

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

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## YREKA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Closed Session 5:30 PM

Regular Session: 6:30 PM

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

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Regular Meetings of the Yreka City Council are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

The full agenda packet can be found on the City's website: [www.ci.yreka.ca.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us/AgendaCenter)

### 1. 5:30PM CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Middleton called the meeting to order at 5:32PM. Councilmembers Baker, Davis, McCoy and Middleton were present. Councilmember Kegg was absent.

### 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:* Fall Creek (Superior Water Rights, including Power Generation Facility)

*Third Party Negotiation:* PacifiCorp

*City Negotiation:* City Manager and City Attorney

*Negotiating Parties:* City of Yreka and PacifiCorp

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

### 4. OPTIONAL RECESS IF DESIRED:

### 5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:32 PM:

Announcement of any action taken by the City Council in Closed Session required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. (Government Code § 54950 et. seq.)

There was no reportable action from closed session.

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

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30PM, Councilmembers Baker, Davis, McCoy and Middleton were present. Councilmember Kegg was absent.

7. **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.

a. ***“Fund Your Small Business” Special Event***

Quintin Gaddy, Program Director: Business Development with Siskiyou Economic Development, will share information about a special event, (Wednesday April 19, 2023, 10am at the Holiday Inn, Yreka), “Fund Your Small Business” hosted by Siskiyou Economic Development and cohosted by the Women’s Business Center at JEDI. The event will feature a panel of several lenders, the US Small Business Administration, and the CA Office of the Small Business Advocate, with a focus towards first time business owners or those looking to scale their business for the first time.

Quintin Gaddy presented on the event and activities of the Small Business Development Center.

b. ***Caltrans Update on Yreka Rehab***

Catherine Low, Caltrans Project Manager, will give an update on the Yreka Rehab Project.

Mayor Middleton directed City Manager to put Caltrans Quick Maps and Facebook page for updates on the Highway 3 construction project.

8. **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.

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- Please speak into the microphone from the podium. The podium electronically adjusts up and down to accommodate speaker.
- 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 comment period is **not** intended to be a “Question and Answer” period or conversations with the Council or City staff.

Public comment was heard from Glenn White, Steve Radford, and Bob Dunham.

9. **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.

**10. 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 March 13, 2023, through March 26, 2023.
- b. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 21, 2023.
- c. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting held March 25, 2023.
- d. Continuation of Urgency Ordinance #864: Fireworks.
- e. 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.

There was no public comment.

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

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Baker

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: Kegg

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

*City Manager*

- a. **Agenda Title:** Special Event Known as the “Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt”

Steve Mains & Charles Schmidt, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club, have requested permission to have an Easter Egg Hunt with a Craft Show following at Miner Street Park for the special event known as “Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt”. The event would take place on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-17 Approving Vendors and Other Requests Associated with the Special Event Being Held by the Kiwanis Club to Be Known as “Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt”.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-17 Approving Vendors and Other Requests Associated with the Special Event Being Held by the Kiwanis Club to Be Known as “Kiwanis Club Easter Egg Hunt”.

MOTIONED: Councilmember Baker

SECONDED: Councilmember Davis

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: Councilmember Kegg

*Police Chief*

- b. **Agenda Title:** Department of Justice, Community Hiring Program Grant Application

The City of Yreka Police Department is applying for competitive Department of Justice, Community Hiring Program grant funding for officers to hire and or rehire additional career law enforcement

officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The City is requesting funding for two officers, a total grant award of \$750,000 for three years expendable over a five year period taking into account the recruitment lead time. The City would be responsible for a grant match of at least \$250,000 over that same period for the two officers.

**Recommended City Council Action:** Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-18 of the City Council of the City of Yreka, State of California, Approving the Filing of Application for “FY23 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program”.

There was no public comment.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-18 of the City Council of the City of Yreka, State of California, Approving the Filing of Application for “FY23 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Program”.

MOTIONED: Councilmember McCoy

SECONDED: Councilmember Davis

AYES: Councilmembers Baker, Davis, McCoy, and Middleton

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: Kegg

## **12. CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORTS:**

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

City Manager Ledbetter stated that the City is moving forward with the search for a new City Attorney and specialized legal services. It is hoped that the new General Legal Counsel will work with the City Council to move through the Code of Conduct meeting. City Manager Ledbetter spoke on how the Finance Director is working with the Siskiyou Family YMCA, STAGE and Montague Pool for a youth summer swim program.

## **13. 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 Davis attended the Fire Safe Committee at the end of last month, Siskiyou County Fire Safe has received grant funds to assist with home hardening activities.

Councilmember Baker has been appointed to CTC.

Councilmember Baker attended the recent LAFCO meeting.

\*Councilmember Baker requested that the City put a process in place for taking political action positions for the City Council.

\*Councilmember Baker requested that the Ad Hoc Communications committee to meet.

\*Councilmember Baker attended a volunteer recognition event for Siskiyou Food Bank, requested a presentation be arranged for the Siskiyou Food Bank to share information to the City Council on their organization.

Councilmember McCoy reminded everyone of the April 12 is LOLA meeting in Weed, and that the Continuum of Care meeting has been moved from April 5<sup>th</sup> has been moved to April 17<sup>th</sup>.

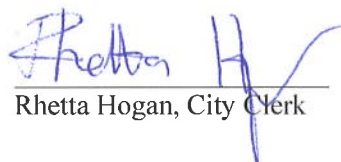
Councilmember Middleton urged pet owners to spade, neuter and microchip their pets so they can be returned.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.



Corey Middleton, Mayor  
Minutes approved by City Council,  
Motion on April 18, 2023



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Rhetta Hogan, City Clerk