as the basis for the City to effectively assess, plan, and manage its water resources to meet existing and future needs of the community. This update address the changes required by the California Water Code. Specifically, the City is required to report on its demand management measures, its efforts to reduce demand, and the progress it has made towards meeting its water usage targets for 2020. The City met its per capita interim target reduction for the 2015 report and is currently meeting target reductions for 2020 indicating that the methods of outreach have been successful. Much of this update focuses on ensuring that cities in California consider current circumstances and the best available data and planning tools available in order to address water needs throughout the state. New requirements also place more emphasis on recycling and reuse and more comprehensive drought planning, however Yreka does not currently have a recycling and reuse component to its water deliveries.

This being the time and date scheduled for the public hearing, Mayor Mercier opened the hearing up to the audience. Phil Porter asked if the North Well should be used to keep it in good working order. Mr. Paget responded that the North Well system is routinely discharged and

maintained. There being no further statements or comments from the audience, Mayor Mercier closed the public hearing.

Adopt Resolution approving the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved adopt the Resolution as submitted.

Councilmember Simmen seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve a Budget Revision for 2016-17 for the Siskiyou Unified Major Investigations Team (SUMIT).

City Manager Baker reported that the City is in the process of coordinating various payments for services with the County, and may need to execute related MOU agreements with the County as SUMIT is closely intertwined in support services from the Siskiyou County Sheriff and District Attorney's Offices. The proposed budget documents for fiscal year 2016-17 reflect the remaining budget transferred from the County and associated fund balances. The program receives funding from adjudicated seizures that are dedicated and restricted to support SUMIT. Both Federal and State adjudicated funds must be tracked separately for both revenues and expenditures. Federal funds are further segregated by agencies such as the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations. The City uses resources in its accounts code structure to delineate expenditures by these funding sources and uses. The Finance Department will continue to provide administrative staff time for ongoing support and the Police Department may also be asked to provide some administrative staff time and resources.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve the Budget Revision as submitted.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Mercier and Simmen.

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: (Number of cases to be discussed – 1 - The names of the parties are not disclosed, as it is believed that that to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to serve process or to conclude existing settlement negotiations to the City's advantage).

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator Government Code Section 54957.6 (a)

Agency negotiator: Steven Baker.

Employee Organizations: Yreka Police Officer's Association and Yreka City Employees Association.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported out that item #1 was pulled, and as to item #2, Council conferred with its labor negotiator, and no reportable action was taken in closed session.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion December 15, 2016

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk