

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Paschall at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference:	Councilmembers Billy Irvin, Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, and Vice Mayor Bruce Roundy
Councilmembers present at Carnegie Center:	Mayor Jim Paschall
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present via teleconference:	Chief of Police Joe Vlach, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Fire Chief Justin Chaney and City Manager Pete Carr
Staff present at Carnegie Center:	City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, stated we live in a great country where we have a right to vote and it is important to vote. Even if people take political signs down it is not going to make a difference when it comes to voting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for October 5, 2020.

Action: Vice Mayor Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried 5-0 by the following voice vote:

AYES:	Vice Mayor Roundy, Councilmembers Edwards, Hoffman, Irvin, and Mayor Paschall
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Verbal update on Covid-19's impact on the local economy, City operations and outreach options. Discussion/Action – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr presented the current Covid-19 statistics for Glenn County to date. There are nine (9) active cases and one (1) hospitalized. Cases per 100K are improving and the positivity rate is also improving. The COVID test site at Memorial Hall is still open. A flu shot clinic will be held Thursday at the Glenn Success Center. Businesses and churches are still impacted by the County being in the purple tier.

Glenn County will hold a workshop the first week in November for businesses to learn more about obtaining funding from the CARES Act. Council member Irvin asked if he would be ineligible for these funds since he is on the Council. Mr. Carr stated he would not. Council member Hoffman asked how businesses would be informed of this program. Mr. Carr stated as soon as a firm date is set, the City will post information to Facebook, the website and with the Chamber of Commerce but it is tentatively set for the first week of November.

Mr. Carr stated one City employee has been out because of Covid and some employees have been out because of childcare. Four letters from the Mayor have been sent out to residences reported to have held large gatherings, asking for their cooperation in helping the community reduce its exposure to Coronavirus. City staff continues to decline all requests to use City facilities. Vice-Mayor Roundy stated he liked the cooperation letter and tone it took, and hope people will think about what is in the letter. He added that the group using the Library Park did not start their band until 9AM this past Sunday.

Mayor Paschall asked for public comment. Mr. Denton asked Mr. Carr if there was any additional information regarding changing the numbers (tier formulas) for the County? Mr. Carr stated the letter the Board of Supervisors sent to the California Health and Human Services Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly, has been acknowledged but no changes have been proposed.

B. Policy and Disposition for Orland Police Department K-9 – Joe, Vlach, Chief of Police

As requested by the City Council, Chief Vlach presented a policy on how police canines are sold or otherwise disposed of for their review. City practice is consistent with other jurisdictions and industry practice.

Mayor Paschall asked Councilmember Irvin if the policy met his expectations. He stated for the time being the policy is great, by far better than what they had before.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Irvin to accept the Policy and Disposition for Orland Police Department K-9 as presented and adopt Resolution 2020-21, Authorizing the Police Chief to Sign a Bill of Sale for the Sale of Retired Police Services Canine Ruger.

Before the vote, Mayor Paschall asked for public comment. Monica Rossman asked for clarification on what the motion was for. Mayor Paschall stated the motion was to approve a policy on how to handle the retirement of the K-9 and adopting a resolution to authorize the Police Chief to sign a bill of sale for Ruger.

The motion carried 5-0 by the following voice vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers Edwards, Irvin, Hoffman, Vice Mayor Roundy, and Mayor Paschall
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

C. Options for Green Waste Operations – Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director

Mr. Vonasek presented background information on the history of the City’s green waste operations, current operational costs and rates from Butte and Tehama Counties for reference. He added that operating expenses have increased significantly, and the current rates will either need to increase or operations will need to cease.

Mayor Paschall asked if there were any companies that can grind the material. Mr. Vonasek stated he talked with Tyrell Resources of Napa, but they require materials sorted differently than what is currently done. CalTrans is their biggest customer. Everyone is having trouble getting green waste taken care of.

Councilmember Irvin asked if the City had to provide this service. City Attorney Einhorn stated the City is not obligated to offer the service. Councilmember Irvin suggested stopping the service and reopen at a later date.

Vice-Mayor Roundy stated the City started this service because burning was not allowed within the City limits. He recommended increasing the rates for a period of time; if people want the service, they will have to pay for it. As an alternative, citizens can have a green waste bin from Waste Management they can utilize.

Discussion was held on how and when notification will be handled about the increase in rates. Mr. Vonasek stated the new rates can be posted at the green waste site two weeks prior to the increase and also on the City’s Facebook and website pages. The water bills will be sent December 1 and a note can be placed on them informing citizens of the increase.

Councilmember Hoffman stated the City cannot run the service at a loss. It should at least break even, or it is a disservice to other citizens.

Councilmember Irvin asked if the City could burn the waste. Mr. Vonasek stated the burn permit the city has is for city generated waste. Additionally, Mayor Paschall stated processed wood cannot be burned. Councilmember Irvin asked if the county dump accepts processed wood and Mr. Vonasek stated it does.

Action: Vice Mayor Roundy moved, seconded by Mayor Paschall to increase the rates to:

Load Size	City Residents	County Residents
Compact Pick-up	\$15.00	\$20.00
Full Size Pick-up	\$25.00	\$35.00
One Ton Pick-up or Large Trailer	\$35.00	\$40.00
1 ½ Ton Truck	\$40.00	\$55.00
Larger Loads or Dump Truck	\$65.00	\$90.00

effective December 1st and revisit the operating costs and revenues in six months. The motion carried 3-2 by the following voice vote:

AYES: Vice Mayor Roundy, Councilmembers Hoffman, and Mayor Paschall
 NOES: Councilmembers Edwards and Irvin
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

Staff was directed to bring back the matter in six months.

D. First Quarter Update on FY Projects and Objectives

Mr. Carr presented the first quarter report for July to September 2020. He stated Covid, homelessness and creating jobs are crowding out most of the activities and present programs. He noted the upgrade of the police and fire radio system has improved the effectiveness of officers in the field and is 60% completed. The CR MM sewer main project is 50% completed and with the Bureau of Reclamation approving the permit, the contractor can now finish the project. This fiscal year’s portion of the fleet maintenance shop is 25% complete, and although listed as 100% complete, the phase II of the recreation trail is 0%. The second portion of the trail will be funded by Per Capita Parks Grant funds. Funding for the Walker Street Streetscapes project is still being pursued; however, Cal Trans does not see a window for funding opportunities until 2025/2026. While not listed, City staff has also helped support the Honeybee Discovery Center Design during this quarter.

Councilmember Irvin asked for an update on the traffic signal at Sixth and South Streets. Mr. Vonasek stated the contractor will be installing the balance of the camera system on October 21.

Mayor Paschall asked for public comment. Mr. Denton stated, have a good week and be sure to vote.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Vice-Mayor Roundy:

- The Transportation and Transit meeting was cancelled. The Glenn Ride fare boxes will be upgraded to integrate with other transit services so a rider could purchase a fare that would allow them to easily transfer from Chico or Corning.
- Hopes schools are open before the end of the year.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Stated he will have one child going to school next week (Capay Elementary School).
- He asked if there was a movement for libraries to be more electronic, more use of Kindles, etc. and less staff? Mr. Carr stated this would be a good question for the Library Director. She has responded to the demand for more electronics. Vice-Mayor Roundy added that he has found the Library Director to be progressive and receives helpful advice from the State Librarian. The library is well respected.

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Nothing to report

Councilmember Edwards:

- Reported she will be attending the upcoming Waste Management meeting.

Mayor Paschall had no reports at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

James Paschall Sr., Mayor