

Orangeville City Council
Public Hearing Minutes
April 16, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Present at said meeting were: Mayor- Shaun Bell, Council Members- David McKee, Kari Alton, Kirk McQuivey, Doug Stilson, Treasurer- Dani Tuttle, Travis Richards.

Visitors: Wanda Vaughn, Lynn Tuttle, Howard Tuttle, Karen Cox, Carolyn Montgomery, Shanae Butler, Bart Cox, Lana McQuivey, Larry Heaton, Doria Heaton, Scott Jewkes, Justina Butler, BJ Butler, Brian Jewkes, Michael Jewkes, Shaun Jeffs, Jay Mark Humphrey, Ross Hinkins, Merrill Johansen, Tracy Addley, Karen Richards, Scott Stilson

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Introduction by Mayor Bell

2. Open Public Hearing Meeting:

Motion: Doug Stilson **Second:** Kirk McQuivey
Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes.

3. Accept Public Comments- Craig Johansen states that we are at a record time low with water. He explains that right now we are at 20% of our water which means that we are 80% deficit. Water will be tight this year. Water allocations have been set at .38 acres per share for the 1st allocation from April to June. Craig states that right now as things are, the board of directors thinks we can have water until July. The second allocation from July to November are very low if any and may make it to the 1st of August. Craig made the suggestion for the agricultural users that are using Secondary Water, to close their valves and just water their lawns and gardens and replant their fields next year. B Share allocation are 100% at the Reservoir. Craig reports that 25,000-acre feet of allocated Project Water. He states that we only get half of that. He says they 12,000 goes to Huntington, 8,000 goes to the Power Plant and 5,000 goes to the Cottonwood Creek users. A concerned citizen states that back when there were ditches, they had to turn in 1 water share for each secondary and did this instead of leasing the shares from the Irrigation Company. The Irrigation has had a contract with the city for about 20 years that says that they would provide water through September- October. This year won't be possible due to the lack of water. Mayor Bell reports that as of right now, Orangeville City has about 904 shares of water. There are 856 Class A and 48 Class B shares. They allocate Orangeville City about 1200 shares. The question was asked, how we went over 176-acre feet. Mayor Bell states that the only way of knowing that is to have them metered. Jay Mark Humphrey states that Orangeville City goes over every year and has for the last 20 years. Some years its less and some years its more, that why Orangeville City has the contract to guarantee the we have enough water. Jay Mark Humphrey states that the second allocation is based on what is thought the stream is thought to make. Last year there wasn't hardly and rainfall and the allocation were set .25-acre feet which was probably a little high. If the .25 is multiplied by the shares then you start losing acre feet. That is where the contract comes in, but the way the numbers are looking it might be .1- or .12-acre feet. The water just isn't going to be there. Everyone can't live on those number so the water has to be consolidated somewhere so residents can water for a period of time. He explains that water can't be taken away from the farmers because a share is a share and everyone needs to be

treated equal. Mayor Bell states that Senator Hinkins has been fighting for the County to not have secondary metered right now and will continue to fight that battle. But we do have one meter and because our numbers are low, we don't have to have meters on every household for secondary. There is a very good possibility that it will be a requirement by 2030. Mayor Bell states that he talked with Lowell Gardner and there are funds to help pay for those meters for Secondary Agriculture users. The city cannot put in for it but has to be the citizen. The residents will be responsible for the cost of the meters. Shannon Cox states that she refuses to pay for a meter. Another citizen says that unless the city is policing the issue and those that are watering more than they should, a meter isn't going to be helpful. Justina Butler asks how much a meter would cost. Mayor Bell states that he has called and got costs from \$1000.00-\$4,000.00. That is just the meter cost. The city will meet with the Irrigation Company and Service District to see what meter will be the best to use here. Jay Mark Humphrey states that his son may be able to get us meters for around \$1,000.00 installed. The Council doesn't want to have to give citations. Staci Moss says that she thinks water meters are the best route to go so everyone understands how much is being used. Bart Cox states that he is grateful for our secondary water system because there are other places in the state that have paid a lot of money for those hook-ups that we didn't have to pay. There was concern about knowing how much water can be used if you have a 3-inch line. Mayor Bell says that it depends on how many water shares were turned in for that line and how much the Irrigation Company allocates for that year. The city will look into how many water shares were turned in back in 1982. Craig Johansen states that in 1982 there was a connection fee and an annual operational fee based on the size of the risers. The connection fee was equivalent to a share of water. You either donated a share or you paid the city to buy a share. The new meters will not be part of a resident's yard or garden. Mayor Bell proposes until meters can be purchased, to have each person come into the office and let us know how many risers are being used and from what time to what time it was watered and calculate it that way this year. If the users want to go ahead and put the meters in themselves, they can go ahead and do that, but if the users are wanting help from the state to pay for it then they will need to report the usage time. Mayor states that the city is trying to make the transition easy and fair for everyone. Mayor Bell also states that if the city catches users watering and they haven't come down to report it then the city will shut their water off. The Council stresses that we need to work together so its beneficial for everyone.

5. Close Public Hearing and Open Regular Session:

Motion: Kevin Butler **Second:** David McKee

Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes.

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Amanda Lake- City Recorder