

## **ORLINDA CITY MEETING**

**JUNE 8, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Swearingen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Swearingen, Commissioner Carver, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Johnson, City Manager Breeding and 15 citizens. Vice Mayor Lee was absent.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Johnson asked a question about the minutes from May concerning the jake brake signs only being discussed and not agreed on putting them up. The minutes were checked, and it was agreed that it was not voted on. It was agreed that they would look into it. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve the minutes from May and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved with Vice Mayor Lee absent.

The financial reports are satisfactory.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Swearingen presented Ordinance 2023-06 for the second reading to adopt the codified city codes. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved with Vice Mayor Lee absent.

Mayor Swearingen presented the budget for 2023-2024. City Manager Breeding went over the budget. He went over the 49,000-deficit due to the purchase of the

fire truck. There will be around \$200,000.00 put into the emergency fund. Kevin stated that it is basically pretty simple. The driveway and building permits are a guess.

The city did get a one-time grant last year of 150,000.00. The Interest income should be more next year of about \$16,000.00. He put a Salaries increase of 3% cost of living but that is up to the Commission. The current rate of inflation is higher at 4.9 %.

Consulting fees are an uncommon amount due to the subdivision regulations. Street paving and repairs he has as a guess of \$100,000.00 to include the Bump on Elm Springs Rd. and hopefully Dixon Rd.

Truck expenses he has two numbers, referencing that the Rescue has a pretty bad problem, and it will be expensive to fix, and the Car is acting up pretty bad so if it ends up being an expensive repair, it will probably end up that a new car will have to be purchased this year. It is a 2005 and has 143,000 miles on it.

Commissioner Johnson asked if there was a rotation plan for the vehicles and Kevin said there was not.

Commissioner Ellis asked if the county could give an estimate of the building permits that had been issued to give an idea of an average. Kevin stated that they did not keep up with each city.

Mayor Swearingen informed the Commissioners that there can be changes to the budget at any time throughout the year. Commissioner Carver made the motion to approve the first reading of the 2023-2024 budget. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimously approved with Vice Mayor Lee absent.

Mayor Swearingen presented Resolution 2023-03 that is an agreement with E-911, Robertson County and other cities for the provision of dispatching services in the amount of \$13,082.80. Commissioner Johnson made that motion to approve Resolution 2023-03. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved with Vice Mayor Lee absent.

There was a discussion on the asphalt being sealed. The City Post Office is going to stripe the white lines in the parking lot and offered to do all the parking lot as a courtesy. The parking lot is in desperate need of being sealed. Kevin stated that it would be crazy to let them paint all the new stripes and then the city come along later and seal over them and then have pay someone to come and stripe it again. He asked the post office to hold it off until it was sealed and then stripe it. It would be better for both. The Post office is on a schedule and can only wait about a week. He has found J&A asphalt that said he could juggle his schedule and do it. The bid he gave was \$14,345. Commissioner Johnson asked if it included everything out to Elm Springs. Kevin said it even included the little turnaround.

Commissioner Ellis gave another option of letting the Post Office go ahead and stripe and push off the sealing for another year. Kevin stated that what was scary was the ones that have opened up due to water getting in them and freezes and expands the crack. The regular asphalt not so much and this man said that he would put crack filler in the cracks. It started when the line out front froze and busted, and the asphalt had to be cut.

Commissioner Johnson asked how often this was done and Kevin stated that it had only been done once before, at least 10 years ago. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to seal the City Hall asphalt. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and Commissioner Ellis against.

Mayor Swearingen opened the floor to Roger Lewis. Mr. Lewis stated that the people that come to the meetings come to hear the truth. A lot of the stuff that is brought up has been kind of swept under the rug. Commissioner Carver asked if he was saying that they were lying. He stated that they were not telling the whole truth about things. The second thing was the small restaurant at the corner of Elm Springs and Hwy 52. He stated that the owner needed to do something about his parking. Mr. Lewis is afraid someone is going to get run over. Mr. Lewis said that he had tables out there and he felt someone should talk to him about it.

#### KEVIN'S REPORT:

Kevin thanked the City of Adams for the playground mulch that they sold to the city at a reduced price.

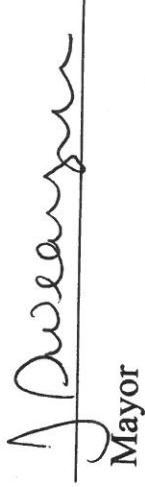
The flooring at the library is almost finished and suggested that after the meeting to go check it out and see what it looks like.

The city has the Children at Play signs, and he asked if any residents wanted to take a flag and put it in their yard, then they will get them up. Dusty suggested putting them where the bus signs are.

Kevin got a call about the old Welcome to Orlinda sign on E. Robertson Rd that is in his yard that is all rusty and all broken down and he will let the city keep it in his yard if they can get one that is better looking. Kevin stated that he could do that.

With no further business, Mayor Swearingen adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor