

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present:	Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman
Councilmembers absent:	Councilmember Billy Irvin
Staff present:	City Manager Pete Carr; Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services Rebecca Pendergrass; City Clerk Jennifer Schmitke; City Attorney Greg Einhorn; City Engineer Paul Rabo; Police Chief Joe Vlach; Recreation Director Joe Fenske; Library Director Jody Meza

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrant List (payable obligations)
- B. Approve City Council Minutes for November 1, 2022
- C. Receive and file Recreation Commission Minutes from June 22, 2022
- D. Receive and file Arts Commission Minutes from October 19, 2022
- E. Receive and file Economic Development Commission Minutes from May 10, 2022
- F. Receive and file Economic Development Commission Minutes from September 13, 2022
- G. Acceptance of IRWM Water Project Grant (p.70)
- H. Approval of Vacation of a Portion of Central Street (Agreement and Resolution)
- I. Approve Building Inspection Services Contract
- J. Approve Draft Letter to Glenn Ground Water Authority
- K. Adopt Resolution Accepting State Library Grant (no staff report)
- L. Award of Contract for Program Income Planning and Reporting Services

Mayor Hoffman stated that the City Manager asked to pull item 5.H. off the consent calendar until all information can be gathered.

Action: Councilmember Chris Dobbs moved, Vice Mayor Tolley seconded to approve all items except H on the consent calendar. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT

City Manager Pete Carr spoke to Council about the annual rate adjustment for contract solid waste collection services. Mr. Carr reminded Council that the City has a 10 year agreement with Waste Management (WM). Mr. Carr shared that the County, City of Willows and Orland partner together on rate services but each have their own rate structure.

Pursuant to the contract, the collection rates are subject to annual rate adjustments, increases or decreases, calculated pursuant to the most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI), diesel fuel and tipping fee rates, with an annual cap of 5%. Mr. Carr explained that this year the rate request was based on established adjustment factors that exceed the 5% cap set forth in the Master Franchise Agreement. Typical adjustments in recent years have been under 2%.

WM requests that the City Council consider the extreme unusual and significantly impactful fuel cost increase of nearly 50% and allow the total increase to exceed the 5% cap by an additional 1.71%. Based on the contract in place, the collection rates must be adjusted pursuant to the 5% cap amount. Mr. Carr stated he believed Willows and Glenn County were going to stick with the 5% and that legal counsel advised there is basis only for the 5% adjustment. Council at its discretion may consider the contractor's requested 6.71% rate increase or stay at the 5% cap.

Mayor Dennis Hoffman shared that the cap was put in place years ago to protect homeowners from rate adjustments increasing dramatically. Mayor Hoffman recommended that the Council keep the 5% cap.

Vice Mayor Tolley stated he would like to follow through with the planned rate adjustments, sharing that staying at the current 5% will hold residents and WM accountable.

Councilmember Roundy shared keeping the agreement at 5% makes the most sense. Councilmember Roundy stated the 5% rate cap protects homeowners and still allows WM to provide the necessary services they are contracted to do.

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved; Councilmember Roundy seconded to approve the 5% rate adjustment effective January 1, 2023. The motion carried by a roll call vote 4-0.

AYES:	Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

B. ACCEPT DONATION OF SCOREBOARD

Recreation Director Joe Fenske spoke to Council about upgrades to Spence Park that Orland High School softball coach Kim Cutshall had presented to the Recreation Commission on October 24, 2022. Mr. Fenske explained that the upgrades would include a scoreboard for the southeast softball field, new bleachers, and cinder for the infields. Mr. Fenske noted that Coach Cutshall and Coach English were present at the meeting and were asking for approval of the new scoreboard.

Mr. Fenske presented pictures of similar scoreboards to show what the scoreboards could look like and showed on a map where the scoreboard would be installed in Spence Park. Mr. Fenske shared that the installation of the scoreboard will be donated and that the local contractors will coordinate with the Public Works Department for installation. Mr. Fenske stated that City Staff suggested including the City seal on the scoreboard. The Recreation Commission is recommending that Spence Park be posted on the scoreboard along with Orland Trojans. Mr. Fenske explained that if any local business helps with the purchase of the scoreboard, recognition for that business will also be placed on the scoreboard.

Action: Councilmember Dobbs moved, Vice Mayor Tolley seconded to accept the Recreation Commission recommendation. The motion carried by a roll call vote 4-0.

AYES:	Councilmembers Bruce Roundy, Chris Dobbs, Vice Mayor Jeffrey Tolley and Mayor Dennis Hoffman
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

C. PARKS FACILITIES SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Fenske provided results from the recreation survey that City Staff sent out with the September water bills (2647 were sent in water bills) and were also available online. City Staff collected surveys from Oct 4th – October 26, 2022. Mr. Fenske stated to Council that some results from the online survey could have come back from people that do not reside inside City limits.

Mr. Fenske shared 391 surveys were returned, 230 were returned with water bills and 161 surveys were submitted online. Mr. Fenske presented an image of what the mailed out surveys looked like, sharing that they were sent out in both English and Spanish. Mr. Fenske stated that the surveys informed residents of projects that have been completed in the last 10 years, projects in progress and gave four ideas of future projects.

Mr. Fenske presented graphs for Council to review regarding results from the skatepark surveys.

Question one on the survey: With an estimated cost of \$1-2 million paid mostly by a grant, perhaps \$100,000 cost to City, is building a concrete skate park a high priority?

*300 votes 76.7% stated low priority

*91 votes 23.2% stated high priority

Question two: If Orland had a skatepark, would you or your family use it?

*306 votes 78.2% stated their family would not use a skate park

*85 votes 21.7% stated their family would use a skate park

Question three: Ranking the following in order of importance, #1 being the most important and #6 being the least important. Dog park, pool heater, skatepark, new multipurpose parks/soccer fields, improve baseball/softball fields or other.

#1 Improve Fields

#2 New Multi-Purpose Fields

#3 Pool Heater

#4 Dog Park

#5 Skate Park

#6 Other

Mr. Fenske stated that when residents listed “other” on their survey, many comments did not pertain to Recreation Department facilities. Mr. Fenske shared some examples of requests for more walking paths, beautifying the pond at Lely Park and fixing County roads. Councilmember Roundy stated he felt it was important for everyone on Council to know what residents listed and asked if Mr. Fenske could provide the results in each Councilmember’s mailbox.

Councilmember Roundy stated his appreciation for all residents that filled out the surveys and shared that he would take into advisement what residents are wanting.

Vice Mayor Tolley shared his comments and feelings on the skate park survey that was sent out by the City and compared numbers with the survey that went out from Orland Unified School District. Vice Mayor Tolley stated he felt the skate park should be discussed more.

Mr. Fenske stated that the Recreation Commission’s recommendation to the skate park committee was to move forward gathering more information, which they completed with the survey sent out by City Staff, to bring forward locations for the skate park and City will provide minimum costs not to exceed 5% of total project costs. Mr. Fenske asked if Council would like to allow the skate park committee to continue moving forward with the project.

Recreation Chairperson Karen Baldrige stated that the Recreation Commission has put the decision over the skate park into the City Council’s hands. Ms. Baldrige shared that the Recreation Commission asked for the survey and stated the Commission felt the survey would give the results to Council to enable them to decide on whether the skate park should proceed or not.

Skate park Committee representative Leilani Miller shared her feelings on the skate park and stated that the skate park committee would like to continue working on the skate park by finding a location and continue looking for funding or grants with City Staff.

Councilmember Roundy stated that the survey was to help find what hierarchal level the skate park was for residents before getting it on the recreation project list. Councilmember Roundy shared that when talking to youth and observing what kids are doing around town, he doesn’t see many kids skateboarding. Councilmember Roundy stated that the \$2 million is a lot of money to spend on a project that will only serve a small number of kids; he would like to see more interest from the youth for such a large amount being spent. Councilmember Roundy shared his advice to the skate park committee which was to get on the recreation list of priority projects, get more volunteers to help work on the skate park and to keep looking for locations and, most importantly, keep looking into grants to support project.

Diane Graves, County resident, asked Director Fenske if there is a master plan for the Recreation Department. Mr. Fenske stated that in July the Capital Improvements list was updated and gave Ms. Graves an update on projects that are currently being worked on as well as a list of items that the Recreation Department will be working on in the future. Mr. Fenske shared that items on the bottom of the list do not yet have funding and will not move up until the items on the top of the list are completed. Mr. Fenske stated if Council directed him to do so he would bring the skate park back to the Recreation Committee and ask that they put the skatepark on the Capital Improvement list.

Fernando Macias, Orland resident shared a little history of himself growing up in Orland without a skate park and shared his feedback on why he felt the Council and community should support the skate park project.

Mr. Carr shared that identifying the prioritization of projects on the Facilities Masterplans helps inform not only what the City can work on when impact fees come in but also helps the City decide what grants to apply for.

Karen Baldrige asked for clarification on if the Council asks the Recreation Commission to put the skate park onto the Recreation project list and when funding is available the City would be paying for the entire project. Ms. Baldrige stated that Vice Mayor Tolley came to the Recreation Commission he specifically stated the City would only pay 5% cost of the project and all other funding would come from grants. Ms. Baldrige shared that the money that goes toward projects on the Recreation improvement list comes from new homes being built. Mayor Hoffman stated that if the skate park committee quoted the Recreation Commission a price, they should hold up their end of the deal.

Councilmembers unanimously agreed to get the skate park onto the Recreation Commission improvement list and asked that the skate park committee continue working with City Staff to look for funding and land for the project.

D. VERBAL UPDATE ON DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

City Manager Pete Carr provided an update on reported dry wells, stating there have been 3 new wells reported since the last City Council meeting. Currently the total of dry or at-risk wells being reported this year is 126. The total number of wells affected for this drought is now listed at 422 in Glenn County.

Mr. Carr shared with Council that the groundwater project is progressing and this week the City is sending out requests for contractors to bid on the new well. Engineering work and soil analysis are still underway before bids can go out for the storage tank, and main line construction in advanced stages of engineering.

Mr. Carr stated that the City's municipal wells remain stable. Mr. Carr showed a graph that was published November 8th, 2022 by the federal government that tracks droughts nationwide comparing the drought in California from last year to this year, which showed northern California has gone from exceptional drought conditions up to extreme drought.

Mr. Carr reminded Council that the City is still in stage 2 of the water contingency plan.

Councilmember Roundy stated he would like to see the City of Orland set aside funds for a deeper well in case there are severe problems in future years, this could be an investment in the future.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Roundy:

- Transportation and Transit meeting is cancelled for the month of November.
- LAFCo was cancelled for the month of November.
- Attended the League of Cities Conference via phone.
- November 26th there will be a Chamber event downtown including a tree lighting and parade.

- November 26th - 27th there will be a Craft Fair at the Fairgrounds.

Councilmember Dobbs:

- Shared that he ate at Old Town Lounge, the food and service were excellent.
- Attended the November 14th Volunteer Fire Department meeting.

Councilmember Irvin:

- Shared that his family attended Treat Street and they noted it was a great turn out.

Vice Mayor Tolley:

- Nothing to report.

Mayor Hoffman:

- Will be attending the Chamber of Commerce parade and tree lighting downtown November 26th at 5pm.
- Orland Craft Fair is November 26th -27th at the Fairgrounds.
- The Chamber of commerce is having a coffee get together every third Thursday of the month.

Mr. Carr updated Council on Queen Bee Bucks, digital gift cards that can only be used at participating locally owned businesses sharing that there are currently 28 merchants participating. Mr. Carr stated the gift cards sold out \$25,000 in the first week.

Mayor Hoffman thanked the community of Orland for allowing him to serve on City Council for the past 12 years, stating it has been an honor and privilege.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:41 P.M.

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Dennis G. Hoffman, Mayor