

Corey Middleton, Mayor
Paul McCoy, Mayor Pro tempore
Colleen Baker, Councilmember
Drake Davis, Councilmember
Duane Kegg, Councilmember



Jason Ledbetter, City Manager
Rhetta Hogan, Asst. City Manager and Clerk
Emily Aldrich, Finance Director
Matthew Bray, Public Works Director
John Elsnab, Human Resources Director
Mark Gilman, Police Chief
Dohn Henion, City Attorney
Jerry Lemos, Fire Chief
Juliana Lucchesi, Planning Director

YREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2023

Closed Session 5:30 PM

Regular Session: 6:30 PM

Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA

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1. 5:30PM CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Middleton called the closed session portion of the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Councilmembers Colleen Baker, Drake J. Davis, Paul McCoy and Corey Middleton.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION:

There were none.

3. 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:

a. **Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8)**

Property: APN 062-031-200 (2.08-acre parcel).

Third Party Negotiation: Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum

City Negotiation: City Manager and City Attorney

Negotiating Parties: City of Yreka and Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum

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

There was no reportable action from closed session.

4. 6:30PM CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Middleton called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Councilmembers Colleen Baker, Drake J. Davis, Duane Kegg, Paul McCoy and Corey Middleton.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This time slot is for informational presentations, appointments, or awards to be presented by the City Council or to the City Council.

There were none.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public participation is welcomed and invited at all City Council meetings. This time is set aside for residents to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.

The City requests that persons addressing the City Council refrain from making personal, slanderous, profane, or disruptive remarks.

Councilmembers, when recognized by the Mayor, may ask questions of presenter but no action may be taken by the City Council during the public comment section of the meeting. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

This time is set aside for residents to address the City Council on matters listed on the Consent Agenda as well as other items not included on the Regular Agenda. If your comments concern an item noted on the Regular Agenda, please address the Council when that item is open for public comment.

- Please speak into the microphone from the podium. The podium electronically adjusts up and down to accommodate speaker. *(Should you need an additional special accommodation, e.g., remote microphone, please notice the City Clerk prior to the start of meeting for arrangements).*
- Please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.
- Please address the Council as a whole.
- If you have documents to present, please provide a minimum of seven (7) copies.
- Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes.

Public comments period is **not** intended to be a “Question and Answer” period or conversations with the Council or City staff.

Public comment was heard from Mark Atwood, Lorenzo Love, and Tad White.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:

This is the time for City Council or the City Manager to respond to public comments and may direct staff to prepare a report or place an item on a future agenda.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Council wishes to remove an item for discussion,

- a. Approval/ratification of payments issued from February 13, 2023, through February 26, 2023.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 21, 2023.
- c. Cash Balances, Budget to Actual and Fiscal Performance Reports for January 2023.
- d. Approval of City Council Resolution 2023-09, Approving the Transmission of the 2022 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report.
- e. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.
- f. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances on the Agenda. Ordinances shall be introduced and adopted by title only.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka as presented.

Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda of the City Council of the City of Yreka with the exception to pull from the consent agenda item 8.d. Approval of City Council Resolution 2023-09, Approving the Transmission of the 2022 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Kegg

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

Motion to Approve Consent Item 8.d. Approval of City Council Resolution 2023-09, Approving the Transmission of the 2022 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report, conditional that the information included in the staff report is considered as part of the resolution approval and transmittal document to the State.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Baker

SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

New business item 10.a. was moved to the next action item following the consent agenda. The meeting returned to 9.a. New Business Homeless Liaison Contract.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

City Manager

a. **Agenda Title:** Homeless Liaison Contract

On December 20, 2022, the City Council passed Resolution 2022-63 agreeing to enter into an agreement with the City and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency. The draft MOU presented at that meeting has materially changed. The Contract for Services between the City of Yreka and County of Siskiyou's presented this evening presents agreement where both the County Counsel and the City Attorney have conferred on contract matters. City staff, Chief Gilman and Dr. Sarah Collard have also reviewed the agreement.

The Contract presented this evening is in its final form. The term of the agreement remains retroactive from October 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, or until terminated by either party. The agreement will still compensate the City \$160,000 annually for the services of a Homeless Liaison Officer. The Yreka Police Department Homeless Liaison Officer(s) is responsible for making connections between those experiencing homelessness and the resources available to further their specific housing and services goals. This includes, but is not limited to, making referrals to providers of housing/shelter programs, mental health treatment, substance use treatment, mainstream benefits, education, and employment training. Additionally, the Homeless Liaison Officer will also provide a monthly report to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Advisory Board.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Authorize City Manager to sign the Contract for Services agreement between the City and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency.

Public comment was heard from Mr. White and Dawnmarie Autrey.

Motion to Authorize City Manager to sign the Contract for Services agreement between the City and Siskiyou County Health and Human Services Agency.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Kegg

SECONDED: Councilmember Davis

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

- b. **Agenda Title:** Approval of City of Yreka Form for City Council, Committees and Commissioners to Use for Remote Participation Meeting Notification.

On February 21, 2023, the Council was introduced to upcoming changes with respect to remote meetings (AB 2449) and the Brown Act. The bill further amends the Brown Act regarding remote (teleconference) participation in meetings of legislative bodies that are subject to the Brown Act by allowing individual members of legislative bodies increased flexibility to participate in meetings via teleconference in the event of a personal emergency, without a declared state of emergency, provided that certain requirements are met. The form being reintroduced tonight would be used by City Councilmembers, Committee members and Planning Commissioners to notice the Clerk of their remote attendance following the new guidelines.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to approve the Remote Public Meeting form for Notification of Remote Meeting Attendance by City Councilmembers, Committee members and Planning Commissioners pursuant to AB 2449 notification requirements.

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve the Remote Public Meeting form for Notification of Remote Meeting Attendance by City Councilmembers, Committee members and Planning Commissioners pursuant to AB 2449 notification requirements.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Kegg

SECONDED: Councilmember McCoy

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: Councilmember Davis

ABSENT: -0-

- c. **Agenda Title:** Approval of Sale of Real Property to Nor-Cal Products by Pfeiffer Vacuum

The City of Yreka (seller) and Nor-Cal Products (buyer) have negotiated to enter into a Purchase and Sales Agreement for real property identified as Assessor's Parcel #062-031-250-000. The buyer has agreed to purchase the land at its appraised value of \$80,000.

In April 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-11 declaring the land surplus in accordance with the Surplus Lands Act (CA Government Code Sections 54220 Et Seq.).

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing the City Manager or his delegate to execute the Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City of Yreka and Nor-Cal Products, Inc.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-10 Authorizing the City Manager or his delegate to execute the Purchase and Sales Agreement between the City of Yreka and Nor-Cal Products, Inc.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Davis
SECONDED: Councilmember Baker
AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

Public Works

- d. **Agenda Title:** Award Construction Contract on Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project pursuant to the City's Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project No. C-06-8231-210.

The Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project involves installing approximately 17,200 linear feet of sewer piping; 1,100 linear feet of water piping; 34 new manholes; 215 two-way cleanouts; 22 backcheck valves; 2 fire hydrants; and 105,000 square feet of chip seal for street restoration. The work will be done in several areas around the City, including Burgess St., Third St., Yama St., North St., and Knapp St., among others.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2023-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Construction Contract to Site Work Solutions, Inc. for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project in the Amount of \$6,104,627.00 for the Base Bid, and to Execute Related Documents.

Public comment was heard from Debbie Baird, Lorenzo Love.

Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2023-11 Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Construction Contract to Site Work Solutions, Inc. for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project in the Amount of \$6,104,627.00 for the Base Bid, and to Execute Related Documents.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy
SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg
AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

New business item 10.a. was moved to the action item following the consent agenda.

10. NEW BUSINESS

City Manager

- a. **Agenda Title:** City of Yreka letter opposing the Coquille Indian Tribe's ("Coquille's") application to transfer fee land in Medford, Oregon into trust for the purpose of opening a second gaming facility (the "Medford Project"), on behalf of the Karuk Tribe and the team members at Rain Rock Casino.

Discussion possible action: Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Opposition to the Coquille Indian Tribe's application to transfer land into trust for the purpose of opening a second gaming facility in Medford.

Public comment was heard from Dawnmarie Autrey

Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Opposition to the Coquille Indian Tribe's application to transfer land into trust for the purpose of opening a second gaming facility in Medford.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy
SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg
AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

- b. **Agenda Title:** Support State Legislation to Revise the Boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Region to include all Areas and Watersheds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties

Senator Dahle introduced SB 841 last week that would change the boundary of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy region to include all of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties. The modification will add the upper watershed area of the Klamath River in both Siskiyou County and Modoc County to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. SB 841 will remove capacity barriers, and provide both Siskiyou County and Modoc County, and all eligible entities and Tribes within the region, more equitable access to State resources through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for county-wide and regional planning and implementation of critical watershed improvements; cross-jurisdictional collaboration; establishment of co-stewardship plans with Tribes; preservation of working landscapes; wildfire risk reduction; growth of the regional stewardship economy; increased outdoor recreation access and opportunity in the region; protection, conservation, and restoration the region's physical, cultural, archaeological, historical, and living resources.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-12 to Support State Legislation to Revise the Boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Region to include all Areas and Watersheds of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties

Public comment was heard from Debbie Baird.

Item was tabled to come back with a representative qualified to answer questions on the proposed legislation.

- c. **Agenda Title:** Authorizing Grant Application to CalRecycle through the Joint Powers Agreement as the Siskiyou County Integrated Solid Waste Management (Regional Agency)

The County of Siskiyou and the Nine Cities are united via a Joint Powers Agreement as the Siskiyou County Integrated Solid Waste Management (Regional Agency). The County of Siskiyou applies for multiple grants with the California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle). This Resolution will allow the County of Siskiyou to have increased funding based on the participation of the City of Yreka. The County of Siskiyou uses Tire Amnesty Grant funding to stage free Tire Amnesty events at the Oberlin transfer station.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 of the City Council of the City of Yreka Authorizing Submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations for Waste Tire Amnesty Grant

There was no public comment.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 of the City Council of the City of Yreka approving the filing of application for “California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program”

MOTIONED: Councilmember Baker

SECONDED: Councilmember Davis

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

- d. **Agenda Title:** Authorizing Grant Application to CalFire for “California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program”

The City of Yreka is applying for \$2,500,000 of grant funds for Wildfire Prevention. Within the grant, the City will seek to cover staffing costs for public works crew and mechanic, equipment, and contract services for fire line and I5 corridor grass and brushland clearance through January 2029.

Recommended City Council Action: Motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 of the City Council of the City of Yreka approving the filing of application for “California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program”

Public comment was heard from Tad White.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 of the City Council of the City of Yreka approving the filing of application for “California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grants Program”

MOTIONED: Councilmember Davis

SECONDED: Councilmember Kegg

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, Kegg, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

11. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager and Staff may make brief announcements or reports at this time.

City Manager Ledbetter gave updates where:

- Finance staff is working on their budget meetings.
- On March 21, 2023, staff will be bringing affordable housing sites for consideration of future development. A letter is being sent to each prospective site’s property owner to ascertain interest in selling and or partnering with qualified developer for redevelopment funding.
- The RFP with master developers has been (is issued).
- On March 1, 2023, City Manager Ledbetter attended a business lunch for Siskiyou County City Manager and will be meeting with Southern Oregon City Manager at their March 27, 2023, meeting.
- Methodist Church warming center will be open March 7 and 8th, and thanked Councilmember McCoy and Chief Gilman for staffing.

12. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS, STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS:

AB 1234 Conference and Meeting Report (verbal, if any) *(In accordance with AB 1234, Councilmembers shall make a brief report or file a written report on any meeting/event/conference attended at City expense.)*

Members of the Council may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to Council on any matter at a subsequent meeting.

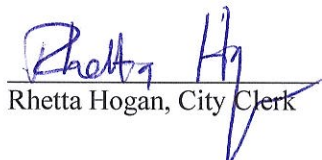
Councilmember Baker asked about the deadline for the housing tools and outreach to potential developers. Councilmember Kegg spoke to the Continuum of Care meeting and complimented the outreach by Sarah Springfield to the youth, by Youth Empowerment Services “YES”.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM



Corey Middleton, Mayor
Minutes approved by City Council,
Motion on March 21, 2023



Rhett Hogan, City Clerk