

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Hoffman at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present via teleconference:	Billy Irvin, Chris Dobbs
Councilmember present at Carnegie Center:	Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman
Councilmembers absent:	None
Staff present via teleconference:	City Clerk, Jennifer Schmitke; Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director, Rebecca Pendergrass; Ed Vonasek; Director of Public Works, Justin Chaney, Fire Chief; City Attorney, Greg Einhorn; Joe Vlach, Police Chief
Staff present at Carnegie Center:	City Manager, Peter Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comments: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for January 4, 2022.
- C. Designate Regional Transit Committee Alternate.
- D. Revised Resolution 2022-03 for Habitat for Humanity Project.

Vice Mayor Tolley pulled consent items A, B and D. Vice Mayor Tolley pointed out an error on a vendor name on the warrant list, asked for a correction to the vote tabulation for the January 4 minutes, said that he is willing to serve as the alternate to the Regional Transit Committee, and corrected a business name in the staff report for item D (Orlanda Motel). Mr. Carr stated that the corrections would be made.

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved to approve the consent calendar as corrected, and Councilmember Dobbs seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	Councilmember Roundy, Irvin, Vice Mayor Tolley and Mayor Hoffman
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Caltrans Interstate Beautification Project – Ed Vonasek, Public Works Director

Director Vonasek presented a proposed project to Council for a Caltrans Interstate Beautification Project. Caltrans announced their Clean California initiative which includes investments in litter collection, community engagement and education in an effort to transform unsightly roadsides. The City was solicited for input on the beautification that will take place at the northbound and southbound Interstate 5 off ramps, interchange of State Route 32.

Mr. Vonasek stated City Staff was given a short time frame to respond and suggested the installation of bee artwork to coincide with Orland being the Queen Bee Capital of North America. Caltrans agreed to the installation of two bee sculptures, one on either side of the interstate. The City has identified a local artist who has agreed to construct the two sculptures which will each stand at approximately 12 feet tall. Mr. Vonasek explained that along with the sculptures Caltrans will also be adding additional improvements to the area including stamped concrete to look like honeycomb.

Director Vonasek stated the City is being asked to enter into an agreement to support the grant as intended and stated. Caltrans requests that once the project is completed, the City takes ownership of the sculptures and continue to maintain the artwork.

Director Vonasek stated he will bring back this topic at the next City Council meeting on February 1, 2022 to meet Caltrans' requests for two public outreach meetings allow the public to have a chance to discuss the artwork.

Mr. Vonasek stated the current fiscal impact of this project, covers all construction and installation of the two sculptures, the City will only be required to pay for the ongoing maintenance of the sculptures.

Councilmember Roundy asked if the Arts Commission was approached for their input on the project. Director Vonasek stated that due to the short time frame the City had to respond the Arts Commission was not initially notified. City Manager Carr stated that the Arts Commission was informed of today's council meeting, and he believed that they would discuss the project at their January 19, 2022 meeting.

Vice Mayor Tolley asked when the Council would have to act on the project. Director Vonasek stated that approval is needed at the next City Council meeting on February 1, 2022.

Mayor Hoffman asked if the Honeybee Discovery Center has seen the art.

Councilmember Irvin asked about maintenance costs and insurance. Director Vonasek stated maintenance and insurance would be within the City scope.

B. School Resource Officer (SRO) MOU Agreement – Joe Vlach, Chief of Police

Chief Vlach presented to Council an agreement to accept a School Resource Officer Grant that was offered to Orland Police Department by Glenn County Office of Education (GCOE) Superintendent, Tracey Quarne. Chief Vlach stated that Orland Unified Superintendent Victor Perry and GCOE April Hine were both online to answer any questions.

California Department of Justice opened up grants for SRO's funded from tobacco tax legislation. Chief Vlach stated that GCOE would be the grant administrator which will fund the officer, full salary and benefits for 3 years. The grant has already started and continues for 2 ½ years. The grant covers all anticipated expenses for an experienced officer to be specially assigned as SRO on a full-

time basis for 2 ½ years. Chief Vlach stated that there is zero cost to the City for the first three years, at the end of the funding period Chief is hopeful that the grant can be reapplied for to continue the position.

Chief Vlach stated the SRO will focus much attention on tobacco abuse cessation and prevention but will also perform any other normal law enforcement functions needed. The SRO will be mobile between Orland's five campuses and two outlying in the north county (Plaza and Lake) and will be available for evening and weekend school events like football games. The SRO will also be available to respond to OPD emergencies if needed.

Councilmember Irvin asked if an explanation could be made for what a vape detector is. April Hine explained.

Vice Mayor Tolley asked Chief Vlach if the SRO that OPD had 15 years ago was helpful. Chief Vlach and Victor Perry Superintendent of Orland Unified School District agreed the experience was very successful. Mr. Perry also agreed with Chief Vlach who stated that a law enforcement presence creates relationships with the students which will then carry on into the community.

Councilmember Dobbs asked if the City would be providing a vehicle for the SRO or if since the funding has already started could the City use some of that funding to purchasing a new car for the officer. Chief Vlach stated that Orland Police Department has one or two standby vehicles for the SRO to use. April Hine stated though GCOE and the City of Orland a vehicle would be made available for the officer to drive to each school.

Action: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to approve the MOU and authorize Chief of Police to execute the agreement. The motion carried 4-0-1 by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	Councilmember Roundy, Irvin, Dobbs and Mayor Hoffman
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Vice Mayor Tolley

C. Presentation: Police Department – Joe Vlach, Chief of Police

Chief Vlach shared a slide show presentation on his departments 2022 activities. Currently there are eight patrol officers (1 K9), two sergeants and one Chief of Police. Orland Police Department (OPD) has one vacancy currently for officers, one full-time non-sworn Admin Secretary, one part-time non-sworn Public Safety Clerk (that is shared with the Fire Department) and one opening for the CSO/Records position.

Activity for 2021 was up from 2020 just a bit, a total of 5215.

Chief Vlach state disturbing the peace was the top call for his officers for the third year in a row, with welfare checks coming in second and assisting other agencies coming in third. Citations most often given out are for running stop signs, driving with no insurance and unlicensed or suspended license.

The VIPS put in 1815 volunteer hours, with a total of 15 members.

Councilmembers thanked Chief Vlach for his presentation and the work of the department.

D. Presentation: Fire Department – Justin Chaney, Fire Chief

Chief Chaney reported on the fire department's 2021 activities with a slide presentation. They presently have 40 volunteers along with a part-time office assistant that is shared with the police department. There were 718 calls, 379 within the city limits (227 City medical calls, 127 City fire calls and 25 City vehicle collision calls), 302 rural calls and 37 mutual aid calls.

Chief Chaney stated this year the budget replaced 8 sets of turn outs, 7 structure helmets, 6 structure boots, 7 structure gloves and 8 radio pagers.

Chief Chaney stated informed Council that an average volunteer puts in about 183 hours of training.

Chief Chaney stated that in the future he hopes to continue to apply for available grants, complete the radio infrastructure project, replace the roof of the main fire department building and be able to build a pump testing facility. Councilmember Roundy asked what the cost would be to build a pump testing facility. Chief Chaney believed that depending on the cost of the tank the project would be around \$50,000 to \$100,000, hopeful that a local business could donate the tank and then the only cost would be concrete and plumbing.

Councilmembers asked several questions and expressed their appreciation for the fire department.

E. High Pressure Mobile Pump System – Justin Chaney, Fire Chief

Chief Chaney presented to Council a request for authorization to purchase a high-pressure pump system for the fire department's side-by-side. Chief Chaney explained that Orland has always has a problem with vegetation fires on the north edge of town that threatens homes along the creek.

The volunteers created a committee, did some fundraising, and found some private sponsors so they could purchase a six-man side-by-side.

A high-pressure foam system just under \$22,000 and the fire department is asking the City to use money from the Measure A fire truck reserve to make the purchase and get the side-by-side completed and ready for the upcoming fire season.

Councilmember Irvin state he is for the equipment purchase but asked about wording on the Measure A funding.

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Tolley to approve the purchase of the high-pressure foam system from Golden State Fire and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote.

AYES:	Councilmember Roundy, Irvin, Dobbs, Vice Mayor and Mayor Hoffman
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

F. Verbal update on Drought Conditions and Water Connection Project - Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr reported as of January 18, 2022, a total of 311 wells had been registered as distressed. Of those wells 194 (countywide) are dry. There are 237 people that have expressed interest in connecting. Currently engineers are working on the most efficient use of money to create a loop system that will serve as many people as possible. Mr. Carr stated that the City is also working with the state on the specifications for a new well, storage facilities and booster pumps.

Mr. Carr reported that the City's wells are holding steady, and they continue to be monitored weekly. Mr. Carr stated that three pumps went out last week, but the City was fortunate to have Mr. Wim Lely to help.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Roundy:

- The Arts Commissions monthly meeting will be January 19, 2022 at 7 PM.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Requested that the page number be listed next to the agenda item.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Nothing to report.

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Hoffman:

- The Planning Commissions monthly meeting will be January 20, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:44 PM

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Public Comments: The public will have an opportunity to directly address the legislative body on the item below prior to the Council convening into closed session. Public comments are generally restricted to three minutes.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one potential case

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:58 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – Direction was given to staff.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:58 PM

Jennifer Schmitke, Deputy City Clerk

Dennis Hoffman, Mayor