

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance

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/Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Pendergrass; City Attorney Greg Einhorn; Public Works Director Ed Vonasek; Police Chief Joe Vlach; Library Director Jody Meza
New Councilmembers present:	John McDermott and Mathew Romano

STATEMENT OF RESULTS FOR GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-31 Certifying the Canvass and Statement of Results for the General Election held November 8, 2022

Action: Vice Mayor Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember Dobbs to adopt resolution 2022-31 Certifying the Canvass and statement of results for the General Election held November 8, 2022. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

RECOGNITION OF COUNCILMEMBERS DENNIS G. HOFFMAN AND BILLY IRVIN

Vice Mayor Tolley presented plaques on behalf of the City Council to Mayor Hoffman and Councilmember Irvin. Vice Mayor Tolley thanked Councilmember Irvin for his service over the past four years to the Orland Community. Vice Mayor Tolley acknowledged Mayor Hoffman's many years of service on City Council as Councilmember, Vice Mayor and Mayor and thanked Mayor Hoffman for his dedication to the Orland Community for the past 12 years.

Councilmember Dobbs thanked both Councilmember Irvin and Mayor Hoffman for their service and guidance they have provided him over the past few years.

Councilmember Roundy shared his appreciation and acknowledged the dedication that both Mayor Hoffman and Councilmember Irvin have put in over the years.

Councilmember Irvin thanked the community for giving him the opportunity to serve the City of Orland the past four years.

Mayor Hoffman thanked the community for all the opportunities he has had and stated he was honored to have served the community of Orland over the past 12 years.

Jeff Williams, City of Willows Councilmember, thanked Councilmembers Irvin and Mayor Hoffman for their dedication to the Community.

OATH OF AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE FOR NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Pendergrass administered the Oath of Affirmation to Councilmembers elect John McDermott and Mathew Romano. Their terms will continue for four years. The new Councilmembers took their place on the dais.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Deputy City Clerk Pendergrass requested nominations for Mayor for 2022-2023. Councilmember McDermott recommended Councilmember Dobbs. With no further nominations, the nomination was closed.

Action: Councilmember Dobbs was declared Mayor for 2022-2023. The motion was carried 4-1 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Roundy, Dobbs, McDermott and Romano

NOES: Councilmember Tolley

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Deputy City Clerk Pendergrass requested nominations for Vice Mayor for 2022-2023. Mayor Dobbs recommended Councilmember Roundy. With no further nominations, the nomination was closed.

Action: Councilmember Roundy was declared Vice Mayor for 2022-2023. The motion was carried 3-2 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Roundy, McDermott and Mayor Dobbs

NOES: Councilmembers Tolley and Romano

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Dobbs asked Council to send the City Clerk their preferences and availability for each Board or Commission so he can have the list prepared for the 2022-2023 appointments for Boards and Commissions available at the next Council Meeting in December.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tracy Quarne, Orland resident and Council alumnus, welcomed both Councilmembers Romano and McDermott and thanked them for stepping up and taking on the challenge to serve on a public board. Mr. Quarne shared with Council that he was 8 days away from retirement and thanked the City for giving him his start 18 years ago when he was first sworn onto City Council.

Vern Montague, Orland resident and Council alumnus, thanked new Councilmembers and Councilmembers that were leaving for their service to the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Warrant List (payable obligations)
- B. AB361 Compliance
- C. Approve City Council Minutes for November 15, 2022
- D. Receive and file Library Commission Minutes from July 11, 2022
- E. Receive and file Planning Commission Minutes from August 18, 2022
- F. Receive and file Planning Commission Minutes from October 20, 2022
- G. Adopt Resolution Accepting State Library Grant
- H. Award of Contract for Program Income Planning and Reporting Services

Action: Councilmember Tolley moved, seconded by Councilmember McDermott, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED MOU WITH GLENN COUNTY FOR COST SHARE OF ORLAND FREE LIBRARY OPERATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

City Manager Carr reminded Council that on August 2, Council reviewed and approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for transfer of responsibility for branch libraries to the City on what is essentially a pass-thru budget basis; this MOU did not include funding for the City library.

Mr. Carr stated that City staff proposed an updated cost share framework with Glenn County that would proportionately reflect the costs versus services used, which is currently still being negotiated. For now, the County has created an MOU that establishes cost share for the Orland Library for the current fiscal year, which is a 5% (\$4500) increase over the last fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Roundy stated that he has been waiting for action on this topic for a long time and expressed his happiness to see some resolve to the topic.

Action: Councilmember McDermott moved; Vice Mayor Roundy seconded to approve the proposed MOU with the County of Glenn to establish cost share for library operations for this fiscal year. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

B. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Mr. Carr presented a proposal to Council for installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the downtown area. Mr. Carr spoke about the need for EV charging stations along the freeway and the reminded Council that one objective placed on the annual projects list earlier on in the year, with encouragement from the Economic Development Commission (EDC), was bringing EV chargers to the downtown area near restaurants and businesses.

City Staff has been contacting vendors, one vendor has responded to City solicitation and has turned in a concept layout and draft contract for the City to consider. Mr. Carr shared that tonight he would like to introduce the concept from the vendor and talk with Council about any concerns or questions they may have with the project.

Mr. Carr briefly spoke about the proposed agreement, shared a few key conditions from the vendor and presented the diagram depicting proposed location of EV spaces and equipment.

Mayor Dobbs stated concerns about the EV spots being located on the Honeybee Discovery Center (HDC) lot and asked if it was a deal breaker with the vendor. Mr. Carr responded that the vendor is open and didn't feel the spot on the HDC lot was essential.

Councilmember Romano asked if the EV spots could be located in street parking spots instead of the parking lot. Mr. Carr stated more spots could be located in street parking spots (something the City could look into more), but the EV spots would need to be close in location to the power source.

Vice Mayor Roundy stated the downtown area needs more parking and that merchants have shared concerns with him that the lack of parking is an issue in the downtown area. Vice Mayor Roundy suggested the City do the minimum EV parking spaces, continue to look for other open lots that can add to downtown parking for the future and continue to get feedback from downtown business owners.

Billy Irvin, Orland resident, stated concern about only the vendor Rivian being able to charge certain EV's at the moment.

Mayor Dobbs stated he would like to see more common or known charging stations rather than dedicate all the spaces to Rivian.

Mr. Carr thanked Council for their feedback and shared that City Staff will continue working on project.

C. UPDATE ON QUEEN BEE BUCKS

Mr. Carr reported that as of November 1 the City launched the local Queen Bee Bucks digital gift cards. Mr. Carr stated currently there are 30 businesses participating in the program, 313 gift cards have been purchased and 292 cards were awarded from the City's ARPA funds. The total value put into the Queen Bee Bucks as of December 6th is \$68,398.00 and 37% of the cards have already been redeemed.

Vice Mayor Roundy expressed his thankfulness for the program doing so well within the community.

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 no new or at-risk wells reported since the last City Council meeting. Currently the total of dry or at-risk wells being reported this year is still 126. The total number of wells affected for this drought is now listed at 422 in Glenn County.

Mr. Carr shared that the in-City connections are in progress, moving along slowly due to having a limited crew. Mr. Carr stated that City and State engineers are working on the water project daily and with Department of Water Resources (DWR) weekly.

Mr. Carr shared that phase 2 of the DWR project, where the main line goes out into the County, is about 90% designed, and within the next few weeks the plans should be distributed to County and City officials for review and then hopefully the contract for construction bids will go out in January.

Mr. Carr reported that December 6 City Staff opened bids for the construction/drilling of the well that is associated with the DWR project. Staff is evaluating the three bids that came in and will bring to Council for approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Carr stated that the City's municipal well levels remain stable, and wells continue to be tested weekly.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Vice Mayor Roundy:

- Transportation and Transit meeting is cancelled for the month of November.
- LAFCo will have a meeting Monday December 12th.
- Glenn County Water Authority will have a meeting December 12th.

Mayor Dobbs:

- Attended the Fireman's Awards Night December 3rd.
- The Orland Volunteer Fire Department has a meeting December 19th.

Councilmember Romano:

- Asked if there anything that could be worked on for the HDC lot, while the Rivian project was being started. Public Works Director Vonasek stated that Council has to direct Public Works if there was anything they would like to get done pertaining to the HDC.
- Would like to have the West side annexation as a future agenda item.

Councilmember Tolley:

- Nothing to report.

Councilmember McDermott:

- Stated his appreciation for being on Council.

Mayor Dobbs stated he looks forward to working with Councilmembers Romano and McDermott within the next few years.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

Jennifer Schmitke, City Clerk

Chris Dobbs, Mayor