

MINUTES OF PUBLIC /TOWN HALL MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Tuesday October 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Town Hall meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Roundy.

Mr. Roundy introduced Vice Mayor Dennis Hoffman and Councilmembers Charles Gee, Salina Edwards. Councilmember Jim Paschall was not present. City Manager Pete Carr, Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek and Fire Chief Bart Caster were also present.

Mayor Roundy opened up the Town Hall meeting to inform the Orland residents in attendance the reasons why Measure A has been placed on the ballot by the Orland City Council for the November 8th general election and to address any concerns the public may have regarding this proposed ½ cent sales tax increase.

Mayor and Council expressed their support for Measure A as costs for fire equipment continue to rise and the need to provide a consistent source of revenue for public safety services is necessary. The state does not fund for any local fire services. Council has committed that the first \$300,000 in revenues from Measure A would go towards the Orland Volunteer Fire Department to purchase equipment and additional revenues would support the fire department, other City public safety services or emergency reserves. Councilmembers discussed a sunset clause on Measure A would not be practical, as the tax would continue to help with ongoing costs for the OVFD and other public safety services. Council expressed a sales tax is more appropriate than a property tax as sales taxes are paid by everyone including visitors who use our local public safety services. Council expressed that voters need to keep future City Councils accountable on how Measure A funds are used.

Fire Chief Caster, Chief of Police Tolle and Public Works Director Vonasek expressed the various needs their departments have for the additional funding. City Manager Carr stated that 88 cities throughout California will have a local tax measure on the November 8th ballot. The cities of Corning, Dunsmuir, Paradise already have a current sales tax of 8%. Mr. Carr stated an annual audit will be published to show how much monies were received and expended in regards to Measure A.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Monica Rossman, 35 Yolo Street, expressed concern with current drug abuse problems in the community and that public safety is number one and should consider ourselves lucky with a half-cent sales tax increase. Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated we need to keep up with the needs of the public safety departments. Residents asked questions as to how water rates are related to Measure A and when does the sales tax increase take effect.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

_____ Clerk

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