

EXETER CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
October 10, 2023

A closed session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, and Vicki Riddle

COUNCIL ABSENT: Barbara Sally and Jacob Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Shonna Oneal, and Julia Lew

A. CALL TO ORDER CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Alves called the closed session to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

Mayor Alves requested those who wish to speak on matters listed on the Closed Session Agenda to do so at this time.

There were no public comments presented.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

Mayor Alves adjourned to closed session at 6:30 p.m.

1. 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiator: Adam Ennis
Employee Groups: All represented and unrepresented employees
2. 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel re: Existing Litigation
Exeter Irrigation District v. Smee Homes, Inc. et al.
Tulare County Superior Court Case No. 301384

A regular session of the City Council, City of Exeter was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:04 p.m., in the Exeter City Council Chambers, 137 North F Street.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Frankie Alves, Justin Mills, and Vicki Riddle

COUNCIL ABSENT: Barbara Sally and Jacob Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Ennis, Julia Lew, Daymon Qualls, Shonna Oneal, John Hall, Eekhong Franco, and Christina Arias

D. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION AND REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

Mayor Alves called the regular session to order at 7:04 p.m. City Attorney Julia Lew advised there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Council Member Riddle and an invocation was given by Pastor Alan Whittenburg.

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pamela Whitmire addressed the Council to advise regarding a grant opportunity with the National Housing Trust Fund program.

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H. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Mills, seconded by Council Member Riddle, and carried 3-0 (Council Member Sally and Council Member Johnson absent) that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

1. Approve regular minutes of September 26, 2023
2. Payment of Bills
3. Payroll September 29, 2023
4. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a purchasing agreement with Portable Restroom Trailers of Lake Wylie, South Carolina for the purchase of a 2 Station Restroom Trailer, in the amount of \$40,690.00.
5. Approve a closure of the public parking lot located between the Center for Art, Culture and History – Exeter (CACHE) and the Dale Sally Memorial Water Tower Park for a Trunk or Treat event to be hosted by the volunteers for CACHE on October 30, 2023, with barricades in place at north and south entrances between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and subject to the conditions as presented.
6. Approve a request from Jason Moule representing Exeter Fire Station #11 for a street closure of F St. between the City Public Parking Lot and Palm Street to host the South Valley Battle of the Badges Blood Drive at 137 N. F St. between the hours of 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday November 10, 2023
7. Approve a request for a street closure of B St. between Pine St. and Rocky Hill Drive for the Southern Sierra Cyclists' Swap Meet, beginning at 12:00 p.m. November 12, 2023, and ending at 5:00 p.m., subject to the conditions presented by staff.
8. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a sole source, two-year agreement with Able Industries, Inc. of Visalia, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 annually, to provide landscape maintenance and litter removal services for the Belmont Bike Path.
9. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a sole source, two-year agreement with Able Industries, Inc. of Visalia, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 annually, to provide maintenance and litter removal services for the Visalia Road Landscape Medians.

I. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. **Authorize Tulare County to use the remaining two years of the full 5-year formula of the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) on rehabilitation of the Mt. Whitney Senior Housing in Lindsay and the City Administrator to execute any other related documents.** City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a report for Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Riddle, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and carried 3-0 (Council Member Sally and Council Member Johnson absent) to approve the item as presented.
2. **Approval of, and authorization for the City Administrator to execute, a Carnegie Building facility use agreement with Community Services Employment Training (CSET) for their use in providing CSET managed senior services July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, and consideration of the cost of utilities and refuse service.** City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a report for Council's review and consideration. Following discussion, it was moved by Council Member Riddle, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and carried 3-0 (Council Member Sally and Council Member Johnson absent) to approve the City Administrator to execute, a Carnegie Building facility use agreement with Community Services Employment Training (CSET) and add a section indicating City of Exeter will only cover water, sewer, and refuse and other utilities are covered by CSET.
3. **Appoint either Virginia Padilla, Joel A. Miller, or Jon Stearns to the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee Representative position for a two-year term.** City Administrator Adam Ennis provided a report for Council's review and consideration. With no discussion, it was moved by Council Member Riddle, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills to and carried 3-0 (Council Member Sally and Council Member Johnson absent) to appoint Jon Stearns to the Measure R Citizens Oversight Committee Representative position for a two-year term.

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J. CITY COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Council discussed items of interest. Mayor Pro Tem Mills requested a Public Safety Ad Hoc Task Force report be agendaized for a future meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to add the item requested. Council Member Riddle requested that an Electric Golf Cart item be agendaized for a future meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to add the item requested.

K. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

City Administrator Adam Ennis, Public Works Director Daymon Qualls, and Police Chief John Hall provided a brief update on City and department related items.

L. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Alves adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Christina Arias, Deputy City Clerk