

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Paschall at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference:	Councilmembers Billy Irvin and Salina Edwards
Councilmembers present at Carnegie Center:	Councilmembers Dennis Hoffman, Mayor Jim Paschall and Vice-Mayor Bruce Roundy
Councilmembers absent:	None
Councilmembers elect present:	Jeffrey A. Tolley and Chris Dobbs
Staff present via teleconference:	Chief of Police Joe Vlach, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek and Fire Chief Justin Chaney
Staff present at Carnegie Center:	City Manager Pete Carr, Accounting Manager Rebecca Pendergrass and City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

STATEMENT OF RESULTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-24 Certifying the Canvass and Statement of Results for the General Election held November 3, 2020.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to adopt Resolution No. 2020-24 certifying the Canvass and Statement of Results for the General Election held November 3, 2020. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Edwards, Hoffman, Irvin, Vice-Mayor Bruce Roundy and Mayor Paschall
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Mr. Carr presented plaques on behalf of the City Council to Mr. Paschall and Ms. Edwards. He gave a brief presentation on their service to the community during their time on the City Council. Additional recognition was offered by Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way.

Ms. Edwards congratulated the two new councilmembers for stepping up and stated she looks forward to their contribution. Vice-Mayor Roundy and Councilmembers Hoffman and Irvin thanked Ms. Edwards and Mr. Paschall for their service. Mr. Paschall stated the Council has five people with five different opinions and all you can do is move forward and try to do what you think is right.

OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

City Clerk Wackerman administered the Oath of Affirmation to incumbent Councilmember Bruce Roundy, Councilmembers elect Jeffrey A. Tolley and Chris Dobbs. Their terms will continue for four years.

(At 6:37 PM a brief recess was declared. All present at Carnegie moved to teleconference)

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

City Clerk Wackerman requested nominations for Mayor for 2020-2021. Councilmember Tolley recommended Councilmember Irvin. Councilmember Dobbs recommended Councilmember Roundy. With no further nominations, the nomination was closed.

Action: Upon roll call vote, Councilmember Irvin received two affirmatives and three non-affirmatives for Mayor. Councilmember Roundy received three affirmatives and two non-affirmatives for Mayor. Councilmember Roundy was declared Mayor for 2020-2021.

City Clerk Wackerman requested nominations for Vice-Mayor. Mayor Roundy nominated Councilmember Tolley. Councilmember Tolley nominated Councilmember Irvin.

Action: Upon roll call vote, Councilmember Tolley received three affirmatives and two non-affirmatives. Councilmember Tolley was declared Vice-Mayor for 2020-2021.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for November 16, 2020.
- C. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for October 15, 2020
- D. Approve and adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 2020-11 amending Section 2.16.040 of the Orland Municipal Code to modify the existing Conflict of Interest Code.

Action: Vice-Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Hoffman, Irvin and Dobbs, Mayor Roundy
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC HEARING – None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Library Department Annual Review – Jody Meza, Library Director

Library Director Meza gave a slide show presentation on the status of the library this past year. She noted changes to the front entrance due to COVID, as recommended by the State library and invited Councilmembers to stop by.

Ms. Meza stated the library has remained open to the community because of the City Council support. She is also grateful for the support from the Friends of the Library and other community members. Thanks to the FOTL, there is now a curbside book return and end panels for the bookshelves. She also noted her department receives assistance from public works department when the need arises.

Funding has also been received from the Glenn County Farm Bureau, Zip book program, and others.

In addition, her department partners with Glenn County Mental Health, Glenn Co. Office of Education, and others to provide an area for their materials to be displayed.

A total of 5302 city residents hold library cards. Councilmember Irvin asked if library cards ever expired. Ms. Meza stated cards expire annually at the Orland branch, but the State library recommends every three years.

The library was having a record year for program attendance until operations had to change. With the Orland Unified School District, they provided a story time to-go kit and free books during Lunch at the Library. They are still providing for stay at home families by offering kits inside and curbside, to continue serving the community.

Mayor Roundy noted that Ms. Meza has been recognized for her expertise and is basically running a County library system since she is also the Library Director for the Willows, Elk Creek and Bayliss branches. He also stated the library has adapted very well under the COVID situation.

B. Presentation: Recreation Department Annual Review – Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

Mr. Fenske gave a power point presentation on the status of the recreation department this past year. He thanked the City Council for their support and recognized the Public Works Department, City Hall staff and the lifeguards for their contributions to the department.

He noted the department was ready for spring/summer activities until the March shut down. The city was able to provide a limited amount of swim lessons and opened the pool with limited capacity for Aqua Aerobics and lap swim. However, for the second year in a row free swim lessons could not be offered to second graders. They are using the RecDesk on-line registration software program to sign up for programs, reserve parks, schedule pool parties and check on all activities available. The Recreation Commission will meet Wednesday to develop a list of projects they would like to recommend to the City Council to consider for funding from impact fees

Mr. Fenske does not foresee planning any winter activities but will be planning for summer activities. No senior citizen activities are being held at any city in California at this time.

Councilmember Hoffman thanked Mr. Fenske for his work and diligence. He hears a lot of good things around the community about the recreation and library programs. Mayor Roundy stated he knows how important recreation is for the town and it is valuable to share with the school system.

Vice-Mayor Tolley commented that the pool runs at a loss but should look into more revenues with the pool. Mayor Roundy stated since the upgrade of the pool, annual swim meets could be held and large invitationals.

C. Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program to fund a heater for the municipal pool and a replacement playground – Suzi Kochems, Orland Otters

Ms. Kochems came before the City Council to receive input on submitting an application to the State Parks to fund a heater and other improvements to the city pool. Additionally, she recommended the application include a replacement playground next to the pool and, improvements to the city tennis courts. She estimated over \$952K would need to be requested.

Vice-Mayor Tolley asked how much could be requested. Ms. Kochems stated the City could apply for up to \$8million per application. He asked if the city had to provide any match. Ms. Kochems stated that in the long run the city would have maintenance and staff costs but that could be re-couped by charging for activities; no match is required.

Councilmember Irvin asked if the city was on track to operate the pool year-round? Mr. Carr stated it was understood that the City Council wanted to focus on other recreation activities, but the school district and Orland Otters could cover costs in the "off season." Ms. Kochems stated the school district is interested in sharing the cost of the heaters. Mr. Carr stated the city does not have the funds to operate heating the pool and would have to be reimbursed.

Mayor Roundy stated there is a lot of interest in a swim team at Orland High, and others, so hopefully something will come to fruition. Ms. Kochems stated she could see more people using the pool because of the heater and quality of the pool.

Councilmember Hoffman asked if prevailing wages were referred to in determining the estimate. Ms. Kochems stated they had and also a representative with the State Parks stated they would work with jurisdictions if they fall short of funds to complete their project.

Mayor Roundy asked for a timeline. Ms. Kochems stated the application is due in March and if awarded, the project would start Fall 2021. Mr. Carr stated this application would be submitted with the Lely Park Improvements and Newport Park applications.

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated it would be great if it goes through, we are winners, and if not, it only cost to develop the grant application.

Ms. Kochems stated putting in the heater at the pool will expand its potential.

Councilmember Dobbs asked who would maintain the pool heater if it is funded. Ms. Kochems stated city staff will maintain it and other users will pay their share of the costs. Mr. Carr stated the Otters contribute \$3,500 per season and any other users would also be charged. Ms. Kochems stated the pool would need to be heated from mid-October to April. Councilmember Dobbs stated he was okay with the project but will need more information before the application is submitted.

Staff was directed to submit the application.

D. Solid Waste Collection Rate Adjustment – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr requested Councilmembers consider the rate adjustment from Waste Management due to Glenn County Board of Supervisors increasing their tipping fees 43%. There will now be an increase of approximately 14.14% to the current rates and a positive increase in the annual franchise fee payment to the City general fund.

Diana Ramirez, Public Sector Manager for Waste Management, was present via tele-conference.

Councilmember Irvin asked if the city had a choice in accepting the adjustment. Mr. Carr stated if it wasn't approved, Waste Management wouldn't be obligated to pick up residents' garbage and re-negotiations would commence. Councilmember Irvin asked if former Councilmember Edwards was on the committee to review the contract. Mr. Carr stated she was, with Councilmember Hoffman and Glenn County staff. Councilmember Hoffman stated Council agreed to have Waste Management pick up our trash and now they should okay the tipping fees set by the Board of Supervisors.

Vice-Mayor Tolley asked about the \$7K projected franchise fee increase. Mr. Carr stated the City negotiated a 10% franchise fee with Waste Management so they would have an exclusive right to conduct business in the city. The city uses the franchise fee to fund the maintenance of city streets.

City Attorney Einhorn stated the City is faced with the County's tipping fee increase and changing from a landfill to a transfer station operation. It was known that the rates would change.

Mr. Denton stated the tipping fees were set so the County would break even.

Councilmember Dobbs stated he was for the increase as long as the garbage gets picked up.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to accept the adjusted rate schedule for the Waste Management Collection Franchise Agreement. The motion carried, 4-1 by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Hoffman and Dobbs, Vice-Mayor Tolley and Mayor Roundy
- NOES: Councilmember Irvin
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

E. Verbal Update on Covid-19's Impact on the Local Economy and City Operations – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr presented the current Covid-19 statistics for Glenn County to date. There are currently 28% of ICU beds available in the Northern CA region. If this number reaches below 15%, stay at home orders will become effective. Glenn County has a positivity rate of 15.4% with an average of 40 cases per 100K population in the last 14 days. There were 71 new cases this past week, 140 active, 13 hospitalized and a total of 11 deaths.

Mr. Carr stated Orland is in the purple tier which means only outdoor dining and retail at 25% capacity. If the community goes to lock down, retail and the library need to operate at 20% of capacity. The

Optum Serve testing site at Memorial Hall is working at 100% capacity with time slots available by appointment. At this time, they are conducting 165 tests per day.

Councilmember Irvin asked how an enclosed outdoor seating was different than an inside one. Mr. Carr stated Shasta County has said it is worse if the outdoor seating has four walls; two of the tent walls have to be up.

Mayor Roundy asked what can be done for local businesses. Mr. Carr stated the City is not pressing them to comply and is also working with the County to utilize CARES Act funds.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Mayor Roundy:

- Requested City Clerk submit to him a list of City and County Commissions that will need representation from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Planning Commission still working on updates to fencing code.
- Thank you to the Turnbull family for decorating the downtown tree.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Interested in serving on a County Commission.

Councilmember Tolley:

- Open to getting involved on a Commission and is especially interested in the Economic Development Commission.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Open to serve on any Commission but his focus is on public safety. Looking forward to serving the community and helping where he can.

John McDermott congratulated Councilmember Roundy on being elected Mayor and stated he would like to see Councilmember Dobbs as the liaison for the fire department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor