

ORLINDA CITY MEETING

JULY 13, 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 17 citizens. Vice Mayor Lee was absent due to medical reason.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve the June minutes. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the Vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

The financial reports : Kevin stated that the city less than they took in. Commissioner Ellis stated that the talley on the profit and loss did not show that and that it showed a negative balance. There was a discussion over the differences, and Commissioner Ellis's report was not the same as Kevin's. While Kevin was looking over the budget sheet, Mayor Swearingen told about the new blinds in the Community Center. There was a difference of negative \$23,617.25. Kevin stated that Quickbooks does that and Commissioner Ellis stated that they could stop the meeting and he could research it and find the answer. Commissioner Ellis asked Kevin to update it and have it corrected by the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The second and final reading of the 2023-2024 budget. There is a proposed amendment to move \$145,000 from paving to salaries in order to create 2 full time firefighter positions and 1 part time position. Commissioner Johnson said she had

a couple of questions. The budget that Kevin gave them for 2023-2024 paving has 100,000 and the estimated budget for and the estimated for 2022-2023 has

65,000 so how are they pulling 145,000 from that? Kevin stated that he is going to take \$75,000 from paving and &70,00 from transfers. Commissioner Johnson asked if the money for paving comes from a state tax. Kevin said a small part of it does. Commissioner Johnson asked if that by law if it needs to be allocated for roads. Kevin said yes and no. It does but he left \$25,000.00 in paving o cover the mandatory part. The city has to spend a portion of the tax toward paving, maintenance, road signs. There is a wide variety of things it can be used on. If that were not true then they would just use savings to cover it. The rest of the money is coming from transfer and that is money put into savings. Commissioner Johnson asked if this was going to be a reoccurring expense. Kevin said yes. Commissioner Johnson asked where the money would be coming from and Kevin said exactly the same place. Kevin stated that the City had all they would ever use in savings. In the future it will be taken from savings. Commissioner Johnson asked why 3 years ago a part time helper was denied and Mayor Swearingen said that part of what she asked was a personnel issue and asked that no personnel issue be addressed. Mayor Swearingen did want Kevin to address why the change. Kevin stated that if someone that is qualified to be a firechief will not want to come and mow. There was a discussion about the hours of mowing and the part time position.

Commissioner Ellis said that he would like to see some money set aside for mold removal. Mayor Swearingen stated that the problem with that is expensive and Kevin asked for a guesstimate and Commissioner Ellis stated about \$20,000.00.

At this point, Commissioner Carver made the motion to move \$75,000 from paving into salaries and \$70,000.00 from transfers into salaries. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ellis made the motion to set aside \$1000.00 for mold remediation. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Carver made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget as amended. Commissioner Ellis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Swearingen stated that there had been some problems with some signs in town. There was a discussion concerning the signs. The main complaint is a safety issue. Kevin is going to get with the state and see if they will do something. The Commissioners decided to table it until next month.

Kevin informed the Commission that he had talked with the guy that sealed the parking lot and he has agreed to do the 'BUMP' for \$5000.00. Commissioner Ellis made the motion to approve fixing of the Bump for \$5000.00. Commissioner Carver seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Ellis wants to set up a web site for the City. He will check into it.

There was a discussion on getting a used SUV to replace the First Response SUV. The one now is on its last leg. There is a lot to be considered in switching from one to another.

NO Residents signed up to talk.

Kevin:

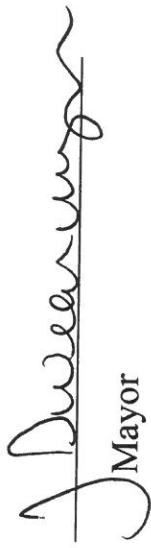
Reagan Hall's daughter has donated 2 tables and chairs and a park bench in honor of her father.

Commissioner Carver is going to get with the Parks Board for help with October in Orlanda.

Hopefully the Parks Board will meet soon.

With no further business, Mayor Swearingen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

City Clerk


Mayor