

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON AUGUST 4, 2016

On the 4th day of August 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.

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/ratification of payments issued from July 22 through August 4, 2016.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held July 21, 2016.
- c. Authorize Mayor to Execute the 2016 Local Agency Biennial Notice Indicating No Amendments are required to the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

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

Budget - Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 and 2018:

Adopt Resolution #2016-39 setting forth the Appropriations Limit for the City of Yreka for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017.

Adopt Resolution #2016-40 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 and 2018.

Adopt Resolution #2016-42 approving the updated 2016-2017 Salary Schedule for Part-Time Employees.

Finance Director Rhetta Hogan presented the Council with an overview of the proposed biannual budget for fiscal year 2016-17 and 2017-18, reporting that this summer the City has worked through its budgetary challenges using an ad hoc budget committee that involved two City Councilmembers, a member of the community, and City staff. The committee took both a realistic look and analytical approach to both the departmental and overall budgets. Available revenue projections were evaluated and carefully measured against the final departmental expenditure budgets. This process started with a large spending gap between revenues and expenses.

Through a series of workshops, decisions were made on how to balance unmet needs within the community and unfunded mandates for compliance such as new stormwater requirements and public safety, against projected available revenues. The budget, as presented, is achievable, however it does not include labor negotiation settlement agreements, equipment breakdowns or other unforeseen events that will require additional resources.

The budget reflects increases to staffing for the first time since 2010. Public Works Water and Wastewater Maintenance divisions, funded by Enterprise Funds, will increase by three maintenance workers, for water utility meter maintenance and support, for water and wastewater transmission and collection line maintenance to mitigate services outages, and for the water and wastewater plant operations to provide support between both plants to ensure coverage for these 24/7 plant operations.

The budget will have revisions throughout the course of the year, based on changes in revenue projections and emerging needs. It is expected that after the first year, over the course of the summer in 2017, staff will make recommendation to the 2017-18 fiscal year based upon actual operating results.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Simmen moved to adopt Resolution #2016-39 setting forth the Appropriations Limit for the City of Yreka for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017, Resolution #2016-40 adopting the Budget for Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2017 and 2018 and Resolution No. 2016-42 approving the updated 2016-2017 Salary Schedule for Part-Time Employees, all 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 Resolution #2016-41 increasing payments relating to Yreka Volunteer Fire Department Call out payments Pursuant to Ordinance No. 804.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the city currently pays a total of \$10.50 per response for each volunteer firefighter callout. Of this amount, \$3 goes to the Fire Department's Volunteer Fund and the remainder goes to the firefighter. This amount was last updated in 2008.

During the budget process, the Fire Chief proposed increasing this amount to add \$1 in FY 2016-17 (\$11.50) and another \$1 in FY 2017-18 (\$12.50). The estimated fiscal impact of the increase for the Fire Department Volunteers for fiscal year 2016-17 is approximately \$6,000; this amount has been included in the budget documents.

Yreka Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jerry Lemos addressed the Council stating that each year the medical calls have increased substantially, this year they have already had over 850. This proposed increase in the callout payment will not only help to retain our existing volunteers, but also help in recruiting more volunteers to the department.

Following Council discussion Councilmember Simmen moved to adopt Resolution #2016-41 increasing the payments relating to Yreka Volunteer Fire Department Call out payments Pursuant to Ordinance No. 804.

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.

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

Attest:

John Mercier, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion September 1, 2016

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk