

LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTATION

Councilmembers Edwards, Hoffman, Vice Mayor Roundy and Mayor Gee attended Virtual Reality 3-D demonstration at the Orland Free Library.

Adjourned to regular meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Reconvene into regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Gee. Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: Chief of Police J.C. Tolle, Recreation Director Joe Fenske, Library Director Jody Meza, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Asst. City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Brien Hamilton, 4560 Highway 99, stated he was out of town when he received a notice regarding Council's approval of constructing a fence at the north end of Fourth and Fifth Streets which borders the irrigation canal. He advised he understands the City's search for a solution to help deter canal-related tragedy; however, he said it will cause impairment to the use of his property that has had prescriptive rights since 1914 when the canal was installed. Mr. Hamilton asked why public funds were being used. He also stated the fence would eliminate access for two residences on the property. Mr. Hamilton asked if the issue could be readdressed. Mayor Gee stated that Mr. Hamilton had mentioned about the possibility of installing an electronic gate. Mayor Gee directed staff to place the item on the next agenda and advised Mr. Hamilton to meet with the City Manager, Public Works Director and Fire Chief to review the situation.

Byron Denton, 127 Tanner Way, congratulated Mayor Gee on his reelection to Mayor. Mr. Denton thanked and shared his appreciation to the City Council and staff for their years of serving the community.

Mr. Denton stated the Avenue of Lights has been quite a success since it started 15 years ago.

Jeff Williams, Willows City Councilmember, thanked Council for their time and professionalism in serving the community and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Presentations:

Library Director Meza presented a slide show on the annual review of the Library. Ms. Meza stated the library receives various financial support from organizations and volunteers, grants and anonymous donations. The library offers many children and adult programs throughout the year, as well as a literacy program (partner with Glenn County Office of Education). Stats provided: 9,564 library card holders, an increase of 538 since last year; 37,048 visitors to the library; and 38,329 items checked out this past year. Ms. Meza stated the library has expanded to e-books and audio and seven (7) public computers on site for patrons. It was noted that the library website was accessed by 25,433 (more than doubled from last year) patrons. Ms. Meza stated the biggest goal is to expand hours in the future for the library. It was noted that since the Library installed cameras there have not been any problems. Council thanked Ms. Meza for her hard work. Vice Mayor Roundy stated the City has grown and needs to consider the library in next year's budget.

Recreation Director Fenske presented a slide show on the annual review of the Recreation Department. Mr. Fenske presented a list of completed capital improvement projects which included: Lely Park play structure; scoreboards at Lely softball fields; floating play structures and basketball hoops at pool; family picnic area at pool; online registration (go live January 2018); and pool bathrooms. Future capital improvements projects listed: Community Center; Lely Park Recreation Trail; Pump Track; Lights at baseball and softball fields, upgrades at Lely ball and baseball fields. Various youth recreation programs are ongoing from soccer to summer camps, as well as many adult/senior recreation programs. Mr. Fenske reported the pool was very busy. It was booked for 35 out of 36 days available for pool parties, as well as 225 second graders participating in the school free swim lessons. Free swim days were also made available through donations from local organizations. Mr. Fenske noted the cost to sponsor a pool party is not covering all city's costs. Mr. Fenske thanked all city staff for their help and support throughout the year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for December 4, 2017.
- C. Receive and file Economic Development Commission minutes for November 14, 2017.

Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Roundy to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following voice vote:
AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Recreation Director Fenske brought forward a proposal from the Recreation Commission regarding improvements to Lely Park ball fields. Past years during baseball season there have been problems with constant flooding and pooling of water on both fields due to rain storms and runoff. This issue has caused the infields to not drain properly and leaves the field in an unsafe condition once they are dry. The recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission is to utilize \$40,000 from Parks and Recreation Development Impact Fees for materials for field improvements (install an infiltrator drain system with perforated drain pipe, etc.). Orland Little League advised they will put in the labor to complete the project at no cost.

Action: Councilmember Paschall moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Roundy to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission on Lely Park field improvements, not to exceed \$44,000, with labor donated. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Hoffman reported on the following:

- Santa went to the library and read to the children.

Councilmember Edwards reported on the following:

- Attended "Wreaths Across America" in Willows;
- Attended Christmas Concert at Willows Memorial Hall;
- Attended Orland Area Sikh Society which gave donations to 15 deserving students.

Councilmember Paschall had no reports at this time.

Vice Mayor Roundy reported on the following:

- Volunteered at Orland Pantry – Christmas baskets provided, many organization donations and volunteers;
- Helped with school food drive.

Mayor Gee reported on the following:

- Will be attending County/City Tax Share meeting on Dec. 21st.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

_____ Clerk

_____ Mayor