



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

November 04, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

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 – Four Cases.
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 – Direction given; no action taken.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by students from Ophir Elementary School.
3. Changes/Corrections to the Agenda - None
4. Recusals - None
5. Adoption of Agenda

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

None this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Rhonda Magnussen, Beverly Delucchi and Bill Speer.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Council Member Webber: Reminded the public that there is an Oroville Community Development Coalition meeting scheduled for November 10th at 5:30 PM in the City of Paris building on Meyers Street. He stated Tom Deermore from the Community Action Agency will be there to speak.

Council Member Johnstone: Reported that the Oroville Upwards Basketball is now being ran by Jordan Crossing Ministries. They have partnered with the Oroville Southside Community Center and Central Middle School to keep the program going. She stated the Open House event at Hewitt Park was amazing and is happy to see that the park is ADA friendly, ensure it is ready for all to use.

Vice Mayor Smith: Spoke on the Open House event at Hewitt Park. He stated Brian Ring, City Administrator was in attendance and that it is a park to be proud of. It is slated to open to the public in March of 2026.

Mayor Pittman: Spoke on the Dia De Los Muertos event held on November 1, 2025 in the Downtown area. He stated it was well organized and a great event overall.

2. Administration Reports

Brian Ring, City Administrator: Reported the Federal and State lobbyists (The Ferguson Group) were in town last week and met with Council Members who had an interest in discussing their priorities/wants. There will be an update from both the Federal and State lobbyists and to come in December 2025. There is an upcoming meeting with the State lobbyists on Wednesday next week, and interested Council Member(s) are welcome to come and meet with them as well. He reported the government shutdown is now effecting SNAP beneficiaries, of which there are 40,000 of in Butte County. In addition to the SNAP benefits, travel is also being effected, with possible airport shut downs in the future if the government shutdown continues.

Amy Bergstrand, Director of Business and Housing Development: Reported the Rescue Mission holds about 20 people on a nightly basis, with Esperanza Village having about 15 people in the shelter.

Ron Belser, Director of Code Enforcement: Statistics for the month of October were provided to the Council. These statistics can be found on the website. Code Enforcement crews have worked to abate encampments. One individual was reunited with his family in Iowa and sent back to be with them, and the individual even had a job lined up for them when they got there. Graffiti on the levy continues to be abated routinely.

Jason Wines, Chief of Police: Thanked State Parks and the Highway Patrol for assisting over the holiday weekend.

Alyssa Stutz, Director of Public Works: Montgomery Roundabout project is moving forward with a tentative start date of November 17, 2025.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 6** were adopted in one action by the Council.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Smith

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2025 AS HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9414 in recognition of November 2025 as Homeless Youth Awareness Month. Voices United was there to accept the resolution on behalf of the Butte County Office of Education.

2. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AS EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND AND MAKING ASSOCIATED FINDINGS

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 9415 declaring the City-owned property at 9 Midway as Exempt Surplus Land and making associated findings. This resolution is declared the property as “exempt surplus land” appropriate for disposition for affordable housing development pursuant to Government Code Section 54221 (f)(B)(i) and made certain findings regarding the sale of the parcel pursuant to Government Code Section 37364.

3. POLICE DEPARTMENT COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT

The City Council approved a Lease Agreement with Global Office Inc., utilizing the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) contract, for the replacement of the existing Police Department copier.

4. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING OMC CHAPTER 5.06 – ALIGN BID BILLING/DUE DATES WITH BUSINESS LICENSE FEES; REPLACE NEW-BUSINESS WAIVER WITH PRORATION

The City Council conducted the second reading adopted an ordinance amending Oroville Municipal Code (OMC) Chapter 5.06 (Downtown Oroville Business Improvement District) to align the collection of BID assessments with business license fees by making BID assessments due January 31 each year (billed January 1), and replacing the existing first-year new-business waiver with a proration method based on the number of months remaining in the calendar year, counting the initiation month as a full month.

5. AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #2 WITH HOPE CENTER (CITY WORKS)

The City Council approved an amendment to Agreement 3204-1 with the Hope Center, “City Works Program” to continue to provide services to the City of Oroville and to increase the budget for the program. The City Council also adopted Resolution No. 9416, authorizing the Mayor to sign the amended agreement.

6. APPROVAL OF A SERIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved a series of meeting minutes of the Oroville City Council.

REGULAR BUSINESS

7. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH DAY, CARTER AND MURPHY AND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OROVILLE ESTABLISHING ORO VERDE, OROVILLE'S NEW PUBLIC UTILITY

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Bonita Malone, Patrizia Hironimus, Carmen Hironimus, Brian Wong and Kathy Brazil.

The City Council ratified agreement with Day, Carter, and Murphy and adopted Resolution No. 9417 authorizing the establishment of *Oro Verde*, a municipally owned public utility created to serve industrial businesses within the City of Oroville by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Reynolds

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: Council Member Goodson

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

8. AMENDMENT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS GUIDING PRINCIPLES HANDBOOK

The City Council gave direction to staff to gather input from Council Members on changes they'd like to see to the Guiding Principles Handbook to include steps that lay out the process for each violation of the handbook. They'd also like staff to add verbiage to include appointed officials as well.

9. PRESENTATION FOR DESIGN RENOVATION OF 2000 CHALLENGER AVENUE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY #2

The City Council received a presentation for the design for potential renovation of 2000 Challenger Avenue into a second Public Safety Facility for the City and directed staff to move forward with 2000 Challenger Avenue as the future public safety facility by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

Seconded by: Council Member Webber

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

10. LINCOLN AND MONTGOMERY STREET CITY LIGHT POLE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The City Council received an update on the replacement of City owned light pole located at the corner of Lincoln and Montgomery Street, which was damaged due to a vehicle collision. City Administrator Ring notified Council a new light pole will be going up about 5 feet from the previous location. He is working with the insurance company of the individual as well as the owner of the building.

11. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF 2026 MASTER MEETING CALENDAR

The City Council adopted the 2026 Master Meeting Calendar by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Council Member Goodson

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. 5:00PM - PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Opened at: 5:17PM

Closed at: 5:40PM

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this agenda item: Kaylee Jensen (electronic), Maria Fagundes (electronic) and Breann Workman.

The City Council conducted a public hearing to receive a presentation and provided direction to staff regarding the submittal of the 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. They directed staff to submit an application for storm drain improvements and general administration, unless staff is able to get 50% expenditure on public service. If this is done, it was requested for staff to adjust the agenda item and bring it back for consideration.

13. 5:15PM - PROPOSED ORDINANCE UPDATE TO CHAPTER 13.08 WASTE AND BURNING REGULATIONS

Opened at: 5:42PM

Closed at: 5:44PM

The City Council approved the first reading of the ordinance and introduced the ordinance by title only. The ordinance pertained to amendments to Chapter 13.08 of the Oroville Municipal Code to address outdated provisions and improve the ordinance's clarity and enforceability. The proposed updates aim to better align with current practices, public safety priorities, and environmental regulations. This was done by the following vote:

Motioned by: Council Member Webber

Seconded by: Council Member Johnstone

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member Thomson

ABSTAINED: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION – HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items:

Council Member(s) Johnstone and Webber requested staff look into the sidewalk on Myer's Street by the Dentist office, as it is a hazard for the public.

Council Member(s) Webber and Vice Mayor Smith requested staff look into the Mills Act and how it can help those who own Historic Buildings save on their property taxes.

2. Correspondence – None received.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM.

Signed by:



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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:



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David Pittman, Mayor