

Town of Oriental
Town Board Agenda Workshop
January 29, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental held its regularly scheduled Agenda Workshop Meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Mayor Sage determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners White, Overcash, Summers and Winfrey, Town Manager Miller, Town Admin Dimond, Boy Scout Alden Sylvester and public.

Absent: Commissioner Venturi.

In the Public comment period; Wyatt Cutler, Hugh Midyette, Joe Valinoti, and John Barlow represented the local Rotary chapter in requesting that the town allow for Rotary to move their three trailers and prefabricated shed onto former Police Chief Jim Bunn's small portion of the Town's vacant property on Midyette Street. Town Manager Miller confirmed that she had met with members of Rotary last week and that the property mentioned was properly zoned for the requested usage. Town Manager Miller recommended that Town require, at the Rotary Club's expense, a legal document detailing the Rotary's responsibility and liability for any theft, damages, etc. Rotary offered to draft a temporary license agreement, including recognition of responsibility for their property and damages that might occur to the property.

Motion: Commissioner Overcash moved to let Rotary use the designated property, Commissioner Winfrey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The public comment period ended with Grace Evans, who brought forward the idea of a US Sister City, proposing the city of Occident, CA.

The Board went through the Agenda item by item, and there were no changes or additions.

Mayor Sage mentioned that Commissioners might be receiving media attention or questions regarding the Cox lawsuit and reminded them not to discuss anything prior to meeting with the Town Attorney. The Mayor is the standing contact for media relations.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned 4:35 PM.

Bill Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager

Meeting came to order at 4:00 PM

The town toasted

Alden Sylvester (eagle scout, observing government in action)

Wyatt cutler. Rotary jon bonds property. Faye bond moved house onto property, no longer space for rotary trailers and shed. Now moved to new piece of property. Would like board to consider letting rotary using jim bond's lot (belongs to the town?). according to zoning, okay for purposes. Open to screening by town board. Rotary has offered to help keep up lot. 2 often use trailers 2 rarely used trailers (three that would need to be on property at all times). White: would like something from rotary protecting time from responsibility, winfrey has suggested wet weather how it's ruttet out. Winfrey; if it rains for two days, will rotary be able to get trailers out. Rotary, there's stone already on property driveway. Rotary says property is also very dry. Summers; jim buns widow still have right to property? No, she passed. Bill; will they have electricity? Wayne; no. and we will probably need to bring some more stone in. 'we will improve that lot'. Diane; met with rotary last week, zoned property, but mr buns part of that town lot is very small. What they will do is very well screened from other proerty owners, only thing town should require would be at rotary expense, legal document detailing rotary responsibility for theft, etc. very few zoned property for this groups needs. White; concerned theft. Abandoned, lot, non attached items. Summers, town has no plans currently, but might someday, this would have to be a temp. Rotary; temp licence issue? Overcash; moves let rotary use designated property; 2nd winfrey. Passed 4-0(?).

Sister city. Wants another sister city idea. One idea, talked to tourism years ago, town in California 25 miles san francisco called occident. 1876, railroad for timber brought in, close torussian river. 4.9 miles in size. Eastern and western most orient esk named towns. Similar town culture to Oriental. Wants to put the idea "in the pot".

RV ordinance:

postponed from last week. Bill, need to discuss how to approach

Manager report; intro to Jerimiah Witherup, newest addition to Public Works. Ebilling in report says will be, is partially up and running now. Not sure if actually usable now. Back and forth on registering, hope to be up and running by Tuesday next. Retreating coming up march 13-14. Crossconnection meeting with water advisors. Also going on tour of 'aro' water plant. Coming up; CAMA application Knute, entire permit in commissioner packet. Public can view entire packet, including CAMA app, online. Attorney joining on Tuesday, proposal from Mr Cox on Tuesday to discuss. After package built, flood ordinance issued by county. Very extensive, suggest sending to planning board chair. See how it fits ordinances 'compliant ordinance***'. Failed water test on effluent, issue of unknown substance in effluent water. Trouble shot problem (via phone and on site). "cloudy water" seems to be (this has nothing to do with drinking water, water discharged from plant after treatment). Want to interconnect with Pamlico water so we don't lose water pressure and possibly issue water boil warning. Decided to interconnect to be safe. Might briefly be different taste to water (if we need to use Pamlico), but the situation is in hand. Summers, probably a good test anyways for interconnecting. Diane, were no troubles in interconnectin

Bill, retreat. Diane, repeated dates, all boards have been made aware. Agenda is being made now. We will be prioritizing several times. Capital improvement, budget, water rates water plant, taxes, all those things. Anything additional, feel free to let Diane know. Public will be invited, pCC, full Friday, half Saturday. Bill, seeking any input on topics? Diane, feel free to add (let me know). Already received outline from tree board. Good outline. OC; might send tree to other boards as example

HWAC would like to make presentation on renovations they would like done. Lisa contact.

Police report not in yet

Committee board reports. Diane, need to get onto a better deadline schedule for boards to submit materials for agenda workshop packets.

Sister City. Summarized. Mentioned hitching with high school. Thinks good idea.

White; rotary moved to march meeting? At Feb. meeting might have to citizens and businesses to make comments in public comment period. OC; has notified businesses people that inwater presentation has been moved to march (on discretion of rotary)