

## **ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 2008

Mayor Cheryl Temple called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Roll call found in attendance Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Dick Ford, George Wilson, Joachim Pestinger, Guy S. Colorossi, Nicola McDonald and David Inge.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Sue Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accounting Clerk II Freda Bingham, Fire Chief Randy Shelton.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney Kari Sand, BHC Consulting Planner Roger Wagoner.
Visitors	Margaret O'Harra, Rod Emmons, Jeremy Downs, Patty Villa, Dale Yeager, Shawn Mahoney, Mike Cochran, Kelly Cochran, Charlotte Stield, Corrine Reiquam, Scott Reiquam, Steve Goodwin, Jonathon Burgos, Brian Kraft, G. Brown, Jerry Wolfe, Chris Gard, Fred J. Hueneka, Michael Jerabek, Marlin Kimball, Pat Molinari, Shirley Sigafos, Nancy Wahle, Jolene Hilt, Jim Wahle, Christine Tillett, Lowell Munson.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of March 12, 2008.
- B. Minutes of March 26, 2008.
- C. Approval of March 2008 Treasurer's Report.
- D. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 12625 through No. 12688 in the amount of \$187,983.41 and Payroll Warrants No. 16808 through No. 16868 in the amount of \$130,059.40.

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Closed Record Hearing: Jerabek Preliminary Plat & PUD 08-01	Councilmember Drennen recused himself from discussion and vote on the Jerabek Plat and Planned Unit Development (PUD). Councilmember Drennen left the Council chambers.
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Planner Roger Wagoner presented the Planning Commission's Findings and Recommendation for approve of the Jerabek Plat and PUD. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the preliminary plat with conditions.

Councilmember Wilson asked if the main access to the plat would be from Leber St. NE. Planner Wagoner reported that the access to the Plat would be from River Ave. NE.

Councilmember Ford asked who would own the wetlands that are part of the plat. He was also concerned about the Planning Commission finding that, "The applicant has addressed traffic impacts associated with the project. Existing problems with streets leading to the project should be addressed through city capital improvement plans as directed by the City Council."

Planner Wagoner explained that the Homeowner's Association will own and maintain the wetlands and storm facilities. The statement regarding the existing street problems is meant to state that traffic impact analysis indicate that the development will not worsen any existing problems in the cities' road system.

After further discussion, Councilmember Ford moved to table consideration of the Jerabek Plat and PUD until the April 30, 2008 meeting. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

Fire Department Agreement

Former City of Tacoma Police Chief Dick Moore gave a brief introduction about the proposal to consolidate with Pierce County Fire Protection District 18 in a long-term contract.

Mayor Temple opened the public hearing at 8:39 pm.

Mike Cochran, of 406 Elderedge Ave. SW, reported that several months ago he suffered a life-threatening emergency that required the aid of the Orting Fire Department. The Fire Department saved his life and he would like to go on record thanking them. Mr. Cochran asked if property taxes would be increased to fund the proposed contract and what will happen to the existing City owned fire equipment. Mr. Moore reported that property taxes will not be raised to cover the cost of the contract. However, if the citizens of Orting vote to be annexed into the Fire District a tax increase would be included in that vote and the City may look at reducing the amount of property taxes that it collects to offset in the increase to citizens. Under the agreement the City's fire equipment would become district

property. The new Public Safety Building would remain under City of Orting ownership.

Jolene Hilt, of 807 Belfair Ave. SW, asked how service is currently compromised by operating under two separate systems and why are other cities in the area are moving toward consolidation. Mr. Moore responded that operating under two systems is inefficient. The City of Orting and Fire District 18 have been operating very well despite these challenges. Other districts and cities are choosing to consolidate to save costs and share resources.

Nancy Wahle, of 505 Coe Ln. SW, said that she is concerned that a ten-year contract is too long. Will the contract account for changes in population? Are other cities using a ten-year contract? Mr. Moore responded that other communities using contractual consolidation are signed ten-year contracts. The contract will have terms in it to account for population growth.

Kelly Cochran, of 406 Elderedge Avenue Southwest, asked what will happen to the Public Safety Building. Do citizens of the district pay twice what city residents do for fire taxes? The Public Safety Building and the property it occupies will remain property of the City of Orting. The consolidation agreement will require the District to continue to operate out of the Public Safety Building. Residents of the Fire District pay a higher EMS Levy.

Fred J. Hueneka, of 18509 SR 162 E, reported that the District has an EMS Levy that is twice that rate of the City's.

Christine Tillett, of McCutcheon Rd E, asked what happens if the City cannot afford to pay the amount required by the contract. Mr. Moore responded that the City and the District would enter negotiations to maintain the contract.

Jolene Hilt, of 807 Belfair Ave. SW, inquired about the voting record of the district.

Hearing no further comment Mayor Temple closed the hearing at 8:57 pm.

Councilmember Drennen moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into agreement negotiations with Pierce County Fire Protection District 18 for a long-term consolidation agreement. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Wilson went on record to comment the Fire Department for doing a great job and to recognize the leadership the Fire Chief Randy Shelton provides.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Recess Councilmember Drennen moved to recess for 10 minutes at 9:05 pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried. Regular session reconvened at 9:15 pm.

North End Reservoir and Pump Station Loan Pursuit Councilmember Drennen reported that the City had begun design work for a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir and pump station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide fire flow to the north end of the City.

To fund this project the City is completing an application to win a \$3,000,000, 20-year, low interest loan through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Securing the loan is a competitive process similar to a grant application.

Councilmember Drennen moved to authorize the City to move forward with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Application. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance No. 863: Delinquent Sewer Utility Accounts Ordinance 863 allows City Staff to place liens on delinquent sewer utility accounts. Councilmember Inge suggested the proposed ordinance be amended to allow the City to apply the maximum interest rate allowed by state law even if the rate changes.

Councilmember Drennen moved to adopt ordinance 863, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to nonpayment of sewerage charges; amending section 9-2b-6 to allow of the imposition of interest; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date as amended. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

**Well No. 3 Filtration Bid Award** The City advertised for two weeks and held a bid opening on the April 1, 2008 to select a filtration vendor for the Well No. 3 Iron and Manganese Filter project. The apparent low bidder is Atec Systems.

Councilmember Drennen moved to award the bid for the Well No. 3 Filter to Atec Systems in the amount of \$125,000. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

**Streets Budget** Councilmember Wilson reported that the Public Works department recommends that the \$35,000 budgeted for chip sealing be allocated to repairs at the intersection of Kansas St. SW and Calistoga St W.

Councilmember Wilson moved to allow the expenditure of \$35,000 for chip sealing at the intersection of Kansas St SW and Calistoga St W. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

**Resolution 2008-12: Saturday Market Fees** Resolution 2008-12 sets the Saturday Market Fees for 2008.

Councilmember Ford moved to adopt Resolution 2008-12, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, establishing a seasonal Saturday Market, fees and applicable regulations with amendments to allow changes to market dates without a resolution. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

**Parks Update** Councilmember Ford gave a report on recent Parks Commission Projects.

**North City Park Building-** The North City Park Building will have a ribbon cutting on June 21 at 11:00 am.

**Grazter Park & Priorities Change-** The City has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to help develop baseball fields at Gratzler Park. The City is required to provide \$150,000 matching funds for the project.

**Main City Park Parking Lot-** The Parks Commission would like forego using the money budgeted for the paving of the Main Park Parking lot. The Planning Commission recommends using the money budgeted to help with the required match for the Gratzler Park Grant.

Councilmember Drennen commented that the City should focus

on completing planned projects. He would like to see work done to pave the parking lots with the money that has been budgeted.

Councilmember Drennen moved to maintain the Parks Maintenance Budget as approved and move forward with the Paving of the Main Park Parking Lot. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion.

Councilmember Drennen amended his motion allow the funds allocated in the Parks Budget for the parking lot to be spent as match for the Gratzner Park with a separate line item created under economic development to design and pave the Main City Park Parking Lot. Councilmember Inge seconded the amendment. The motion passed by a vote of four to two. Councilmembers Ford and Wilson voted against the motion. Councilmembers Drennen, Inge, McDonald and Colorossi voted in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Inge moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

**ATTEST:**

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Finance Director/City Clerk Susan J. Davis

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple