



OROVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

August 18, 2026
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. The City Council met for a Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d): (one (1) case).

OPEN SESSION

1. Announcement from Closed Session- No reportable action taken; direction given to staff.
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Council Member Reynolds.
3. Corrections/Changes to the Agenda- Items #8 & 9 were removed to come at a later date.
4. Recusals- None.
5. Adoption of Agenda –

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

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

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. PRESENTATION BY CGI DIGITAL – COMMUNITY MARKETING VIDEO PROGRAM

Andrea Tampio, an employee of CGI Digital, presented this item to the City Council.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Brian Wong.

The City Council received a presentation from CGI Digital on a no-cost marketing tool that features professionally produced community-focused videos. The company partners with municipal agencies to create promotional video content and hosts the videos on a custom webpage. The City Council accepted for information.

2. UPDATE AND PLANNING FOR PIONEER COMMUNITY ENERGY'S OCTOBER 2027 SERVICE LAUNCH

Lisa Rhodes, the Community Outreach Manager from Pioneer Community Energy, presented this item to the City Council.

The City Council received a presentation on Pioneer Community Energy's planned service launch into the City of Oroville in October 2027. The City Council 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, Bryan Williams, Claudia Donati, and The Cameraman.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Council Announcements and Reports

Council Member Goodson: Discussed miscommunications on Facebook regarding the City's finances. The City has an operating budget deficit of 2.5 million dollars, but there is 9 million dollars in the reserve fund. The deficit was caused by several pressures happening all at once including receiving grant funding that is not sustainable long term, flattening of sales tax revenues, the contract with CalFire for the 66 hour work week increased the costs to staffing, the cost of living and public safety costs has all gone up, but the City is not broke.

Vice Mayor Smith: Announced Samon Festival is on September 26th. Feather River Parks District will have a cleanup set for September 19th. Enterprise Tribe is bringing back Friday Night Salmon dinner on September 25th.

Mayor Pittman: Agreed with Council Member Goodson that the City is not broke. Western Cities Magazine contacted him and would like to do an article on the City of Oroville. The City met the requirement for in regard to housing, so they'd like to discuss how the City is able to maintain it when other cities are fined for failing. Southside Community Center held a conference with nine counties on ways to improve their cities.

Council Member Reynolds: Stated CalFire initially saved city 1.1 million dollars per year. He states that there is still a savings of 400 thousand dollars annually even with the 66-hour work week contract.

2. Administration Reports

Ruth Duncan, Director of Finance: Tax roll is complete. Sewer tax is 5.4 million dollars total. The property tax bills will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Tim Kaber, Director of Public Works: Norton Street project bids are due Thursday at 2pm. He hopes it goes smoothly so that the contracts can be brought up in the next council meeting. He provided a verbal report on the various divisions in the Public Works department (see attachment).

Patrick Piatt, Director of Community Development: On August 22nd thru October 11th at the Chinese Museum, there will be a traveling art exhibit held about Chinese photography and its history after the Chinese Exclusion Act.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **item 1** was adopted in one action by the Council.

Motioned by: Council Member Goodson

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 4, 2026 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The City Council approved the 08.04.2026 City Council regular meeting minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. ELECTED OFFICIALS' TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED DRAFT POLICIES

The City Council considered the latest version of the transparency and accountability ordinance for elected officials, which includes changes staff were directed to make at the April 7, 2026 City Council meeting. In addition, the Council directed staff to continue drafting the ordinance with more details.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Marsha Henderson.

3. MASTER GARDENERS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR GARDENING ACTIVITIES AT SANK PARK

The City Council approved Agreement No. 3594 with the University of California Cooperative Extension Butte County (UCCE) Master Gardner Program (MGP) for collaborative work at Sank Park.

UCCE MGP group provided an informational presentation.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: John Dewitt Jr.

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

4. CITY SERVER / STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

The City Council authorized the purchase of a new server and storage device in the amount of \$150,311.62.

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone 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

5. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 3546, FOR THE DESIGN OF THE TABLE MOUNTAIN BLVD/WASHINGTON AVE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

The City Council approved Amendment No. 3546-1 to Agreement No. 3546 with Mark Thomas and Company for project design work related to the Table Mountain Blvd/Washington Ave Complete Streets project.

Daniel Bloomquist of Mark Thomas spoke on this item.

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

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

6. LETTER TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING THE DELAY AND POTENTIAL CANCELLATION OF THE OROVILLE RULE 20A PROJECT AND REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION

The City Council authorized sending a letter to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) expressing disappointment and requesting information regarding the delay and potential cancellation of the Oroville Rule 20A project and request reconsideration.

Motioned by: Council Member Johnstone

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

7. ALTERNATIVES FOR FILLING POTENTIAL DISTRICT A VACANCY

The City Council considered alternatives for filling potential vacancy in District A, should Councilmember Johnstone not find a new place of residency within the district. Council Member Goodson and the rest of the Council gave general consensus to keep seat vacant until the end of Council Member Johnstone's term. David Ritchie stated he'd look into the Government Code Council Member Goodson mentioned to determine if the seat can in fact, remain vacant.

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Gina Garcia and Trevor Smith.

8. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA POSTING TIMELINES

The City Council removed this item and it will come at a later date.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. 5:00PM - FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1900 REQUIRING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PLATFORMS LISTING ADDRESSES PURSUANT TO SB 346

The City Council removed this item and it will come at a later date.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The following member(s) of the public submitted public comment on this item: Pastor David Goodson.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Future Agenda Items – None.
2. Correspondence
 - i. Fire Department Monthly Report - July 2026
 - ii. City Clerk Monthly Report – July 2026

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Signed by:



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Kayla Reaster, Assistant City Clerk

Signed by:



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David Pittman, Mayor