

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON APRIL 7, 2016

On the 7th day of April 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 - Bryan Foster

Mayor Mercier announced that item no. 3 has been pulled from the agenda.

Mayor Mercier also announced that he has received a request from the City Attorney to add an urgency item to the agenda, which came to the staff's attention after the preparation and posting of the agenda. The urgency of the matter requires Council to take action before the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the item being:

Closed Session

#2. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Fall Creek

Third Party Negotiator: PacifiCorp

City Negotiators: City Manager and City Attorney

Under Negotiation: Possible purchase including price, terms of payment, or both.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to add the closed session urgency item – Real Property Negotiation with PacifiCorp to the agenda as requested.

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.

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 17, 2016.
- b. Approval/ratification of payments issued from March 18 through April 7, 2016.
- c. Acknowledge Receipt of 2015 General Plan Annual Housing Element Progress Report.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve the items on the consent calendar 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.

Adopt Resolution # 2016-15 approving the use of Upper Greenhorn Park on June 4, 2016 for an event known as the "Iron Dog Challenge".

Chuck Pipkin addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the proposed event. Mr. Pipkin stated that they are requesting permission to host a fund-raiser for their non-profit organization for Post Traumatic Service Dogs. The funds raised will be used to offset the cost of placing service and/or emotional support dogs with veterans or first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury.

The Iron Dog Challenge is a fun run/walk around several trails in Greenhorn Park. We will have two courses set up, one for the people just wanting to have fun and a more competitive one for the advanced runners. All dogs participating in the event will be required to be on a leash and under the control of the owner/handler at all times.

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.

Adopt Resolution authorizing the Police Chief and/or the City Manager to Modify Parking Regulations during construction of the Courthouse.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the Courthouse project is expected to begin early this summer. During construction, which is expected to last approximately 2 years, Fourth Street will be closed adjacent to the site and work will occasionally result in other closures of lanes and sidewalks. In addition, the courthouse project, including construction staging, will decrease the number of parking spot for court employees, jurors and other users of the courts and adjacent buildings.

As a result, there will be a need to modify parking regulations to facilitate parking for the various users of the courts on a temporary (2-year basis). This resolution would allow the Police Chief and City Manager to modify parking regulations as appropriate during the construction period.

The Court has provided a proposed initial parking plan. Over time, this may need to be modified, either as a result of the construction or after review of how the parking actually works. Once the courthouse is constructed and open, parking regulations would return to the pre-construction condition, with perhaps some modifications based on the parking plan for the new courthouse.

Mary Frances McHugh, the Courts Administrator, gave a brief presentation on the new courthouse.

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.

Approval of Appointment of Diane Knitter to the Yreka Planning Commission.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to approve the re-appointment of Diane Knitter to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission.

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 Resolution authorizing a Use Agreement with Yreka Splash for the Operation of Ringe Pool for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 with a contribution of \$32,500.

City Manager reported that we have received a request to continue the support for Splash's operation of the pool in the amount of \$32,500, which is the same amount as last year.

Splash has been a great resource for the community and has kept the pool open for the last ten years. In addition to keeping the pool open for swimming and providing swim lessons, Splash has made a number of improvements to the pool necessary to keep it open. Splash's season begins prior to the beginning of the 2016-2018 budget, so the request is coming now.

Staff is recommending providing the funding that Splash needs to operate the pool for the summer season.

Bussy McCluskey, President of Yreka Splash, addressed the Council to answer any questions regarding the operation of Ringe Pool. Ms. McCluskey stated that they plan to continue with their annual fundraisers: bingo, fireworks, and wine booth, and plan to add a donation letter campaign. This year's fundraising goal is to provide permanent shade areas, new ladders and a new diving board, along with the ongoing maintenance costs.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Freeman moved to 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.

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).

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Upon return to open session, City Manager Baker reported that 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 April 21, 2016

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk