

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Jim Paschall, Dennis Hoffman, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Wade Elliott
Councilmembers absent: Vice Mayor Charles Gee
Staff present: Sergeant Joe Vlach; Finance Director Daryl Brock; Assistant City Attorney Gina Gingery; Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook; and Interim City Manager, Gail Wingard.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Business:

Arts Commission Chairperson Rae Turnbull advised Council on the latest major Arts Commission improvement project for downtown Fourth and Fifth streets. The bronze sculpture will be created by national renown sculptor Carl Ciliax. Mr. Ciliax will recreate the 5 foot bronze sculpture titled "Sagebrush and Silence" depicting a working man and horse at the cost of \$28,000, which will be funded entirely by donations. The sculpture will be located on Fourth Street, in the center median, directly in front of the City's Christmas tree. Council thanked the efforts of the Arts Commission.

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated with the General Plan Update approved, a nexus study regarding the impact fees should be brought forward on the next agenda.

Presentation/Proclamation:

A presentation was given by Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) thanking the Orland City Council for adopting a Secondhand Smoke Ordinance. A plaque was presented to the Mayor and Council for their support and adoption of the Ordinance.

Mayor Elliott presented a proclamation to Gina Ball, representative from Rape Crisis Intervention and Prevention, declaring April 2012 as Sexual Assault Awareness month in the City of Orland. Shine the Light will take place April 30, 2012 at the Chico office, to emphasize the survivors of sexual assault.

Commission Appointment:

Arts Commission – One vacancy to fill unexpired term through December 31, 2012. Application received: Steve Elliott.

Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to appoint Steve Elliott to fill the unexpired term to the Arts Commission through December 31, 2012. Motion carried with no abstentions and Vice Mayor Gee absent.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Roundy reported on the following:

- 3rd annual Golf Tournament will be taking place April 1st at Glenn Golf course. Raffle tickets will be available.
- City and County Economic Development Steering Committees will brief city staff on their role in the new voluntary process to assist new business to the city and county.
- Glenn County will receive professional input on the “branding” name process.
- Farmers Market moving forward with new events.
- Attended the Glenn County Regional Transit meeting; report of 15% increase in Glenn Ride.

Councilmember Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended the annual Fireman’s Ball.

Mayor Elliott reported on the following:

- Attended the Glenn County Regional Transit meeting; hope to restore some limited subsidized ADA transportation services.
- Agendize for future meeting to consider adjusting time frame for Political signage.

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 March 5, 2012.
- C. Approve Warrant List.
- D. Approve Special City Council minutes for February 27, 2012.
- E. Approve City Council minutes for February 21, 2012.

Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried with no abstentions and Vice Mayor Gee absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Finance Director:

Finance Director Brock brought forward request by Council to prepare information for follow up on the water and sewer rate study. The percentage increase necessary to cover the average excess of expenditures and depreciation is 18.22% for water and 21.69% for sewer. Finance Director Brock presented the following rate schedule for increased water and sewer:

Water Rates: Residential and Commercial

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Prop Rate (outside)</u>
Fixed Bi-Monthly Charge	\$24.00	\$28.37	\$56.75
Rate per 1,000 with more than 15,000 gal	\$0.60	\$0.71	\$0.71

Sewer Rates: Residential and Commercial

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate Inside City Limits</u>	<u>Prop Rate (outside)</u>
Fixed B-Monthly	\$24.85	\$30.24	\$58.41
Rate per 1,000 with more than 15,000 gal (commercial only)	\$0.30	\$0.37	n/a

Finance Director Brock recommended that all future water and sewer capacity charges be segregated into their own special fund which can be used for only expansion of services, new wells, etc. Finance Director Brock also recommended that the future water and sewer rates increase or decrease be annually based upon the annual change as determined by the "Consumer Price Index" for all Urban Consumers: U.S. city average, detailed expenditure category - water and sewer and trash collection services. The bimonthly increase would amount to approximately \$10 for water and sewer. Council discussion occurred.

Finance Director Brock gave Council an update on the General Fund budget ended February 29, 2012. Finance Director Brock advised additional revenue of \$46,027 was brought in due to increased sales tax. Finance Director Brock advised there is known extra costs that will occur before the end of the fiscal year (Arrundo irradiation and remodel of 824 Fourth Street). The additional expenses will be covered. Finance Director Brock advised a lease payment has been received for the building, located at 824 Fourth Street. Reimbursement of remodel costs will soon occur.

City Attorney:

Assistant City Attorney Gingery presented and reviewed the implementation and process of the City Water and Sewer Rate increase. The proposed Public Hearing is scheduled for May 21, 2012, at least 45 days after hearing notices are mailed out with the water bills. Councilmember Paschall had concerns for future of use of water/sewer revenues. It was indicated that the resolution states that water revenues derived from the water and sewer charges will not be used for any other purpose than that for which the charge is imposed. It was suggested a study be considered in the future to determine amount of monies for long term water and sewer system needs.

Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to move forward with water and sewer rate adjustment process; approve the form of the Notice of Public Hearing and direct staff to mail; approve Proposition 218 Guidelines for the Submission and Tabulation of Protests; and approve the form of the draft Resolution adjusting the City's

water and sewer rates, such resolution to be considered following the Public Hearing. Motion carried with no abstentions and Vice Mayor Gee absent.

Interim City Manager:

Interim City Manager Wingard brought forward recommendation from Economic Development Commission to request an allocation of funds to proceed with the Orland Specific Area Improvement District. Interim City Manager Wingard requests Council to consider funding \$10,000 towards the improvement project to motivate business and property owners to refurbish their store fronts located between Fourth and Fifth street and Highway 32 and Colusa streets. Applicants would be considered on a first come first serve basis and would need to complete their improvement project first, before receiving a 50/50 reimbursement. Councilmember Paschall stated he had concerns it could be considered a gift of public funds and may cause conflict with other business owners that are not located in the specific area. Interim City Manager Wingard advised the City Attorney has reviewed the procedures and it will be considered a small grant. Mayor Roundy and Councilmember Roundy advised its a small step in improvements to the downtown. Rae Turnbull, Art Commission Chairperson stated the Arts Commission could offer suggestions for compatible paint colors. Helen Duree, Chamber of Commerce president, stated several businesses have indicated support for the project.

Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to approve funding of \$10,000 for the Specific Area Improvement District. Motion carried with no abstentions and Vice Mayor Gee absent.

Interim City Manager Wingard brought forward recommendation from the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to request \$2,000 be approved to install a base flood lamp to illuminate the City's water tower. Finance Director Brock advised funds are available for the project. Byron Denton stated he had concerns of where the additional monies are coming from to fund the various new projects. Helen Duree stated the EDC has a vision to light up the community. EDC is attempting to find donations from service clubs to help support these efforts. Discussion occurred that the extra lighting would draw people into the City. However, there were concerns that businesses do not stay open late for patrons.

Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to approve \$2,000 to allow for the illumination of the City water tower. Motion carried 3-1, Councilmember Paschall voting no, Vice Mayor Gee absent and no abstentions.

Interim City Manager brought forward recommendation from Orland Economic Development Commission to request the City adopt "City of Festivals" as a brand name. Council advised they have received some negative feedback regarding the use of "festivals" in the branding name for the City of Orland. Councilmember Roundy stated the County is receiving a professional opinion regarding the branding process and the City should consider the same. Ms. Duree advised the City has several events that could be identified with festivals. Council referred item back to EDC for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held on Conference with Legal Counsel-Pending Litigation; Pursuant to Government Code Section: 54956.9(b); 1. City of Orland v. Tollett; 2. City of Orland v. Western Insurance Company.

Closed Session was held on Public Employee Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Dismissal or Release; Pursuant to Government Code Section: 54957; Position: City Manager.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 9:45 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Received report from legal counsel.

Council received report and gave direction to Interim City Manager.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

_____ Clerk

_____ Mayor