

MINUTES OF THE ORLAND CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call:

Councilmembers present: Dennis Hoffman, Salina Edwards, Jim Paschall, Bruce Roundy and Mayor Charles Gee
Councilmembers absent: None
Staff present: City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

Citizen Comments:

None

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section: 54956.8

Properties: APN's 040-187-001-000; 040-206-001-000 (RR)

Agency Negotiator: Pete Carr
Negotiation parties: Southern Pacific Railroad
Under negotiation: Suitability, price and terms

Meeting adjourned to open session at 6:50 p.m. Direction was given to staff.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Information was given to Council. Direction was given to staff.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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, Public Works Director Ed Vonasek, City Engineer Ken Skillman, City Planner Scott Friend, City Attorney Greg Einhorn, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Angie Crook and City Manager Pete Carr

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Citizen Comments:

Carisa Hettich, Executive Director of the Cascades Region Southwest Oregon Chapter Red Cross, thanked the City for opening up their community and allowing a shelter in Orland. Ms. Hettich gave an update on the current activities at the shelter and advised she is the point of contact for anyone with any questions or concerns. Ms. Hettich advised the Red Cross will be distributing relief kits to evacuees and caseworkers will be meeting with families. Ms. Hettich was not aware of plans for the total projected shelter population

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Warrant List (payable obligations).
- B. Approve City Council minutes for November 5, 2018.
- C. Receive and file Arts Commission for October 17, 2018.
- D. Receive and file Library Commission minutes for September 27, 2018.
- E. Receive and file Public Works & Safety Commission minutes for April 10, 2018.

Action: Councilmember Edwards moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall 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

- A. CONTINUED UNTIL DECEMBER 17, 2018 – Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZCA #2018-03) – Monument Sign Spacing.**
An amendment to OMC Section 17.78.250, *Pole Signs* to allow existing legal parcels existing on the effective date of the Ordinance and located within six hundred (600) feet of Interstate "5" in the "C-2" (Community Commercial), "C-H" (Highway Service Commercial) or "PD" (Planned Development) Zoning Districts, to have a maximum of one (1) pole sign regardless of the presence of such a sign on an adjacent property and located within the 330 feet spacing standard outlined in OMC 17.78.250.4.

B. Receive public comments and discuss Caltrans proposal to increase speed on a section of State Route 32 a.k.a. Walker Street (between 3rd and 7th Streets).

City Manager Carr brought forward discussion on a recommendation from Caltrans regarding the proposed increase of speed on SR 32/Walker Street from 25 MPH to 30 MPH between 3rd and 7th Street. Mr. Carr advised the increase in speed is inconsistent with the City’s proposed streetscape plan. This issue was discussed at the last Public Works and Safety Commission meeting and all opposed the recommendation.

Mayor Gee open the public hearing for comments at 7:18 p.m. Councilmember Edwards spoke on the existing difficulty for elderly seniors to safely cross SR 32 as well as students crossing SR 32 to go to school. Francey Midgley stated 25 MHP is fast enough for one lane traffic. Jerry Kraemer asked if Caltrans or the City had a planned stoplight or pedestrian crossing aid for 3rd, 4th or 5th Streets. Mayor Gee advised there is no stoplight in the streetscape plan for the future. Mayor Gee stated speeding up the traffic is counterproductive. Attila Bereczky didn’t feel the increased speed would cause problems since the Caltrans study had shown cars were already at this speed. Billy Irvin stated the speed limit should remain the same from the freeway all through town, whether it is 35 or 25 MPH, to prevent a bottleneck of traffic in the middle. Mr. Irvin stated Caltrans and CHP have already stated the speed increase will not change things as cars were already traveling at the higher speed. Vice Mayor Roundy stated being a Driver Training Instructor, it is very important to maintain the speed limit at 25 MPH for pedestrian safety through the downtown. Chief of Police Tolle advised to keep the speed limit at 25 MPH. Councilmember Paschall didn’t see any reason to change it.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall recommends that Caltrans keep the speed limit at 25 MPH. 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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Mayor Gee requested an emergency item be added to the agenda regarding discussion on temporary emergency housing for Camp Fire evacuees.

Action: Councilmember Hoffman moved, seconded by Councilmember Paschall to request adding an emergency agenda item to discuss temporary emergency housing for Camp Fire evacuees. 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

Scott Arbuckle contacted Mayor Gee regarding his discussion with Paul Farsai to lease and reopen the Old Orchard RV Park on a temporary basis in order to accommodate temporary housing for Camp Fire evacuees. Mr. Arbuckle advised he would manage and rent the property on a temporary basis; possibly nine (9) months, through FEMA and insurance companies. Mr. Arbuckle hoped the City could possibly forgo or expedite any potential requirements, i.e. zoning, he may need. Mr. Arbuckle asked if the City could consider a possible fee waiver for green waste as he will need to trim trees and clean up the RV park. Mr. Carr advised the City does have jurisdiction over the park when being considered as temporary quarters. Mr. Carr advised when an application is submitted, staff will alert him to any issue, with the intent to get the application processed quickly. Council discussed and supported Mr. Arbuckle's endeavors.

A. Update on paid Fire Chief topic– Pete Carr – City Manager

City Manager Carr brought forward an update on plans for a paid Fire Chief. The Orland Rural Fire District property tax measure was planned to share with the costs of a paid fire chief position. Mr. Carr advised it appears the measure has failed in the General Election of November 6, 2018. City Manager asked Council to discuss whether the City waits for Rural funding or consider a time table to share in those costs. Mr. Carr acknowledged the City will need to find a way to fund a paid chief position, as no volunteers are willing to take this position. Fire Chief Chaney advised the Rural Board has not had a meeting since the election to discuss their position going forward. John McDermott, Orland Volunteer Fire Department, expressed the department needs City help now and they do not want to lose good leadership. Vice Mayor Roundy stated the Rural Board need to help to some extent. Councilmember Paschall advised the volunteers need to get some momentum going to push this forward. Councilmember Hoffman stated perhaps Rural be billed on a per call basis. Mayor Gee stated discussion on the topic will be postponed until after the Rural Board meets again; however, the concept does have Council's full support. Councilmember Edwards stated the Rural Board needs to work with City because City residents should not have to support services that are being provided to the County. It was noted that Orland Volunteer Fireman Brandon Livingston will be representing the volunteers on this topic. Mayor Gee suggested the Orland volunteers speak with Glenn County Board of Supervisor John Viegas.

B. Update and discussion on Ambulance services – Pete Carr, City Manager

City Manager Carr advised the Ambulance Task Force has agreed there is a need for one more ambulance within the County. Westside Ambulance has an exclusive joint powers agreement within the north county area; however, they do have inter-facility transfers which cause increased wait times for volunteer first responders during emergencies. Council discussed and agreed there is a need for an additional ambulance; however, they are unable to determine at this time if the Glenn County Supervisors or City of Willows will be supportive to this cause. Fire Chief Chaney stated residents need to be made of aware of this ongoing issue and the funding that is needed to provide another ambulance. Council directed City Manager Carr and Councilmember Paschall to bring the issue forward on the BOS agenda.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Hoffman:

- On Saturday, Nov 24th the Christmas Light Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m.; tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Edwards:

- Attended Veterans Day program in Willows;
- Attended Hunter's Luncheon in Bayliss (library fundraiser).

Vice Mayor Roundy:

- Attended RCD conference; wants to see arrundo eradicated; Kandy Manhart named Employee of the Year;
- Paradise Camp Fire tragedy; discussed on how to help families (donations, etc.); visited with evacuees at the fairgrounds shelter.

Mayor Gee asked if Glenn County was putting on a Free Tire Amnesty Day at the landfill on December 1st. No confirmation was known at this time.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Angela Crook, City Clerk

Charles Gee, Mayor