

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
YREKA HELD IN SAID CITY ON MAY 4, 2021**

On the 4th day of May 2021, the City Council of the City of Yreka met in regular session, and upon roll call, the following were present: Deborah Baird, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy, and Corey Middleton. Absent: Joan Smith Freeman.

1. Information Item: Siskiyou Media Council presentation.

Paris Petrick presented information to the Council regarding the Siskiyou Media Council and Public Access Television.

2. Discussion/Possible Action - Consent Calendar:

Mayor Kegg 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:

The City Manager recommended approval of the following consent calendar items:

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from April 12, 2021 through April 25, 2021.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2021.
- c. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.
- d. Adopt Resolution extending the suspension of Section 13.76.010 of the Yreka Municipal Code allowing installation of banners on Fairlane Road.
- e. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #855.

Councilmember Baird moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

3. Discussion/Possible Action: Adopt Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2175 to include Assessor's Parcel Numbers 053-473-150 & 210 in the North Freeway Interchange Signage Area and Finding this Resolution is Exempt from CEQA.

At the request of the developer of a future project to be located at 100 Montague Road, the Planning Commission reviewed Resolution No. 2175 which authorizes the Planning Commission to grant exceptions to sign height regulations.

Upon review of the Resolution, the Planning Commission is recommending that the City Council adopt a Resolution to Amend the area depicted as the North Freeway Interchange Signage Area, to include Parcel Numbers 053-473-150 & 210, commonly known as 100 & 103 Montague Road.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to approve.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE:

Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

4. Discussion/Possible Action: Approve the Amended Transportation Claim for the FY 2020/2021 Local Transportation Fund and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Claim on Behalf of the City.

Local Transportation Funds (LTF) are distributed to cities and counties in California because of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) that was passed in the late 1970's to subsidize public transit. The County receives \$.25 of each \$7.25 of State sales tax collected from the County. The major use of the funds is for public transit. However, counties with a population of less than 200,000 are allocated a portion of the funds for streets and roads after the County transit needs are met and a public hearing on Unmet Needs is held. Siskiyou County distributes any remaining funds to the County and the cities in Siskiyou County based on population.

The prior Transportation Claim sent by the Siskiyou County Local Transportation Commission (SCLTC) had to be amended, and a new claim letter has been sent to the City. The City Council is required to approve the attached amended Transportation Claim at a regular City Council meeting, and the Mayor is required to sign it before the Local Transportation Commission considers it for approval.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Baird moved to approve.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

5. Discussion/Possible Action: Designate Specific Gate Locking Times for Upper and Lower Greenhorn Park

The issue of locking and unlocking the entrance gates to Greenhorn Park has been discussed many times over the years. It has been suggested that a sign be posted that clearly designates the park's hours of use and reminds park users that gates will be locked during off hours. This step would do a great deal to clarify matters for park users, thus ensuring their vehicles are out of the park during off hours, and for the City staff responsible for locking and unlocking the gates.

Public Works Maintenance Manager Ben Miller recommended that the hours of park use be designated as follows:

Summer hours -Between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM, seven days a week, from March 1 through October 31; and

Winter hours -Between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, seven days a week, from November 1 through the last day of February.

Following Council discussion, it was suggested that the opening time be revised to 7:30 am, which would allow time for staff to travel from the Maintenance Yard (located at 856 N Main St.) to Greenhorn Park.

Councilmember McCoy moved to approve with revision.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

6. Discussion/Possible Action: Letter of Opposition for SB 210 (Wiener) License Plate Recognition Data Retention.

Existing law outlines parameters for use, retention, and auditing functions for agencies who utilize Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technologies. In many communities, the adopted policies for the use of cameras have gone through rigorous public processes and have been approved with community input.

SB 210 (Wiener) seeks to strictly limit local agencies access to license plate recognition data and threatens public safety by destroying valuable evidence that has historically helped to find abducted children and apprehend murder suspects, kidnappers, and sex criminals.

SB 210 would require local Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) data that does not match a “hot list” be destroyed within 24 hours. This measure does not respect the significant administrative work that goes into reviewing license plate data manually as law enforcement agencies work around the clock to solve crimes occurring in our communities.

The City of Yreka supports accountability on the part of law enforcement agencies concerning police technology and policies, as well as related oversight by local governing bodies. However, we do not support policies that restrict law enforcement agencies from utilizing technologies that would otherwise enhance their ability to protect the communities they serve.

City staff recommended opposing Senate Bill 210.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to approve a letter of opposition to be signed by Mayor Kegg and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee in Sacramento.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

7. Discussion/ Possible Action: Approve a \$300,000 Supplemental Appropriation to the Streets Budget for Chipseal Work.

Public Works has done multiple chipseal projects over the years using Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Local Streets and Roads (LSR) funding and City funds to maintain City streets and parking lots. The

Finance Committee met and recommended bringing a chipseal project to Council for discussion. Since project costs are increasing rapidly, staff wishes to request a supplemental appropriation for a chipseal project now, in advance of the FY 2021/22 budget adoption, so that Public Works may begin work prior to the new fiscal year.

The proposed project is expected to include the Upper and Lower Greenhorn parking lots, Campbell Avenue, Sharps Road, and the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant parking lot and access road.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember McCoy moved to approve.

Councilmember Middleton seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

8. Discussion/ Possible Action: Adopt a Resolution approving a Consultant Agreement with the Weist Law Firm for Bond Counsel services for the Main Street Sewer Interceptor Improvement Project USDA Loan financing.

In August 2020, the City Council directed staff to pursue a USDA Loan to finance the construction of the Main Street Sewer Interceptor Improvement Project. One of the elements of this method of structured financing is the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPs). Issuing COPs requires the assistance of specialized legal (bond) counsel.

The attached agreement has been negotiated with The Weist Law Firm, which is experienced in working with USDA COP financing agreements. The City Attorney, Dohn Henion, reviewed and approved the agreement.

Following Council discussion, Councilmember Middleton moved to approve.

Councilmember Baird seconded the motion, and upon roll call, the following voted AYE: Baird, Kegg, McCoy and Middleton.

Mayor Kegg thereupon declared the motion carried.

City Manager/Staff Reports:

The City Manager and City Staff made brief announcements and reports.

Council Statements and Requests:

Councilmembers reported on various community events and meetings attended.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will recess to Closed Session to discuss the following item(s). At the conclusion of the Closed Session, Open Session will reconvene and reportable action, if any, will be announced:

1. Public Employment (§ 54957)

Public Employee Recruitment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position affected: City Manager.

2. Public Employment (§ 54957)

Public Employee Recruitment, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position affected: Police Chief.

3. 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).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Announcement of any action taken by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code Section 54950 et. seq.)

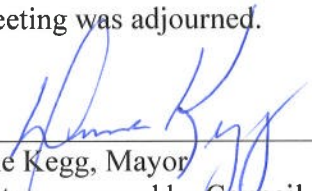
ADJOURNMENT.

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

Attest:



Arthur Boyd, City Clerk



Duane Kegg, Mayor
Minutes approved by Council,
Motion May 18, 2021