

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilmembers present: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin (arrived 5:40 p.m.), Jim Paschall, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Bruce Roundy

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: City Attorney Greg Einhorn and City Manager Pete Carr

Citizen Comments:

None

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Greg Einhorn, City Attorney
Bruce Roundy, Mayor
Salina Edwards, Vice Mayor

Employee Organization(s): United Public Employees of California Local #792
(Mid Management and General Units)
Orland Police Officers Association

Meeting adjourned to open session at 5:55 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to agency negotiators.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Regular meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Councilmembers present: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Jim Paschall, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Bruce Roundy

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Sgt. Joe Vlach, City Planner Scott Friend, Library Director Jody Meza, Fire Chief Justin Chaney, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Deputy City Clerk Deysy Guerrero and City Manager Pete Carr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Doug Ross, Valley Mirror reporter, stated due to the time change in the meeting, he was happy he could attend in person rather than remote.

Sean Kochems, 105 Shasta St., representing the Orland Otters, requests in the future to be placed on the agenda to discuss seeking Proposition 68 grant funding to make improvements to the city pool for better usage year around. Council directed staff to agendize this.

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, was thrilled to see the Farwood parking lot got paved after a 2-year deferment.

Yvonne Bennett discussed a possible human cloning violation within the county.

Presentation:

Risk Management Accreditation Program– Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA)

Mark Marshall, Safety Officer, presented the City with an insurance rebate for \$21,294 for the City’s participation in loss and safety prevention efforts, and employee training, put forth throughout the year on behalf of the Safety Committee and City staff.

Oath of Affirmation:

Mayor Roundy presented a proclamation and plaque to retiring Chief of Police J.C. Tolle. Chief Tolle thanked City Council, staff and the community for their support throughout his law enforcement career.

Deputy City Clerk Guerrero gave the Oath of Affirmation to the City’s new Chief of Police Joe Vlach. He thanked everyone for their support and stated it will be an honor to serve the community with its challenges in the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for June 17, 2019.
- C. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for March 21, 2019.

Action: Vice Mayor Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Jim Paschall, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Bruce Roundy

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Reconsideration of fence at the canal – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr brought forward request of Brien Hamilton to discuss the prior topic of fencing/gate at the north end of Fourth and Fifth Streets. Council acknowledged at the time of approving installation of fencing (January 2018) in these areas, that it would not absolutely prevent an accidental entry of pedestrian or children from being possible, however it could reduce the likelihood. Mr. Carr summarized City staff was given direction in December 2017 to

authorize the expenditure of fencing at the north end of Fourth and Fifth Streets and Mr. Hamilton subsequently signed an agreement for the installation and maintenance of an electronic gate at the north end of Fourth Street. Mr. Carr advised the City did not have success in getting fencing contractor bids for the project in 2018 and is capable to proceed installing the fencing, however, was stopped due to Mr. Hamilton's request for discussion on the topic. Council discussed what was previously approved. Councilmember Irvin asked why fencing was not deemed more important near the high school. The front yard residential areas on Fifth Street were considered more exposed to young children near the canal. Council directed staff in the future to prioritize the next highest exposed areas.

Mr. Hamilton submitted a letter to Council discussing Fourth Street access to his property. Mr. Hamilton advised he submitted a "Right of Use" application to the Orland Unit Water Users Association and the Bureau of Reclamation for the bridge crossing the Water User's canal to his property. Mr. Hamilton stated once this application is approved, the major argument the City had against his use of access to his property on Fourth street would be resolved. Mr. Hamilton presented other areas of access in the City that were currently open and unfenced near canals. Mr. Hamilton advised if the gate he installs fails and the City locks it, it causes inaccessibility for support services that are needed for his elderly tenants. Mr. Hamilton supports the concerns of a fence; however, does not feel it's the solution and undergrounding the ditches should be pursued. Mr. Hamilton requested to exempt the north end of Fourth Street from fencing plan that was originally considered.

Faye Siemens, resident near the end of Fourth Street, stated it's important to have a plan in place and prioritize areas that need fencing, ie. across from Vinsonhaler Park.

Action: Councilmember Irvin moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to fence (chain link) Fifth Street and the Fifth St./RR alley, but not Fourth Street. The motion carried 3-2 by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin and Vice Mayor Salina Edwards
NOES: Jim Paschall and Mayor Bruce Roundy
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

B. Emergency Power Generation for Police Station and City Hall – Pete Carr, City Manager

Public Works Director Vonasek brought forward request to consider purchasing a back-up generator for use at both City Hall and the Police Department. Staff recently attended a PG&E workshop where PG&E announced the impending Public Safety Power Shutoff events. These widespread power outages could last up to seven days on a maximum 48 hours' advance notice. Mr. Vonasek advised the extended power outages by high heat puts the City's IT system infrastructure at risk of catastrophic failure, in addition to compromising the immediate mission of public safety delivery. A larger emergency generator for Both Police and City Hall would be adequate to protect IT infrastructure and meet the operational needs of both departments. Estimated cost is approximately \$35,000 which could be expended with surplus Measure A funds. Council discussed and agreed it is important. The existing under-sized generator at the Police station could be re-purposed to the Recreation Center to enable that facility as a Cooling Center.

Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to authorize the purchase and install of one diesel-fueled emergency power generator for use at both City Hall and the Police Station, not to exceed \$42,000 in Measure A Public Safety Funds. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Jim Paschall, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Bruce Roundy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

C. Request from Honeybee Discovery Center for façade improvement reimbursement – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr brought forward request from the Bee City Committee for a more than normal reimbursement under the Façade Improvement Program guidelines. As of way to encourage storefront improvements, the current reimbursement offered is fifty cents on the dollar to a maximum of \$1500, which includes contract labor and materials for all businesses in Orland. Only \$600 has been expended of FY 19 \$15,000 budget. The exterior repainting project for the Honeybee Discovery Center administrative office located at 501 Fifth Street cost more than \$14,000. The Bee City Committee is requesting double the reimbursement to \$3,000, because of the size and scope of the building (two storefronts) and its prominence on State Route 32. Council discussed considering changing the rules to allow for an increased reimbursement. Councilmember Hoffman advised there have been excess funds each year. Byron Denton stated Council could note in the motion that it's not precedent setting and to follow up with an amendment proposing two storefronts could be covered. Ron Lane, 233 E. Mill Street, a member of the Economic Development Commission, felt the larger reimbursement should be given, as the repainting of the building enhanced the downtown area.

Action: Councilmember Irvin moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to approve the requested Façade Improvement reimbursement of \$3,000 for the Honeybee Discovery Center and not set a precedent. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Bruce Roundy
NOES: Jim Paschall
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Trish Saint-Evens, 6825 County Road 15, stated the Honeybee Discovery Center mixer and Queen Bee festival held June 21-22 were a great success. There were approximately 52 vendors, great music, food and bee beard demonstrations, etc. Ms. Saint-Evens thanked Council for considering the Façade Improvement reimbursement.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Queen Bee festival was a wonderful event.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Attended Honeybee Discovery Center mixer, was a very nice event.

Mayor Roundy:

- Attended Queen Bee Festival and mixer;
- Will be speaking at the 4th of July celebration in the park.

Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmember Paschall had no reports at this time.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Angela Crook, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor