

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

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

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:	Councilmembers Dennis Hoffman, Billy Irvin, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present	City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, Police Chief Joe Vlach, Fire Chief Justin Chaney, Accounting Manager Rebecca Pendergrass, and Deputy City Clerk/Public Works Admin Tech Jennifer Schmitke

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for July 6, 2021.
- C. Receive and file Arts Commission minutes of May 12, 2021
- D. Receive and file Library Commission minutes of May 10, 2021
- E. Adopt Resolution 2021-15 – United States Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Development Community Facilities Program.
- F. Authorize City Manager or designee to sign construction engineering contract with Rolls Anderson & Rolls Engineering for pedestrian Countdown Signal Heads and Pavement Markings project.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley, the consent calendar was approved. The motion carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Request to Change day of City Council Meetings (Discussion/Action) – Justin Chaney, Fire Chief

Chief Chaney asked the City Council for help coming up with a solution to the scheduling conflict for City Department Heads that are also Orland Volunteer Fire Department members. Chief Chaney stated the OVFD conducts two Monday evening meetings a month for active training and staff have missed necessary training in order to attend Council meetings. He also noted that training for all volunteers was crucial in order to learn new skills and improve upon existing ones, so that each fire fighter and the Fire Department as a whole will be better prepared to respond to emergency calls.

OVFD has discussed moving their trainings to Tuesdays but have found conflict with other fire departments and related agencies also holding trainings or meetings on Tuesdays. Chief Chaney stated the largest conflict with moving training/meeting nights would be trying to work around the 45 active volunteers' schedules.

Mayor Roundy opened the discussion up to the public to see if anyone had any questions, conflict, or comments on moving the day and/or time of City council meetings to accommodate OVFD.

Assistant Fire Chief, David Kelly, asked that Councilmembers consider changing the day of the Council meetings to help the volunteers who are also City staff members. He also stated that the Fire Department is successful because they learn and train as a team, which allows them to better respond to emergency calls. Assistant Fire Chief Kelly asked that the Council consider the importance of training together when deciding whether to move the day and/or time of the Council meetings. Vice Mayor Tolley thanked Assistant Fire Chief Kelly for attending the meeting and showing his support for the issue.

Byron Denton, citizen, called in about changing the meeting day. Mr. Denton stated that the Fire Department gives so much to the community, and he didn't see a conflict with changing the day or time of the Council meetings. He hopes the Council can do what it takes to help the OVFD.

Councilmembers held a discussion with Chief Chaney and staff about switching the time of the meeting to an earlier time or possibly switching the meeting day entirely. After the new meeting day of Tuesday was agreed upon, Councilmembers questioned if the meeting time should also be adjusted. After additional discussion, it was the consensus of those present that the meetings should start at 6:30 pm.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to change the City Council meeting day to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month and changing the meeting time to 6:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Hoffman, Dobbs, Irvin, Vice Mayor Tolley and Mayor Roundy

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

(Fire Chief Chaney left)

B. Green Waste Operations Update (Discussion/Direction) – Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Vonasek stated he is seeking direction from City Council regarding the City's green waste site and its operations. Director Vonasek informed Council that the site is currently open two days a week, staffed by a Public Works employee. The City received one bid from contractors for grinding material at the green waste site. The received bid was for grinding only (no haul away) for approximately \$600.00 an hour. The City will need to conduct additional research to find an alternative place to take the materials once they have been ground up.

Mayor Roundy opened the discussion to the Council. Councilmembers agreed that the City's green waste site needs to stay open. The Council requested additional information from Director Vonasek including, what days the green waste site should be open and what the expenses would be to keep it open.

Mayor Roundy opened the discussion up to the public. Mr. Denton stated his concern about the possibility of the green waste site closing and he is worried that if the site were to be closed, people would leave yard waste alongside the road and create extra work for the City's Public Works Department.

Mayor Roundy suggested the possible use of Measure A funds to cover the expenses of the Green Waste Site. City Attorney Greg Einhorn advised that Council will need to collect findings to justify using Measure A funds to keep the green waste site open. Director Vonasek stated he would assess the feasibility of continued green waste site operations by revisiting its costs/expenses, revenue, hours of operation and the possibility of utilizing Measure A funds and report back to Council.

C. Verbal Update on Drought Conditions (Discussion/Direction) – Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Vonasek reported to the Council that the City's wells are continuously being monitored every week. Director Vonasek stated that the City has continued to provide water to residents whose wells have gone dry. To date, 58,000 gallons have been sold, which is only .0008% of the water produced in the month of June (68,000,000 gallons). He added that this has not had any adverse effects on the City's water system.

Mayor Roundy stated another bottled water distribution event is being held at the Fire Department with the assistance of Glenn County Office of Emergency Services, OVFD and the VIPS on Wednesday, July 28th and one is being held in Elk Creek on August 23rd at their ice cream social event. Each household is allowed 10 cases of water, which were donated by Amazon. Mayor Roundy notified Council there are 103 wells currently dry in Glenn County. There is still a moratorium on new ag well applications within Glenn County.

(Public Works Director Vonasek left)

D. Pension Obligation Bonds Update (Discussion/Direction) – Jeffery Small, Capital PFG

Jeffery Small, Capital PFG, presented to Council two different pension obligation bond (POB) options. Option #1 included funding the unfunded accrued liability (UAL) at 95% while option #2 would fund the UAL at 90%. Both options included additional choices in the structuring of payments. Discussion was held, Mr. Small answered some clarifying questions for the Council and stated he would be at a future City Council meeting to seek further direction regarding the POB.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Attended the Economic Development Commission meeting with Mayor Roundy, but it was cancelled due to a lack in quorum.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Nothing to report

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Was out of town and unable to attend the Transportation Commission meeting.
- Will be attending the Waste Management meeting Thursday, July 22nd
- Honeybee Committee meets Wednesday, July 21st at 11 am.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Travelled to Greenville and noted the heavy smoke from surrounding fires.

Mayor Roundy:

- Art Commission putting on art show on August 7th.
- Many meetings were cancelled including LAFCO and the Transportation and Transit meetings.
- Was part of a forum with Todd Bishop and *The Dreamt Land* author Mark Arax. They discussed the water (or lack of) situation we are in currently facing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Schmitke, Deputy City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor