# MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 2, 2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance led by Library Director Jody Meza.

**ROLL CALL** 

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Chris Dobbs, Billy Irvin,

Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Pete Carr; Assistant City

Manager/Director of Administrative Services Rebecca Pendergrass; City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke; Police Sergeant Kyle Cessna; City Attorney Greg Einhorn;

Library Director Jody Meza

#### **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lisa Strange, Northern California Outreach Manager at the California Department of Insurance gave a brief overview of her agency's framework as well as tips and ideas for Orland residents and businesses to stay safe during fire seasons.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- **A.** Warrant List (payable obligations)
- **B.** Approve City Council Minutes for July 19, 2022
- C. Receive and file Special Joint Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2022

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, Councilmember Irvin seconded, to approve items A and C on the consent calendar. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Vice Mayor Tolley pulled consent item B with concerns about the wording of the minutes from the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, stating that he did not believe Councilmember Dobbs' motion was to approve funding, and he asked for clarification. Councilmember Dobbs explained that he moved to approve funding to send out a survey to Orland residents, not for the skatepark project, after a project cost is identified. Councilmembers discussed concerns and questions were clarified.

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Roundy to approve consent item B. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-1. (Councilmember Irvin dissenting)

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

A. Agreement for Library Realignment – City Manager Pete Carr and Library Director Jody Meza

City Manager Pete Carr presented to Council a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Council to approve transferring administrative responsibility for Glenn County branch library operations to the City of Orland.

Councilmembers discussed concerns and questions they had about the MOU being shared between the City of Orland and Glenn County regarding the operation of branch libraries.

Library Director Meza stated she approves of the MOU and is confident that the agreement will have minimal if any changes to daily library routines. Ms. Meza explained that the agreement will provide healthier budgets to branch libraries as well as more equitable services for each of the communities.

Mayor Hoffman opened the discussion to public comment.

Orland resident Mathew Romano stated concerns over the City not having a minimum base agreement and suggested the City set up a five-year agreement with Glenn County.

Action: Councilmember Roundy moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs, to approve the MOU with Glenn County to provide Orland taking administrative responsibility for operations and staffing of County library branches, with the County fully reimbursing the City at an agreed annual amount, effective July 1, 2022. The motion carried by a roll call vote 4-1.

AYES: Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and

Mayor Dennis Hoffman

NOES: Councilmember Billy Irvin

ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

## B. Verbal Update on Drought Conditions and Water Supply Project – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Pete Carr provided an update on reported dry wells, stating there are currently a total of 85 wells reported this year being affected, 57 of those are completely dry. Mr. Carr stated that the total dry wells from last year and this year is up to 384 with 249 of the wells completely dry.

Mr. Carr shared that last year the dry wells tended to be located south, southeast and northwest of the City, which are the areas the Department of Water Resources (DWR) will be connecting 168 county residents to Orland's City water system. Mr. Carr explained that this year the dry wells are clustered to the west and southwest of the City. Mr. Carr stated that the project is progressing at a good pace, the City engineers and planning team is working with the US Bureau of Reclamation on permitting.

Mr. Carr stated the City retains the ability to reliably provide safe drinking water and the municipal wells continue to be sufficient and monitored weekly.

Mr. Carr reminded Council that the City has been in stage 2 of the City's 4-stage water conservation plan since May 1, 2022(stage 2 targets a 30% water reduction). Mr. Carr shared that for the month of July Orland residents and businesses on City water used almost 81 million gallons, which was more usage

than July of 2021 and 2020. Mr. Carr shared that the July bills have been sent out with the stage 2 tiered billing which will now reflect higher rates for overages over the base allotment of 15,000 gallons.

North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF) representative Jody Samons stated that the short-term program is almost at the max capacity which is set at 200 residents. Ms. Samons mentioned that she is attending an upcoming meeting with DWR to see about expanding funding for the short-term program due to the increase in dry wells.

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

#### Councilmember Roundy:

- Will be attending Water Authority (SGMA) board meetings in August.
- Will be attending the LAFCo meeting in August 8, 2022.
- Will be attending the National Night Out in Library Park August 2, 2022.

## Councilmember Dobbs:

Nothing to report.

#### Councilmember Irvin:

- Attended the Waste Management Meeting for July, there will be a City clean-up day on October 1, 2022 at the Orland Fairgrounds.
- Attended the Glenn County Supervisors meeting at Thunderhill on July 27, 2022.

## Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Will be attending the Butte College Glenn Center ribbon cutting on August 10, 2022 at 11:00
- Attended the skate park committee meeting on July 25, 2022.
- Will be attending the next skate park committee meeting August 24, 2022 at Carnegie Center from 6-7 PM.
- Attended the Glenn County Supervisors meeting at Thunderhill on July 27, 2022.

## Mayor Hoffman:

- Will be attending National Night Out in Library Park on August 2, 2022.
- There will be a new art show August 5, 2022 at the Art Center.
- Honeybee Discovery Center will be open August 5, 2022.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:38 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION OPENED 7:44 P.M.
RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.
REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – Direction was given to staff.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Dennis G. Hoffman, Mayor