

**MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Roundy at 6:31 p.m.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present:	Councilmembers Dennis Hoffman, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey A. Tolley and Mayor Bruce T. Roundy
Councilmembers absent:	Councilmember Billy Irvin
Staff present	City Manager, Peter Carr; Deputy City Clerk, Jennifer Schmitke; City Attorney, Greg Einhorn; Police Chief, Joe Vlach; Fire Chief, Justin Chaney

**ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Citizen Comments: None

**PRESENTATION: Flavored Tobacco Products – Esther Craig, Project Director, Glenn County Alliance for Protection**

Esther Craig, Project Director for Glenn County Alliance for Protection (GCAP), brought 13 Orland youth from different Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) and Friday Night Live (FNL) to speak about flavored tobacco and related products and how the tobacco companies target youth in the community. The youth gave a short presentation talking about the type of products that are flavored, locations where products can be purchased in Orland, side effects, peer pressure, misconceptions of products, data collected about tobacco use among youth within the community and support programs for youth who use these products.

Council members discussed the topic and asked that the City Attorney provide an analysis of the draft ordinance and report back to Council at a future meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for October 19, 2021.
- C. Receive and file Arts Commission minutes of September 15, 2021

Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to approve the consent calendar as presented. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0-1-0.

**Public Hearing**

City Manager Carr stated that at the last City Council meeting Habitat for Humanity gave an informational presentation about their proposed project. After meeting with staff about the project, the City and Habitat concluded that the public should be notified via a noticed public hearing.

Joseph Hale, representative for Habitat for Humanity, came to provide information for the public and presented background about other successful Habitat projects like the proposed Orland project. Mr. Hale

provided a map of the project, services that will be available and answered questions from Council and the community.

Mayor Roundy opened the Public Hearing at 7:27 pm and asked for public comment.

An Orland resident asked if the units would be single units or double units and how many people each room would hold. Mr. Hale showed on the map that the bottom floor would be ADA compliant because they are focused on elderly, disabled and veterans. There will be an onsite manager that would have the second story apartment. Mr. Hale stated the focus is on couples or singles, no family units. The woman stated she worked for Habitat for Humanity years ago and she is in favor of the project.

Bill Wathen, Deputy Director of Human Services for Glenn County, thanked Council and City staff for partnering with the County on helping find a solution to provide more single units that are needed in the community.

There were no further comments, and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 pm.

Vice Mayor Tolley read a comment from Cami Thomas from Habitat for Humanity that was posted on zoom during the meeting about how the people in need become community members and feel like they have purpose when they are housed with dignity.

Vice Mayor Tolley clarified that this would be “apartment housing with a purpose” and the Habitat representatives agreed with Mr. Tolley’s statement. Vice Mayor Tolley also asked if the current Orlanda Inn owner was okay with the project. Mr. Hale stated that the current owner is interested in selling the property.

Mayor Roundy stated he believes that this is the best option for the homeless people within the community as well as nice for the entry way into the City. Mayor Roundy asked if the City Attorney or Police Chief Vlach had any comments or concerns. Chief Vlach stated that he appreciates how everyone has been collaborative on the project and that Habitat for Humanity has been open to any suggestions and feedback given.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2021-23 authorizing the City to participate in the proposed project. The motion carried 4-0-1-0 by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Irvin

ABSTAIN: None

## **Administrative Business**

### A. Adopt Resolution 2021-24 Authorizing Application for Federal Excess Personal Property Program

Fire Chief Justin Chaney presented to Council a request for the City to be authorized to become a member of the Federal Excess Personal Property Agreement (FEPP). The Orland Rural Fire Department has been a part of FEPP for several years. The FEPP program would allow for access to aged out equipment, mostly Federal equipment, for use at local agencies within the state if you belong to the program, at no cost. Chief Chaney stated he had the ability to put a hold on an engine that would be used for out-of-county assignment and would also assist in local creek fires.

Mayor Roundy opened the discussion to public and Council.

Mayor Roundy asked if the type of engine had something more effective than the City’s current engines. Chief Chaney explained that the type 3 engine is built for more wildland fires, as opposed to the other City fire trucks which are mainly built for structure fires. He stated the City will not be out anything to acquire this

engine, the only thing that will cost money is to repaint it. Chief Chaney explained that in the agreement the City would be agreeing to maintain the upkeep of the engine and that if something catastrophic happened to the engine, the agency it was received from would be notified, and they would decide if they want it back or scrap it. Mayor Roundy stated the agreement sounded like a great idea. Mayor Roundy asked Chief Chaney if the vehicle was in good condition and if it had been fully checked out previously to the City acquiring it. Chief Chaney explained that vehicles in this program go thru a full-service program in which when they are aged out the vehicle goes through a scoring system and the program technicians make notes of any defects or problems. The only scoring issue the engine on hold was that the battery scored low, and the valves need exercising from sitting. Mayor Roundy felt those issues were items the City's mechanics could take care of easily.

Vice Mayor Tolley verified that the cost of the paint would be \$10,000.00. He asked Chief Chaney how much the City would make a day in state reimbursements off the engine if it was out being used. Chief Chaney stated that the Rural Fire District grossed around \$180,000.00 and he felt this year the new engine could double that amount, but it completely depends on the fire season. Vice Mayor Tolley also asked Chief Chaney how much the scrap cost would be if the City had to dispose of the vehicle and Chief Chaney stated that the City would be paid for scrapping the vehicle.

Councilmember Hoffman requested his comment go on record that having this extra piece of equipment that the City can send on mutual aid assignments while leaving City equipment available for local City needs will only benefit the City and Fire Department.

Councilmember Hoffman moved to approve Resolution 2021-24, authorizing Chief Chaney to sign the agreement with the Federal Excess Personal Property program and Councilmember Dobbs seconded. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0-1-0.

#### B. Determine Interest in City Seat on Golden State Risk Management Authority Board

Deputy Clerk Jennifer Schmitke presented to the Council the opportunity to decide if they would like a seat on the 2022 ballot to have a representative on the GSRMA Pool Board of Directors. Council had a short discussion making sure someone would be available to attend each meeting. Mayor Roundy stated Council would like the opportunity to be on the ballot for 2022.

#### C. Verbal Update on Drought Conditions

City Manager Carr reported as of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 265 wells have been registered as distressed. Of those wells 179 are dry, 96 of those dry wells are in the Orland planning area. 65 are struggling with well viability, 34 have submitted interest forms to sign up to connect to City water.

City Manager Carr stated that North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) will be sending out mailers to the surrounding areas outside the City that look like water lines may possibly reach if there is enough interest. After the mailer there will be a public meeting to answer questions and provide a deadline for people to fill out interest forms to allow the City to know the areas in need. Mr. Carr discussed what will happen after the deadlines passed and maps are finalized, contracts will begin to be prepared and a deadline for the contracts will be set for those interested in becoming customers of the City of Orland's water system. Mr. Carr also stated for those that do not meet the deadline or decide against signing up to become City of Orland customers, may still be able to join in the future, but they will have to pay the full price to connect.

Mr. Carr stated that there have been concerns about the water rates for the unincorporated area. Staff is working on an analysis of the actual cost of service in unincorporated areas. This information will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

City Manager Carr presented to Council that the County and NVCF are working on the short-term solutions, such as the distribution of bulk water to residents that is starting this week and is going well. The City's bulk distribution is now at two days a week assisting about 2-3 people a day. Mr. Carr also reported that the City

municipal wells' water levels have improved with the last two weeks around 5 to 10 feet per well, not in crisis or out of the woods. The next Glenn County Drought Task Force meeting will be November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Hoffman asked if the people that show interest in signing up to connect to City water in one area or are spread out around the town. Mr. Carr stated that addresses are being entered by the County and are private, but the general location of the address is posted onto the County dashboard map for citizens to look up and see those areas in need. There is a concentration of dry wells immediately South of Orland.

Vice Mayor Tolley asked if some people are out of luck because they are too far away. Mr. Carr stated the City won't be able to connect some people that are too far out of the City.

Mayor Roundy opened the discussion to public comment.

Jody Samons stated she appreciated the City reviewing the current water rates so she can answer any questions she has been asked about coming into the program.

Mayor Roundy asked if the City Attorney had any comments, City Attorney Einhorn agreed it is appropriate now to determine if rates should be modified.

Mayor Roundy asked Ms. Samons how the short-term programs were going and if there has been a lot of people signing up. Ms. Samons stated that bottled water delivery has started with around 41 people being served. She explained that 25 have requested pumps and tanks to be delivered to homes, and once a contract with Scotty's Electric is completed the tanks and pumps will be set up.

#### **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Attended Treat Street and felt the event was well run.

Councilmember Hoffman:

- Nothing new with Waste Management just housekeeping issues;
- Nothing new to report with Transportation and Transit Commission;
- Honeybee Discovery Center open Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm;
- Chamber of Commerce has their application pending for the Santa parade and tree lighting.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Roundy:

- Transportation and Transit Commission, good things on the horizon for upcoming projects.

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:27 P.M.**

#### **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 regarding this meeting is indicated below.

PROPERTY: APN 046-290-004 AGENCY  
NEGOTIATOR: Pete Carr, City Manager  
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Nancy A. Villalobos Trust  
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms of payment

PROPERTY: APN 047-070-037  
AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: Pete Carr, City Manager  
NEGOTIATING PARTIES: Brett Hightower  
UNDER NEGOTIATION: Price and terms of payment

**RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION – 8:46 P.M.**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION** - Direction was given to staff.

Meeting Adjourned 8:47 P.M.

Jennifer Schmitke, Deputy City Clerk

Bruce T. Roundy, Mayor