

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Monday July 2, 2012
7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Vice Mayor Gee. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Wade Elliott

Staff present: Sergeant Joe Vlach, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Business:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, asked if the arrundo problem in Stony Creek was ever addressed. Councilmember Roundy advised the California Conservation Corps are currently removing the arrundo; spraying will follow.

Mr. Denton advised the Public Safety Commission needs to take a look at the traffic speed on Highway 99 and Almond Way.

Vice Mayor Gee stated the issue will be referred to the City Manager and Police Department.

Councilmember Huffman advised eradication efforts north of town and east of Stony Creek bridge are visible.

Medina Branzelle, 322 Byron Way, advised Council needs to investigate a potential conflict of interest allegation regarding members of the Economic Development Commission, as well as a member of the commission not recusing themselves on an issue related to their business. Ms. Branzelle requested if an investigation is initiated, to please respond with the findings at a future Council meeting within the next couple of months.

Vice Mayor Gee requested Ms. Branzelle to bring forward more information, including names, to the City Manager at City Hall.

Ms. Branzelle requests City Hall staff to look into generating water bills on the website, versus paper bills being mailed out to the customer. Ms. Branzelle stated this should provide a cost savings to the City. She advised citizens could be given an option of an electronic or paper bill.

Byron Denton suggests continuing to mail bills through the postal service.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Paschall reported on the following:

- Citizens advised of numerous cars traveling too fast on streets in town; requested radar trailer possibly set up in different areas of town.

Councilmember Hoffman agreed with Councilmember Paschall's comments.

Councilmember Roundy reported on the following:

- Attended Sacramento Valley LCC meeting in South Lake Tahoe; discussed water issues and storm water regulations. He is now Vice President for the Sacramento Valley Division.
- EDC Workshop scheduled August 9, 2012.
- Continue support of Farmer's Market.
- New Art Gallery Show, July 6, 2012.

Councilmember Hoffman reported on the following:

- Welcome reception for City Manager Carr successful.
- Old Fashioned Fourth Of July celebration scheduled in Vinsonhaler Park.

Vice Mayor Gee reported on the following:

- Invited the public to join in the Fourth of July celebration in the park.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Waive reading except by title, of any ordinances under consideration at this meeting for either introduction or passage per Government Code §36934.
- B. Approve City Council minutes for June 18, 2012.
- C. Approve Warrant List.
- D. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for May 7, 2012.
- E. Receive and file Orland Arts Commission minutes for May 23, 2012.
- F. Approve and authorize City Manager to sign Orland Free Library Expansion and Improvement Partnership Agreement.
- G. Approve and authorize Mayor to sign Letter of Convenience and Necessity for the Liberty Food and Gas Store, 506 6th Street, Orland.
- H. Approve adoption of the Adjustment Factors for the Appropriations Limitations; local non-residential assessed valuation income factor and the City of Orland's population growth factor.

Vice Mayor Gee requested to pull Item C. from the consent calendar.

Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve the consent calendar except for Item C. (Warrant List). Motion carried with no abstentions and Mayor Elliott absent.

Vice Mayor Gee advised the Employee Safety Committee and city employees have participated in Golden State Risk Management's Loss Prevention Incentive Program. An award of \$24,191.00 was given to the city for their loss prevention efforts. A portion of those funds are awarded to the employees for their participation and the balance of the funds is put into a Safety Fund to address safety issues within the City. Vice Mayor Gee thanked the committee for their hard work.

Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve Item C. (Warrant List). Motion carried with no abstentions and Mayor Elliott absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager:

City Manager Carr presented Council with proposed objectives and project priorities for 2012-2013. Council reviewed and discussed objectives and considered urgency/importance priorities. Council recommended urgent items may include: upgrading the City website for transparency, electronic billing, economic development attraction and utilizing social media. Less urgent objectives may include: funding for a Public Works position and pursuing grants for pedestrian creek trails and sidewalks. Other items considered important were upgrading sport facilities; pool and Bihler field and additional picnic areas in the park. Council discussed adding a new water well and to continue to explore inter-agency partnership opportunities. Council agreed that developing a plan for 824 Fourth Street is an important priority, as well as expansion of the library. City Manager will bring forward a revised list of Council's objectives and priorities at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:58 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held on Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation; Pursuant to Government Code Section: 54956.9 (b); City of Orland v. Tollett.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:14 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to the City Attorney.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

_____Clerk

_____Vice Mayor