

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 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

Councilmember present at Carnegie Center: Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Billy Irvin (left meeting at: 8:17 PM), Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present via teleconference: Ed Vonasek; Director of Public Works, Justin Chaney, Fire Chief; City Attorney, Greg Einhorn

Staff present at Carnegie Center: City Manager, Peter Carr; City Clerk, Jennifer Schmitke; Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director, Rebecca Pendergrass; Joe Vlach, Police Chief; Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comments: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for January 18, 2022.
- C. Receive and file Library Commission minutes of November 8, 2021.
- D. Receive and file Planning Commission minutes of December 16, 2021.
- E. Receive and file Recreation Commission minutes of November 17, 2021.
- F. Annual Treasurer's Report

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved to approve the consent calendar, and Vice Mayor Tolley 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. Compliance with AB361 – Greg Einhorn, City Attorney

Mr. Einhorn presented a resolution to Council that permits Council to continue to hold meetings in a hybrid fashion. The resolution will have to be renewed every 30 days on the consent calendar.

Action: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to adopt Resolution 2022-04 as presented. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote.

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

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

Director Vonasek presented the second public discussion of the proposed project to Council for a Caltrans Interstate Beautification Project. Mr. Vonasek presented background about the project from the previous Council meeting on January 18, 2022.

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 reminded Council that Caltrans will be covering the cost of the construction and installation of the two sculptures and the City will be required to handle the ongoing maintenance of the artwork once the project is completed.

Councilmembers thanked the local artist chosen, Mr. Jake Midgley for mocking up a small rendering of what one of the models would look like. Council also asked Mr. Midgley questions about the project and materials.

Councilmember Dobbs stated the project gives Orland an identity along I-5 and helps Orland stand out.

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved, seconded by Councilmember Irvin to authorize staff to sign the maintenance agreement. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote.

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

C. Presentation: Recreation Department – Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

Recreation Director Fenske gave a slide presentation on the status of the recreation department this past year. Mr. Fenske went over the capital improvements that have been approved as well as pending capital improvements for the future.

Mr. Fenske noted all the community partnership that work with the recreation center such as Orland Unified School District, Glenn County Office of Education, and varying Orland youth sports teams. Mr. Fenske shared the benefits of the recreation department within the community such as healthier people, public safety, quality of life, building relationships within community, and teamwork.

Mr. Fenske shared the city pool was back open full time this past year, there were 42 family passes, 4 individual passes and 4 free swim days. The pool offered lap swim, open swim and had steady aqua aerobics numbers. There were 56 private pool rentals and 26 of those days the aqua track/volleyball court were up. Orland Otters used the pool about 20 hours a week for practice and swim meets.

Mr. Fenske stated the Orland pool offered swim lessons to 299 kids this year. Seven years ago, Every Child Swims was started where the recreation department had partnered up with Mill Street second grade to give all second graders free swim lessons. After two years of not being able to offer the program last year the recreation department was able to get all 126 second graders to feel comfortable in the water and be able to get to the side of the pool safely.

Orland recreation youth including youth basketball, summer soccer, fall soccer, tiny tots tumbling. programs were back up and running having to add extra classes due to higher demand. Mr. Fenske is hoping to get summer camps back this summer. A total of 1179 children signed up this past year. Adult Programs were back up and running including Coed softball, adult volleyball, adult basketball, kickboxing, pickleball and aqua aerobics. The only program that did not come back this past year was the seniorsize program due to COVID.

Mr. Fenske thanked the City Council for their support and recognized the Public Works Department, City Hall staff, Recreation Commission and the lifeguards, umpires, and officials for their contributions to the department.

Mr. Irvin asked for Mr. Fenske's opinion on a pool heater for the pool. Mr. Fenske stated that the pool heater would benefit competitive swim but for recreational swim the heater would not be needed. Council discussed having the Recreation Commission revisit the project before it comes back to the City Council agenda.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Fenske for all he does for the Recreation Department and the City of Orland.

D. Update to Recreation Fees - Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

Mr. Fenske presented to Council recommended changes to the fee schedule for use of the recreation facilities and programs. The objective of these fees is to provide partial recovery of the cost associated with construction, maintenance of facilities, purchase of equipment and supplies and related labor within the bounds of general and reasonable residents ability to pay for the service provided. Mr. Fenske stated that fees have only increased in recent years that minimum wage also increased and the last time there were rate changes was 2019.

Mr. Fenske presented that the Recreation departments overall yearly cost is approximately \$317k. The Recreation Departments revenue is around \$60k leaving the remaining \$257k to come from the general fund.

Council reviewed the rate changes and discussed any concerns, then agreed the proposed rate changes were reasonable.

Action: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Irvin to approve the adopted fees as proposed. The motion carried 5-0 by the following roll call vote.

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

E. Update to Parks Capital Planning - Joe Fenske, Recreation Director

Recreation Director Fenske explained how impact fees are collected and how they have been utilized in the past. Mr. Fenske stated that at the last Recreation Commission meeting, the commission voted 4-0 to recommend City Council add the following projects to the Capital Improvement list:

- Replace outdated playground at the City Pool/Girls Softball field
- Development of Newport Park
- Development of a Dog Park

Action: Councilmember Irvin moved to approve all the projects except the development of the dog park to the Capital improvements list, but the motion failed due to lack of a second.

Action: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to accept the capital improvement recommendations from the Recreation commission as presented. The motion carried 3-1-1 by the following roll call vote.

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

Mid-Year Budget Review - Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr updated Councilmembers on budget revenues and expenditures, midway through the 21/22 fiscal year. General Fund revenues are 1.5% over budget and expenditures are 5% under budget. Mr. Carr stated the net between revenue and expenditure does not require staff to make any changes to the budget at this time.

Measure A revenues are running 12% ahead of budget. The Water and Sewer funds are both on track for fiscal year. The water fund has about \$1 Million in revenues coming in and \$500k going out. The sewer fund is operating similarly only at a lower dollar amount with expenditures of \$500k, against revenues of \$627k.

Councilmember Irvin stated concern about the Fire Chief's salary share with the rural fire department. Mr. Carr shared that he is in conversations with the rural fire department and the Fire Chief to come up with a payment arrangement and he will bring the information back to the City Council to discuss.

Verbal Update on Drought Conditions and Water Connection Project - Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr reported as of February 1, 2022, there has been no substantive change in the number of dry wells reported in the past two weeks. Of the 237 people that have expressed interest in

connecting, about half of the people will be connected for free. Half of the people were clustered in neighborhoods close enough to be cost effective to run the main line to, the other half were spread out so much that it wouldn't be cost effective.

The City's engineer and Public Works Director are working along with Department of Water Resources (DWR) engineers to decide where the main lines will be. The City is hopeful that the map will be complete by February 8, 2022, to show the public. The areas that are clear that the City will be able to serve are just south of town in the County Road 20 area, and northwest of Orland. The City is also working on the location and the specifications for a new well, storage facilities and booster pumps. Staff will be working over the next few weeks to prepare paperwork for each property owner.

Mr. Carr reported that the City's wells are holding steady about 20 feet below from two years ago, and they continue to be monitored weekly. Mr. Carr stated that of the three pumps went out last week, two are back up and running and Mr. Wim Lely is still working on the last one this week. Mr. Carr reported that in January the City produced 21.8 million gallons, one of the City's lowest months since January 2019.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Roundy:

- The Arts Gallery has a show February 4th, 2022 at 7 PM,
- LAFCO will be meeting on February 14th, 2022 in morning,
- Water Authority Meeting February 14th, 2022,
- Cal Cities Meeting February 14th, 2022.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Requested an update on the SRO from Chief Vlach for his reports.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- The Orland Volunteer Fire Departments annual spaghetti feed is Saturday February 5th, 2022, it will be a drive thru event from 11 AM-8 PM
- Participated in the FFA Rib Feed on January 29th, 2022

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Hoffman:

- The Honeybee Discovery Center will be open February 4th, 2022 3-6 PM
- Attended Waste Management meeting and talked about organics recycling, Councilmember Irvin added comments to the topic.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 PM

Jennifer Schmitke, Deputy City Clerk

Dennis Hoffman, Mayor