



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

**December 16, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council held a Closed Session on the following:

1. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Council met with the City Administrator and City Attorney regarding potential exposure to litigation – One case.
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.
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the Council met with the Personnel Officer and City Attorney to discuss labor negotiations related to the following bargaining units: All Represented Units.

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session – Direction given; no action taken.
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, Webber, Vice Mayor Smith, Mayor Pittman

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. SWEARING IN OF TWO NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Jason Wines, Chief of Police swore in two new officers: Christian Bean, and Adrian Lee. The Council accepted this for information.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Larry Tracy, Rhonda Magnusson, Skipper Clark, The CameraMan, and Bill Speer.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Vice Mayor Smith: Gave a shoutout to all of the people and organizations that assisted with the success of the Annual Parade of Lights put on by the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Reynolds: Reported on activity happening at the site of the Gateway Project. There were surveyors out there doing soil testing so that topsoil could be brought onto the site.

Council Member Webber: Thanked Vice Mayor Smith for the Parade of Lights and the great turnout. Council Member Webber announced at the staging area by the Oroville State Theatre. He thanked the Oroville Police Department and Jordan Crossing Ministries as well. He reported that the Oroville Community Development Coalition (OCDC) meeting regarding Biomass was a success with about 90 people in attendance.

2. Administration Reports

Amy Bergstrand, Director of Business Assistance and Housing Development: Reported that the Esperanza congregate shelter is at full capacity nightly with 6 people in the program scheduled to enter the pallet shelter.

Brian Ring, City Administrator: Reminded the Council that the cold weather is bringing more individuals into the shelter for warmth. He met with the Public Works management team now that Alyssa has left and provided the following updates: The remarking on the airways have been completed. Some of the crack seal work has been done, with some still being completed. There is a lot of rain to come in the next week (projected to be about 7 inches of rain). Public Works crew and staff members will be on standby for calls for service. There will be an update to come regarding the restriping of the roads soon. Lastly, there was a Lineman College Orientation on Monday, December 15, with about 270 students onboarding.

Patrick Piatt, Director of Community Development: Thanked those who came to the OCDC meeting (as mentioned by Council Member Webber).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 4** was adopted in one action by the Council. The items were approved by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

1. **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JENNIFER COOPER FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9425 recognizing Jennifer Cooper, teacher at Ophir Elementary School, for her longstanding partnership with the City Clerk's Office to bring students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at City Council meetings. Ms. Cooper's commitment has meaningfully advanced youth civic engagement in the Oroville community.

2. **IMPLEMENTATION OF BADGE READERS AT CITY HALL**

This informational update was accepted regarding the implementation of electronic badge readers throughout City Hall. The new protocol requires employees to "badge" into the building and establishes a process for visitors to check out a temporary badge while conducting business at City Hall. The purpose of this protocol is to enhance the overall safety and security of employees, visitors, and City facilities.

3. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 1840 TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE TITLE 24, PARTS 1 THROUGH 12**

The City Council adopted Ordinance 1840 to adopt the California Building Standards Code Title 24, Parts 1 through 12. The California Building Standards Code is published in its entirety every three years by order of the California Legislature, with supplements published in intervening years. The California legislature delegated authority to various agencies, boards, commissions and departments to create building regulations to implement the state's statutes. These building regulations, or standards, have the same force of law, and take effect 180 days after their publication unless otherwise stipulated. The California Building Standards Code applies to occupancies in the State of California as annotated.

4. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The City Council approved the Regular meeting minutes from the 12.02.2025 and the amended minutes of the 10.21.2025 City Council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. 2026 RECOLOGY SERVICE RATE INCREASE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

The City Council accepted an informational update on the Recology service rate increase for the collection and disposal of solid waste that will become effective January 1, 2026.

6. LAND LEASE EXTENSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR PARCEL NUMBERS: 030-260-043, 030-260-066, 030-260-060 AND 030-260-067

The City Council approved an extension of the land lease terms associated with three parcels through November 20, 2055: 030-260-043, 030-260-066 and 030-260-060. All three of these parcels are leased by the Northwest Lineman College. In addition, the Council approved assigning the existing land lease associated with parcel number 030-260-067 Kilo and Echo LLC (which has a term through November 20, 2055). Lastly, the City Council approved Resolution No. 9426 and associated lease extensions by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

7. ELECTED OFFICIALS' TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

At the request of Council Member Johnstone and Council Member Webber, Council reviewed and considered adding language to the Elected Officials Guiding Principles handbook regarding elected officials' transparency and accountability. In addition, direction was given regarding adding language to the Municipal Code. Council gave the direction to review sections one and two for conflicting language and to allow for Council Members to allow for discussion of possible developments. Vice Mayor Smith stated he'd like the specificity of "substantial communication" put in section 2 and Council Member Thomson would like the addition of the work "formal" added before negotiation to add specificity.

8. ANNUAL USE OF “MILITARY EQUIPMENT” AS DEFINED IN THE OROVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE

In accordance with Ordinance No. 1865, the Oroville Police Department submitted a Military Equipment Report. This report was submitted and publicly released. The report was approved by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Thomson

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

9. 2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) PROGRAM INCOME ONLY GRANT APPLICATION

The City Council approved the submittal of an application to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2025 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Program Income Only in the amount of \$1,524,764 of current program income and the amount of \$475,236 of additional recurring program income for a total of \$2,000,000 for First Time Homebuyer Program subsidy assistance. The Council adopted Resolution No. 9427 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

10. REINSTATEMENT OR FORECLOSURE OF CITY-OWNED 1708 BLUFFS DRIVE

The City Council gave direction to follow the primary lenders' recommendation regarding the proceedings related to the City of Oroville's interest in the Deed of Trust against the property located at 1708 Bluffs Drive (APN 031-360-031). Should the primary lender approve the reinstatement of the loan, the City shall follow their lead. Should they not, the City is authorized to initiate foreclosure proceedings as approved in adopted Resolution No. 9428. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Vice Mayor Smith

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

11. POSITION REASSIGNMENT – ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ANALYST

The City Council approved the budget transfer and reassigning of a currently vacant Accounting Technician position from the Finance department to the Information Technology department for an Analyst position by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

12. APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO INSPECTION GRANT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 (RFP: DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1)

The City Council approved the Department of Justice Tobacco Inspection Grant and Memorandum of Understanding fiscal year 2025-26, RFP: DOJ-PROP56-2025-26-1 for \$123,622 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

13. TEMPORARY DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY TO SENIOR ENGINEER AND PROJECT MANAGER, TIM KABER AND 5% OUT OF CLASS COMPENSATION

The City Council approved the temporary delegation of Senior Engineer and Project Manager, Tim Kaber, the same signing authority that is typically granted to the City Engineer, for the duration of time that the City Engineer position is vacant and being actively recruited. Along with this responsibility, Council approved compensating Mr. Kaber with a 5% out of class pay increase. This temporary delegation of authority allows Mr. Kaber to sign engineering-related documents, approvals, and correspondence necessary to keep capital projects, development review, and regulatory compliance tasks moving forward without interruption. The delegation remains in effect until a new City Engineer is appointed or the City Council takes further action. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

14. TERM AMENDMENT OF VICE MAYOR ERIC SMITH TO THE BUTTE COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The City Council amending the reappointment of Vice Mayor Eric J. Smith to the Butte County Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees to ensure compliance with statutory term requirements beginning January 2026. The Council approved a two-year appointment commencing at noon on the first Monday of January 2026 through December 2027 by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional public comment received.

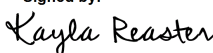
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items – Vice Mayor Smith asked that a formal request be drafted to CalTrans expressing the need to widen the bridge near the Montgomery Street exit on Hwy 70. Council Member(s) Webber and Johnstone supported this request.
2. Correspondence
 - i. **Business Assistance and Housing Development Monthly Report – November 2025**
 - ii. **Fire Department Monthly Statistical Report - November 2025**
 - iii. **PG&E Notice of Application for Review of Recovery Costs Associated with the Kincade and Dixie Fire**

ADJOURN THE MEETING

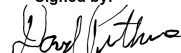
The meeting was adjourned at 6:43PM.

Signed by:


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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:


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David Pittman, Mayor