

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 6:01 p.m.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference: Councilmembers Billy Irvin, Dennis Hoffman, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present via teleconference: City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Manager Pete Carr, Fire Chief Justin Chaney, Accounting Manager Rebecca Pendergrass, Recreation Director Joe Fenske, Library Director Jody Meza and City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

John McDermott commended Mr. Fenske and Trevor Shannon for their work on establishing the pickleball courts in Vinsonhaler Park. He has seen a lot of playing activity on these courts.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION

Mayor Roundy presented the following community member for confirmation by City Council:

Library Commission – one (1) vacancy filling an unexpired term expiring Dec. 31, 2021 Applicant: Mary Ann Deeming (consider appointment)

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to approve appointment of Mary Ann Deeming to the Library Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2021. The motion carried 4-1 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Hoffman, Vice-Mayor Tolley, Councilmember Dobbs, and Mayor Roundy
NOES: Councilmember Irvin
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO CAL CITIES and CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Vice Mayor Tolley asked to be relieved of his appointment as representative to Cal Cities. Mayor Roundy offered to attend the Sacramento Valley region meetings as the city representative.

Councilmember Hoffman stated he would like to continue as the City's representative to the Chamber of Commerce.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to appoint Mayor Roundy as city representative to Cal Cities. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:
AYES: Councilmember Hoffman, Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Irvin and Dobbs and Mayor Roundy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for February 16, 2021.
- C. Council Position on SB 9 (Atkins), *Increased Density in Single-Family Zones*.

Mr. Carr asked for Item C to be pulled for further discussion.

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Irvin to approve Items A and B of the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Irvin, Hoffman and Dobbs and Mayor Roundy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilmembers discussed the amendments for SB9 suggested by Cal Cities. Mr. Carr stated three of these amendments would be pertinent to Orland. Councilmembers discussed whether to support Cal Cities adding the amendments.

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs authorizing Mayor Roundy to sign the letter on the Council's position of SB9 as presented in the agenda packet. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Vice Mayor Tolley, Councilmembers Dobbs, Hoffman and Irvin and Mayor Roundy
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

Approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02 adding Section 15.04.030 to the Orland Municipal Code regarding additional fee for work done without a building permit– Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr introduced the item and Mayor Roundy asked Councilmembers for comments. No comments were received, and he opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Byron Denton, resident, stated he supported the Ordinance. No other comments were received, and the Public Hearing was closed at 6:37 p.m.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02. 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

Mayor Roundy asked Councilmember Irvin why he had voted no. Councilmember Irvin stated he has expressed in previous meetings that he wanted a set minimum amount for working without a permit and the final ordinance does not have that language in it.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Skatepark (Discussion/Direction) – Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

Mr. Fenske updated Councilmembers on discussions and meetings held regarding a skatepark for Orland. He noted that prices could have increased (\$150K for above ground, \$450K-600K for bowls) since his survey of 2012. Additionally, if an above ground skatepark is chosen, costs for a concrete pad would also have to be included. Vice Mayor Tolley asked if any kids were consulted about steel ramps. Mr. Fenske stated he had not but does know it needs to be in a highly visible area and could be for bikes and skateboards.

Councilmember Irvin asked if there was a location proposed. Mr. Fenske stated Vinsonhaler is the preferred location. Councilmember Irvin asked if Library Park could be used. Mr. Fenske stated trees would have to be removed to make room and because of the library, this park should be kept quiet. Mayor Roundy stated visibility was important for a location.

Mr. Denton asked what kind of liability the City would have. Mr. Einhorn stated a city's liability depends on the design and maintenance, but liability would not necessarily preclude building a public park amenity.

Kyle Logan, resident, offered support for a skatepark and would recommend concrete.

Upon consensus of those present, Mr. Fenske will approach the Parks and Recreation Commission for more consideration and report back to City Council at a later date.

B. Update: Pension Cost Management (Discussion/Direction) – Pete Carr, City Manager

City staff and Councilmembers continued their discussion on pension cost management. Mr. Carr suggested part of the debt, versus the whole debt, could be addressed. Ms. Pendergrass brought to Councilmembers' attention applying cash reserves to a Section 115 Trust or restructuring thru a "fresh start" amortization.

Councilmember Dobbs offered an independent advisor he knows to talk with the Council about their options. Mr. Carr stated he is not opposed to having a firm help and suggested using someone on a commission basis versus a flat fee. Some of the companies used by local cities include NHA Advisors, Wulf Hansen & Company, Capital PFG and Cal Muni. He added that restructuring the pension obligation bond could free up funds for the public safety facility. Jeffrey Small, Capital PFG, stated his firm was looking for funding for the city's public safety facility and looked at paying down the UAL. He recommends a targeted approach by starting with the oldest loan to help in reducing the city's debt.

Councilmember Irvin asked why city employees couldn't be paid more and not offered PERS. Ms. Pendergrass stated it would cost approximately \$40 million for the city to leave PERS. Councilmember Irvin asked if a city employee could be hired and not be enrolled in PERS. Mr.

Carr stated per the contract the city has with PERS, any full-time employee must be enrolled in PERS.

Upon consensus of those present, Mr. Carr will look into having an advisor come to talk with the City Council regarding their pension options at a future meeting.

C. Verbal update on Covid-19's impact on the local economy and City operations, (Discussion/Direction) – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr reported there are currently 61 active cases and seven hospitalizations. As of February 23, the virus case rate is declining and he predicts it will reach nine or ten by Tuesday. Approximately 2,200 persons have been inoculated in the County. Optum Serve site remains open for walk-ins. Discussion with County officials on what can be done with the next round, CV-2 and 3, are being held. Representative John Garamendi has informed the City that \$1.4 million will be available if the next stimulus bill is passed. It is unknown if there will be any strings attached to receive the funds.

There is one city employee active case. Mr. Fenske is developing schedules for outdoor sports now that the State allows them.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Nothing to report

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Orland Volunteer Fire Department annual ticket drive begins March 6.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Nothing to report

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Would like a discussion on broadband on a future agenda;
- CA has a budget surplus but will roll into a deficit soon;
- Alerted staff regarding a tree that was uprooting in Lollipop Land that should be taken care of as soon as possible.

Mayor Roundy:

- Taste of Glenn County has concluded. Mr. Carr stated there were over 100 participants and winners have been announced;
- He will be attending the LAFCo and Water Authority meetings Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor