

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy. Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Vice Mayor Dennis Hoffman and Mayor Bruce Roundy

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, Recreation Director Joe Fenske, Finance Director Daryl Brock, City Engineer Ken Skillman, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Bob Pasero invited Council and the public to come down to Willows and visit the traveling Vietnam memorial "The Wall That Heals". A full escort will begin in Dunnigan to the City of Willows. The memorial will be on display in Willows Memorial Park February 25th – 28th.

Presentations:

Public Works Director Ed Vonasek gave an annual review on the Orland Public Works Department. Mr. Vonasek gave an update on the progress of the new Eva Drive well and drought efforts this past year. There was a 31% decrease in water consumption from June-Nov 2015 compared to June –Nov 2013. A Water Leak study was completed and leaks repaired. Preparations are being made for upgrades to Papst Avenue (from S.R.32 to Bryant) and the railroad crossings at Colusa and South Streets were repaved. Public Works crew recently installed video cameras at City Hall and the Police department. Some recent accomplishments include: park improvements; equipment asset list; Bihler seating; video & maintenance programs for sewer; and a new bucket truck. Mr. Vonasek advised Council of some of their department needs for the future including: replacing dated equipment (tractor and dump trucks); shop extension (lift for OVFD trucks); sewer pond dredging vs aeration; safety equipment, water storage; and staffing. Mayor Roundy suggested prioritizing their list of future needs with a cost estimate. Council thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work and efforts.

Recreation Director Joe Fenske gave an annual review of the Orland Recreation Department. Mr. Fenske stated the Recreation Department had a very good year. Capital improvements for 2015 included: finishing pool renovations (hot water heaters in the restrooms); new playground at Heartland subdivision; new playground equipment at Lollipop Land and swings at Lely park; new bleachers and scoreboard at Bihler field. Mr. Fenske advised the Recreation Commission met and discussed some of the proposed improvements for 2016 may include: a new covered picnic area; recreation center storage; outdoor basketball court; sand volleyball court; softball lights; walk/bike trail; pump track; tile pool lane lines and a pickle ball court. Mr. Fenske advised he will be proposing a \$5 increase in recreation department fees across the board. He stated the attendance in the youth programs continue to increase this past year. The Recreation Department partners with the Orland Schools to use their facilities to help accommodate the increasing number of children in the programs. Mr. Fenske stated another gymnasium in the community would help with this issue.

The summer soccer program will be turned over this year to the Barnstormers, a semi-pro traveling competitive soccer team; and T-Ball has joined the Little League. Activities at the Orland pool were busy all summer. Free swim safety lessons were given to all third graders; they all received great survival skills. This year, all second graders will receive swim lessons for a week long. Redding Bank of Commerce will be offering a donation to help with this program. The swim season was extended through October. Also, new this year, a scholarship will be awarded to two high school seniors that have completed at least two seasons of coaching, minimum 3.0 grade average, and a 500 word written essay. Fundraising monies will fund the scholarship. Council thanked Mr. Fenske for the hard work he has put forth.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for January 4th & 19th, 2016.
- C. Receive and file Library Commission minutes for November 10, 2015.
- D. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for October 15, 2015.
- E. Approve second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2016-02 amending section 2.04.010 of the Orland Municipal Code regarding regular Council meetings.

Action: Vice Mayor Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve items A, C, D, and E on the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Councilmember Gee advised there was a typo on the last page of the January 19, 2016 minutes under his City Council Communications and Reports. The reference to GSRMA savings should state *millions* instead of billions.

Action: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve item B with correction as stated on the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

City Manager Carr requested Council to discuss and consider a tax measure for Public Safety. The tax measure would be placed on the November 2016 ballot. Mr. Carr advised the Economic Development Commission recommended levying a parcel tax for public safety and the Chamber Board of Directors recommended a ½ cent sales tax to support the fire department. Council discussed the challenges of a property tax versus a sales tax. Mr. Carr advised a \$200 dollar a year parcel tax would generate about \$500,000 per year. A ½ cent sales tax could expect to generate about the same, although, sales tax can fluctuate. Mr. Carr suggested an annual report be published to show the public how the tax revenue is spent. Councilmember Paschall felt a sales tax would be fair to everyone, however; the City needs to consider both fire and police if proposing a ½ cent increase in sales tax. Councilmember Gee agreed with Councilmember Paschall. It was noted from a previous Council meeting, two local business owners had concerns of a proposed sales tax increase. Pilot/Flying J advised they were not opposed to it. Councilmember Edwards stated the Council needs to determine if this will be a public safety tax or fire tax. Fire Chief Bart Caster stated the fire department may need to set aside \$70,000 - \$75,000 dollars a year in truck reserves, to keep up with escalating costs of pending truck needs. Chief Caster stated a parcel tax has worked well for the Orland Rural Fire Protection District. He stated the fire department may need a total supplement of \$300,000 a year to continue on. Trish Saint-Evens, 6825 County Road 15, felt a property tax assessment was more of a sure thing. Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, we need to have a tax to support the things we need. Police Chief Tolle asked what does the City of Orland want to see in the next 5-10 years for the fire department. Chief Tolle advised if Council decides for a continuing tax, it should be a public safety tax for both fire and police. Vice Mayor Hoffman stated the goal is to guarantee funds for the fire department. Public Works Director request consideration of inclusion of Public Works safety related equipment needs in the tax revenue.

Action: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve a general sales tax for the November ballot 2016. The motion carried 4-1 by the following voice vote:

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

Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve a sales tax increase intended to be allocated to Fire - 55%, Police – 25% and Public Works – 20%

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

Action: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Hoffman to approve a sales tax increase of 0.5%=(1/2%) with an annual report by Council.

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

City Manager Pete Carr requested Council to consider approval for additional Building Department staffing. It was determined a permit technician position would enable better customer service needs for the Building Department. Options include: hiring a part-time technician as a city employee; use a temporary staffing agency or contract professional services. Mr. Carr stated there is up to \$60k available to cover additional labor costs.

Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Hoffman to authorize the City Manager to recruit and fill a permit tech position on at least a part-time temporary basis, up to full-time as needed; or authorize City Manager to engage contract services for same on a temporary basis while evaluating for a full-time position. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

City Manager Carr requested Council to award bid to Franklin Construction for paving of the Fifth Street parking lot. The parking lot was recently purchased by the City for \$85,000. City Manager Pete Carr advised Franklin Construction provided a bid of \$38,350 for grading, paving, and installation of bumpers and handicap signage, and striping. Two additional bids were received at \$39,668 and \$46,950. Mr. Carr stated 3CORE has offered to finance the improvements for a loan of \$115,000 @ 3% interest, with a monthly payment of \$958 a month. The proposal has been recommended by the Finance Director.

Action: Vice Mayor Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to award bid to Franklin Construction to pave Fifth Street parking lot for \$38,350 and approve financing proposal from 3CORE and authorize City Manager to execute contracts with both entities. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

City Manager Carr brought forward to discuss and consider proposed new location for bronze art sculpture. The Orland Arts Commission has recommended that the next public art bronze sculpture, "Our Hope and Heritage," be relocated to the west end of Welcome to Orland Centennial Park instead of Third and Walker Streets.

Action: Vice Mayor Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve Arts Commission proposed location for bronze art sculpture, "Our Hope and Heritage". The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Assistant City Manager Crook requested Council to appoint a liaison to the League of California Cities. Mayor Roundy has been the liaison to the LOCC.

Action: Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to appoint Mayor Roundy as liaison to the League of California Cities. The motion carried by the following voice vote:
AYES: Mayor Roundy, Vice Mayor Hoffman and Councilmembers Gee, Edwards and Paschall.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Gee had no reports as this time.

Councilmember Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended Glenn County Transportation meeting; hope for more funding for our streets.

Councilmember Paschall had no reports at this time.

Vice Mayor Hoffman reported on the following:

- Orland Volunteer Fire Department Spaghetti Feed will be held Saturday, Feb. 6th, 2016;
- Attended Planning Commission meeting; voted 5-0 , decided no zoning areas suitable for Medical Marijuana dispensaries.

Mayor Roundy reported on the following:

- Will be attending LAFCO meeting next Monday; Municipal Service Review moving forward;
- League of California Cities conference call next Monday with executive members;
- Next LOCC meeting will be held in Chico for the Sacramento Valley Division;
- Green bag (Orland Pantry) on Feb. 13th;
- OVFD Spaghetti Feed on Feb. 6th;
- Open House for Art Gallery on Feb. 5th.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

_____ Clerk

_____ Mayor