

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON FEBRUARY 13, 2020

On the 13TH day of February 2020, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chambers of said City in special session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Joan Smith Freeman, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Norman Shaskey Absent - None.

Public Hearing to discuss the fiscal year 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Application and to solicit citizen input.

City Manager Steve Baker reported that the purpose of this public hearing is to provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grant program and to allow discussion of the City's application for a project in the 2019/2020 funding cycle. Any grant money received must be spent on projects benefiting primarily low and moderate-income persons.

Eligible activities under the above allocations in the 2020 NOFA consist of: homeownership assistance and housing rehabilitation programs; public facility and public improvements projects (including public improvements in support of new housing construction); public service programs, planning studies, economic development business assistance and microenterprise activities. Eligible activities paid for with state CDBG funds must meet one of the three national objectives listed in CDBG federal statutes as follows: benefit to low –moderate income households or persons; elimination of slums and blight; or meeting urgent community development need (with prior department approval).

City Manager Baker read for the Council and audience excerpts from the Pre-Application Notice of Public Hearing, which was published in the Siskiyou Daily News. Stating that said Notice is on file in the City Clerk's Office for public review, and will be kept as a matter of record as a part of the CDBG Project Application binder on file with the Department of Public Works.

City Manager Baker reported that the City is planning to apply for a CDBG Community Development Over-the-Counter grant in the amount of \$3.5M, all of which falls under the Low/Mod Income National Objective. The project, known as the Main Street Water System Improvement Plan, would include relocating and/or upgrading water lines along Main Street between Montague Road and Oberlin Road.

Director of Public Works Matt Bray addressed the Council and audience to answer any questions regarding the Main Street Water System Improvement Plan.

This being the date and time set for the public hearing, Mayor Freeman opened the hearing to the public.

Tonya Douse, Executive Director of the Siskiyou County Economic Development Council thanked the City Manager and Director of Public Works for the detailed explanation of City's proposed CDBG application for the Main Street Water System.

Lorenzo Love addressed the council regarding the potential use of future CDBG funds for low income housing.

There being no further statements or comments from the public, Mayor Freeman closed the public hearing and opened discussion to the Council.

Resolution No. 2020-8 approving an application and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto for funding for the fiscal years 2019-2020 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-8 as submitted approving the application for 2019-20 CDBG funds for the Main Street Water System Improvement Project.

Councilmember Shaskey seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted YEA: Baird, Freeman, Kegg, McCoy and Shaskey.

Mayor Freeman thereupon declared the motion carried.

Demonstration of “SeeClickFix”.

Arthur Boyd, Department of Public Works Municipal Services Project Manager, reported to the Council and audience that SeeClickFix is an online tool for citizens to report issues to City Staff via desktop or mobile app. The app went live for the City on December 17, 2019.

Requests are routed to Public Works, Code Enforcement, or Animal Control, depending on the category of incoming request. Users can add photos and write a brief description to help City staff fix the issue. Both City Staff and members of the public receive updates from the time requests come in to when the work is done.

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

Attest:

Joan Smith Freeman, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council
Motion March 5, 2020

Elizabeth E. Casson, City Clerk