



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

**February 03, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council Members: Chuck Reynolds, Scott Thomson, Tracy Johnstone, Janet Goodson, Shawn Webber (**ABSENT**), Vice Mayor Eric Smith, Mayor David Pittman

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel, the Council met with the City Attorney and City Administrator to discuss Existing Litigation (two cases) pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9. Name of Case 1: Martinez v. City of Oroville Case No. 25CV04231 Name of Case 2: Unspecified on basis of service of process.
2. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957, the Council met with the Personnel Officer to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluations. Position title: Department Heads and Contract employees

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – No reportable action taken; Direction given to staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – led by students from Ophir Elementary School.
3. Corrections/Changes to the Agenda – None
4. Recusals – None.
5. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. LEVEE UPDATE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS

The City Council received an update from the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) on a screening recently completed of the levee that runs through downtown Oroville and south along Highway 70. This update was accepted for information.

2. VERDIN MARKETING – ANNUAL UPDATE AND PERFORMANCE METRICS PRESENTATION

The City Council received a presentation from Verdin Marketing summarizing the marketing and branding work completed on behalf of the City over the past year. The presentation included performance metrics demonstrating the effectiveness of these efforts. This presentation was accepted for information.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Rhonda Magnusson; The CameraMan; Bill Speer.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Vice Mayor Smith: Reported that the new Applebee's and IHOP expansion has a grand opening scheduled for February 10th at 9AM. The community is invited to attend. He also announced that the kickoff meeting for the planning of Feather Fiesta Days begins tomorrow.

Council Member Thomson: Announced that historian and author Bill Fedder will be in Oroville on Sunday, February 9, 2026 at the Riverside Church at 10AM.

Mayor David Pittman: Reported his attendance at the League of California Cities Mayor and Council Member Seminar. In addition, he toured the new jail facility and did a walkthrough of it.

2. Administration Reports

Ron Belser, Code Enforcement Director: Provided a monthly statistic update for the month of January 2026. Stated his team is doing a great job and is utilizing the new Comcate software to help move cases along.

Jason Wines, Chief of Police: Reported that Citizen Connect software is up and running.

Patrick Piatt, Community Development Director: Announced Oroville has been picked to receive a downtown revitalization grant.

Tim Kaber, Public Works Director: The monthly report from PW will come at the next meeting on February 17th, 2026. Notified Council that Butte County is currently conducting traffic counts.

Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk and Elections Official: Reminded Council that Form 700 forms are due April 1, 2026. Announced that the application period for the Future Leaders Program has been extended to February 16, 2026.

Brian Ring, City Administrator: Notified Council that 311 is being used with 25 reports received in the last 30 days. He also gave an update on the Federal government shutdown that occurred over the weekend. The government came to an agreement today, February 3, 2026 and will reopen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1, 3, 5 and 6** were adopted in one action by the Council. Items 2 and 4 were removed discussed and voted on immediately after adoption of consent calendar items.

Vote on item(s) 1, 3, 5 and 6:

Motioned by: Vice Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

1. FORECLOSURE OF 58 LA CRESENTA DRIVE

The City Council authorized the Director of Business Assistance and Housing Development the authority to obtain title to 58 La Cresenta Drive by either initiating foreclosure proceedings or negotiating the execution of a Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure at 58 La Cresenta Drive (APN 031-086-020). This was done by adopting Resolution No. 9437.

2. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR REAL ESTATE BROKER SERVICES

The City Council approved a Professional Services Agreement with Karen Whitlow-Martin Real Estate Services, for Real Estate Broker Services with a term through February 28, 2029. This was formalized by adopting Resolution No. 9436 and approving Agreement No. 3577 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF \$1,000 INAUGURAL GRANT FROM THE REGISTRARS COMMITTEE-
WESTERN REGION (RC-WR)**

The City Council accepted a \$1,000 Inaugural Grant awarded to the City of Oroville museums by the Registrars Committee–Western Region (RC-WR) to support a preventive conservation project focused on the ongoing care of museum collections and exhibit areas.

4. PUBLIC ART AND BEAUTIFICATION- MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT

The City Council approved funding a project in the amount of \$15,000.00 under the City's Art in Public Places / Oroville Beautification Program, as authorized by Ordinance No. 1798. The program supports both new public art and restoration of existing works. A proposal was received to restore the historic "Black Bart Stagecoach Robbery" mural located at 1910 Bird Street. The proposal was approved by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

**5. NORTHSTAR TASK ORDER NO. 20 – FOOTHILL BOULEVARD SURVEY AND STORM
DRAIN REPLACEMENT ADDITIONAL WORK AUTHORIZATION #1 FOR PAVEMENT
DESIGN**

The City Council approved an Additional Work Authorization #1 (AWA #1) for Task Order No. 20 to NorthStar Engineering for the design of approximately 3,700 feet of pavement replacement. Bid support and construction administration is also included in this AWA.

6. APPROVAL OF 01.20.2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the regular meeting minutes of 01.20.2026.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. FEE WAIVER REQUEST – AUXILIARY TO THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OROVILLE POST 1747

The Council approve a fee waiver submitted by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Oroville Post 1747 in the amount of \$113.42 for a 5K special event. The event supports the mission and charitable activities of the VFW Auxiliary, which provides ongoing assistance to veterans, their families, and the community. This action was taken by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Council Member Thomson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

8. ADMISSION FEE WAIVER FOR MUSEUM EVENTS

The City Council approved the waiving of admission fees for three upcoming special events at the City of Oroville museums:

- Chinese New Year Celebration on February 21, 2026
- Museum Weekend on February 28 and March 1, 2026
- Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Celebration tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2026

This action was taken by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

9. CITY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OROVILLE FOUNDATION OF FLIGHT FOR A FLY IN EVENT AT CITY AIRPORT

The City Council approved a financial contribution of \$5,000 to the Oroville Foundation of Flight, to be used to offset costs associated with a fly-in event at the City Airport by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Thomson

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

AYES: Council Member(s) Reynolds, Thomson, Johnstone, Goodson, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council Member Webber

10. APPLICABLE STATE LAWS AND LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

The City Council received an update on California State law and local regulations regarding the use of E-Scooters and E-Bicycles. This update was accepted for information.

11. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City Council gave direction to staff regarding potential measures the Council would like to consider placing on the ballot for the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election. The City Council would like staff to put the failed measures from the 2024 election on the 2026 election ballot for reconsideration.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional public comment received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items – Council Member Thomson, Seconded by Mayor Pittman and Council Member Goodson would like staff to explore ways to recognize students who participate in volunteer opportunities or excel in their academics. The purpose of this request is to help those students bolster their applications when applying for college.
2. Correspondence – None.

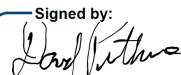
ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Signed by:

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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:

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David Pittman, Mayor