

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 6:03 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 Manager Pete Carr, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, City Police Chief Joe Vlach, City Engineer Paul Rabo (*present via Zoom*) and City Clerk/Administrative Services Manager Janet Wackerman

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for August 2, 2021.
- C. Receive and file Public Works & Safety Commission minutes of April 13, 2021
- D. Second Reading, Ordinance 2021-03 Amending Section 2.04.010 of the Orland Municipal Code Regarding Regular Council Meetings.
- E. Adopt Resolution 2021-17 to Approve an Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement to Provide Transportation Services.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley the consent calendar was approved. The motion carried 4-1, Councilmember Irvin voted no.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Designate voting delegate for Cal Cities Annual Conference and Determine the City's Position on Resolutions to be Considered at the Conference to be held September 22-24, 2021, Sacramento CA – Pete Carr, City Manager

Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to designate Mayor Roundy as the voting delegate and Mr. Carr the alternate. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Carr introduced the two resolutions that will be presented at the conference. One resolution asks for the State Legislature to pass legislation for a fair and equitable distribution of the Bradley Burns 1% local sales tax from in-state online purchases and the other calls for the CA Public Utilities Commission to fulfill its obligation to inspect railroad lines for illegal dumping, graffiti, etc.

Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to authorize the City's delegate to the Cal Cities Annual Conference to vote in the affirmative for the two resolutions that will be presented, with the provision that the expense of cleaning around the railroad tracks be assumed by the railroad companies. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Request by Arts Commission for Park Fixture Maintenance (Discussion/Action)-Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr stated the decorative lampposts along the walking path in Library Park were installed in 2007 as an Arts Commission project. The Arts Commission suggests that the exterior surface of the posts should be repaired and obtained a quote for \$2,000 to carry out the job. Any expenditure of \$1000 or more from the Public Arts Fund, other than from donated funds, requires prior approval by the City Council. Four options were presented to Councilmembers, divide the cost 50/50 between the Public Arts Fund and the General Fund, total cost borne by the General Fund, total cost borne by the Public Arts Fund and leave the posts as is.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Councilmember Dobbs, the cost of resurfacing the posts will be divided 50/50 between the Public Arts Fund and General Fund. The motion carried 3-2, with Vice Mayor Tolley and Councilmember Irvin voting no.

Councilmember Irvin asked Staff to research the cost of powder coating the lampposts.

C. Verbal Update on Drought Conditions (Discussion/Direction)- Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr reported there are approximately 165 distressed wells in the County with 114 of these reported dry. To date the City had 27 County residents receiving water thru bulk water sales. City wells are leveling off so there is a concern but are not in crisis. Glenn County Board of Supervisors imposed a new well moratorium, and the Glenn County Groundwater Task Force reports growers will be okay this season. Cal Water's wells are in good shape and have offered to help with bulk water sales.

Vice Mayor Tolley asked if from July 16 to present the water table has leveled. Mr. Carr stated there has been a small drop but not significant.

Cindy Smith, resident, asked why wells were allowed to be drilled if it was causing other established wells to be drawn down. Mr. Carr stated the City does not have any say on wells drilled outside the city limits. Councilmember Dobbs encouraged Ms. Smith to contact her Board of Supervisor for more information.

D. Well Drilling Moratorium (Discussion/Direction) – Pete Carr, City Manager

Mr. Carr stated County of Glenn recently declared a moratorium on the issuance of permits for new agricultural wells in the County, specifically excepting the cities of Orland and Willows and subsequently extended the 45-day moratorium to one year. City regulates well permitting within its jurisdiction by Orland Municipal Code 8.42 and OMC 13.06.070, provides for prohibition of water well drilling during a declared statewide water shortage or drought, when the City deems this necessary. The City's Water Conservation and Shortage Contingency Plan that was adopted June 21, 2021 did not tie well drilling to any particular stage of the Plan.

Staff proposes a draft well drilling moratorium at this time. The draft ordinance will include new residential and ag wells but does not prohibit the replacement of existing residential wells. There are approximately 20 domestic wells left within the city limits and one ag well.

Vice Mayor Tolley stated he did not think the moratorium was necessary. Councilmember Dobbs asked if residents with wells currently in the City have the option to tie into the system? Mr. Carr stated yes but some are not located close to a main so it might be cost prohibitive to connect. Councilmember Dobbs suggested an exception to those owners who cannot hook up.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Hoffman and seconded by Councilmember Irvin, Staff was directed to prepare a well drilling moratorium ordinance for the September 7th City Council meeting. The motion carried 4-1, with Vice Mayor Tolley voting no.

Vice Mayor Tolley stated if someone wants to deepen their well, the City should let them.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Irvin:

- Noted the cumulation of his past water bills is less than what it would cost to install a new well.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Suggested Gene Russell be named as the Town Historian based on the books he has written about Orland and his work with the annual History Camp.

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Roundy:

- Reports that the R.C.D. is doing a lot for fire prevention west of town.
- Glenn Co Transportation and Transit will be meeting.
- LAFCO meeting has been cancelled.

ADJOURN to CLOSED SESSION at 7:40 PM.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, the City Council will hold a Closed Session. More specific information is indicated below.

PROPERTY: Review potential sites for City infrastructure; no specific site identified.

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Pete Carr, City Manager.

NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Not applicable.

UNDER NEGOTIATION: Review potential sites and property values for City infrastructure; no specific site identified.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 7:48 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – Direction was given to Staff.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM

Janet Wackerman, City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor