

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MARCH 17, 2016

On the 17th day of March 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, Bryan Foster, Joan Smith Freeman, John Mercier and David Simmen Absent - None.

Mayor Mercier announced that the closed session has been pulled from the agenda.

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 of Minutes of the meeting held March 3, 2016.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from March 4 through March 17, 2016.
- c. Adopt Resolution approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Event known as the Yreka Gold Rush Days to be held on June 18, 2016.

Councilmember Foster requested item 1c be removed for discussion.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to approve items 1 a & b on the consent calendar as submitted.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution # 2016-10 approving requests associated with Yreka Chamber of Commerce Special Event known as the Yreka Gold Rush Days to be held on June 18, 2016.

Victoria McDonald, Executive Director of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council to answer questions regarding the event.

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

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt Resolution authorizing a Grant Application to the Shasta Regional Community Foundation, McConnell Fund, and designating representatives to sign funding agreements and related documents necessary to implement the Siskiyou Native Plant Nursery Improvement Project.

Jeannette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, reported that the Siskiyou Gardens, Parks and Greenway Association (SGPGA) has been working cooperatively with many partners to develop a local source for native plants for the community. The Shasta Regional Community Foundation has grant funds available that match the City's water conservation goals.

The proposed project will make physical improvements at the Siskiyou Native Plant Nursery (aka, the "Arboretum"), located on City property adjacent to Lower Greenhorn Park, to support this important source of native plant stock. The project includes installation of a permanent power supply, and several structures and tools necessary for plant propagation.

This project will allow the Nursery to grow and sell a wider variety of native plant materials. The project provides opportunities for ecosystem and water conservation education, and it directly benefits City projects by improving the capability to provide low cost native trees, shrubs and other plants for landscaping, park plantings and restoration efforts ongoing in the Yreka Creek watershed. The Nursery provided the native plants for the North Yreka Creek project last year and is growing plants for the next phase of the project near Oberlin Road.

SGPGA is requesting the City, as the owner of the land, to apply for a grant of \$8,400 on their behalf from the McConnell Fund. SGPGA anticipates providing an estimated \$2,600 in cash and in-kind match contributions, as well as an estimated \$40 - \$60 per month for the on-going expense of the power bill. The fiscal impact to the City to provide budgetary oversight for this project is expected to be minimal.

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

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign, an Interagency Agreement for Road Maintenance Services with the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works.

Jeannette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, reported that in August of 2005, the City entered into an Interagency Agreement for Road Maintenance Services with the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works desires to continue to have the County perform these services and maybe other road maintenance services in the future.

County Public Works has placed chip seals on City streets for many years. The City purchases the materials, prepares the street surface, and performs traffic control. The County provides labor and equipment. The cost of contracting with the County is less than the cost of contracting with a contractor though a public advertisement for bids. The only negative is that the County does not provide a warranty. We would get a one-year warranty with a publicly bid project.

The proposed Agreement would be effective for another 5 years, through March 2021. There is no fiscal impact anticipated in the current fiscal year. A fiscal impact is only realized if the Public Works Department budgets and schedules project work with the County. As street maintenance funds from gas taxes diminish, the Public Works Department tries to extend the benefit realized from every available dollar.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Foster moved to approve the agreement as submitted and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

Adopt three Resolution authorizing applications for Proposition 1 funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater system improvements:

1. Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funds to the State of California, enter into a Funding Agreement, and designate representatives to sign Drinking Water State Revolving Fund/Proposition 1 Agreement and any amendments thereto, for various water planning and improvement projects.
2. Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funds to the State of California, enter into a Funding Agreement, and designate representatives to sign Proposition 1 Agreement, and any amendments thereto, for various wastewater planning and improvement projects.
3. Resolution authorizing the City to apply for funds to the State of California, enter into a Funding Agreement, and designate representatives to Sign Proposition 1 Agreement, and any amendments thereto, for various stormwater planning and improvement projects.

Jeannette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, reported that the Water Quality Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, known as Proposition 1, was approved by voters in 2014. The Bond Act provides funding for a large range of water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. Staff has been monitoring the development of grant guidelines by various state agencies who are responsible for distributing the bond funds through competitive grants. Several agencies have now issued the call for project applications that are relevant to our needs. Both planning and implementation projects are eligible.

PACE Engineering of Redding California is assisting the City to prepare various applications. The specific mix of project to be submitted is still being developed. They will be prioritized based on what will make the most competitive application and meet the critical improvement needs as outlined in the City's various Master Plans.

Under the grant guidelines, Yreka is considered to be a small and severely disadvantaged community (DAC), meaning the population is 20,000 persons or less with a median household income (MHI) of less than 60% of the statewide average. Therefore the required match would

be 5% for stormwater projects, and 25% for wastewater projects. The match for water projects is based primarily on MHI and the ratio of utility rates to MHI, so it is anticipated that the match for water projects will be 0%. Water and Wastewater funds will provide the match for those projects. In-kind and other non-cash contributions will minimize the general fund impact for the stormwater projects.

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

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

Mayor Mercier thereupon declared the motion carried.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion April 7, 2016

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk