

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, ORLAND CITY COUNCIL, Tuesday September 2, 2014

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Roll call:

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Dennis Hoffman, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Jim Paschall

Councilmembers absent: Bruce Roundy

Staff present: Public Works Supervisor Forrest Marston, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

Public Comments:

None

Adjourned to Closed Session at 7:01p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. Number of potential cases to be determined: delinquent utility charges.

Meeting adjourned to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Direction was given to staff.

Meeting reconvened to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Charles Gee, Dennis Hoffman, Vice Mayor Salina Edwards and Mayor Jim Paschall

Councilmembers absent: Bruce Roundy

Staff present: Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, Public Works Supervisor Forrest Marston, City Attorney Greg Einhorn,

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, appreciated seeing the flags flying on Labor Day weekend.

Judy Noffsinger, 4261 County Road MM, commented on several wells in the County that have gone dry and that some of the new wells had to be drilled down 600 feet. Mrs. Noffsinger asked what the City was doing to conserve water.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for August 18, 2014
- C. Approve 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice for Conflict of Interest Code.
- D. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes for July 17, 2014.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to accept the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
**AYES:** Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee and Hoffman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Roundy  
**ABSTAIN:** None

#### PUBLIC HEARING

None

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

##### City Manager:

City Manager Carr gave an update on water sales to County residents. Staff proposed to modify the fee for sale of water to County residents whose domestic wells have gone dry. Council had approved an emergency action item at the last Council meeting to provide water from the airport well at the city standard rate of 78 cents per 1000 gallons. Due to operational cost, record keeping, dispatch and dispensing, staff recommends modifying that cost to a \$10 flat fee for each tank fill, plus \$2.06 per 1000 gallon. Board of Supervisor Dwight Foltz thanked the City of Orland for their help, but also advised the modified rate may be too conservative. It was noted for County residents to contact the County Water Resources Coordinator if their well goes dry.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Gee to adopt a \$10 /transaction fee plus \$2.06/1000 gallons as a fee for sale of water from the airport well to County residents for domestic purposes. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
**AYES:** Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee and Hoffman  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Councilmember Roundy  
**ABSTAIN:** None

City Manager Carr gave an update on the pool and splash pad schedules. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended closing the pool down for the season due to lifeguard availability and weather, and plans to extend hours next year. The commission also recommends reducing splash pad availability to the weekends, through the month of September. Staff was planning to shut the pad down for the season. Council suggested hours of operation should be from noon to 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Hoffman felt with current water conservation measures in place, the splash pad should be shut down for the season.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Gee moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Edwards to continue splash pad availability on the weekends only, through the month of September, with hours of operation from noon to 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmember Gee  
NOES: Councilmember Hoffman  
ABSENT: Councilmember Roundy  
ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Carr gave an update on the draft Water Shortage Contingency & Conservation Plan. The plan was edited to include a change in Stage 1 Shortage to include a 20% reduction in demand versus a 15% reduction. Mr. Carr advised City Council will take different factors into account (based on drought conditions, well levels, guidance from the State) to determine which operational stage the City is at. Council advised the City needs to have a plan in place and stay ahead of the curve. It was noted there is adequate water in the wells at the present time.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Gee to adopt the Water Shortage Contingency & Conservation Plan as amended. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee and Hoffman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Roundy  
ABSTAIN: None

City Manager Carr gave an update on the utility account audit. Mr. Carr stated the City bills customers for 19% less water than which is produced at the wells. Several possible reasons for the unexplained water loss could include undetected leakage, inaccurate meters or an unmetered use where two customers share a connection. Staff identified 125 inactive water/sewer accounts; 30 sites had water usage but were not being billed. Staff is currently billing several accounts for up to three years of past water usage and some are negotiating payment plans. Mr. Carr advised some properties will need to be brought into compliance for separate connections. Council agreed everyone needs to pay their fair share.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Hoffman to authorize staff to continue audit, take corrective action and require compliance with the city code. The motion carried by the following voice vote:  
AYES: Mayor Paschall, Vice Mayor Edwards and Councilmembers Gee and Hoffman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Councilmember Roundy ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman reported on the following:

- Attended Planning Commission meeting; had to be continued to a Special Meeting on Sept. 3, 2014 to take action on Arch Motel rezone and Super Shopper Conditional Use Permit.

Councilmember Gee reported on the following:

- Request from Glenn County departments to have county residents contact them when they have problems with their well.

Vice Mayor Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended Transportation and Waste Management meetings; landfill is getting nearer to closure;
- Glenn County Public meeting will be held Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. regarding unmet transit needs for seniors.

Mayor Paschall reported on the following:

- Request to put on next agenda - consider sponsorship for Chamber of Commerce Car Show.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_Mayor