

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 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, George Wilson, Dick Ford, Guy S. Colorossi, and David Inge. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmembers Nicola McDonald and Joachim Pestinger from the meeting. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Sergeant Chris Gard, Building Official Ken Wolfe.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha.
Visitors	Margaret O’Harra, Denise Atkinson, Mike Reidy, Mike Carver, Doug Schwarz, Fred J. Hueneke

PAYROLL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:

Approval of Claims Warrants No. 12861 through No. 12936 in the amount of \$258,896.31 and Payroll Warrants No. 16983 through No. 17036 in the amount of \$99,483.55.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Payroll & Claims Warrants as prepared. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

FEMA: Community Rating System	Mark Carey, Mitigation Division Director for FEMA Region X, presented Mayor Temple and Building Official Ken Wolfe with a plaque to recognize the City of Orting Community Rating System.
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Building Official Wolfe has created an outreach and education program about flood hazards in the City. The program allows Orting resident’s with federal flood insurance to receive a 15 percent discount on their premiums.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Praise for the City Council	Doug Schwarz, of 14817 145 th St E, commended the Council. In recent months, he noted that the Council showed teamwork and a high level of commitment to the Orting community.
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Propose Cargo	There has been a recent increase in the installation of cargo containers
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Container Ordinance in residential Orting neighborhoods. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 7, 2008 and recommends the adoption of an ordinance banning cargo containers in residential zones except for temporary uses.

Mayor Temple informed the Council that there is a working farm in the City that has one of these cargo containers for storage of farm supplies and equipment. What could be done under the proposed ordinance to allow this use to continue?

Councilmember Drennen commented that there should be a line added to the ordinance that allows for the protection of utilities and prevents these containers from being placed over lines.

Councilmember Ford commented that he would like to see a definition of “good repair” added to the ordinance.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to refer the ordinance to the City Attorney to address council comments and revisions and to the Planning Commission for further review. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

Proposed Commercial Vehicles Ordinance The City has received several complaints about large commercial vehicles being parking on residential streets. The current ordinance is not enforceable. The City Attorney has prepared a draft ordinance that would prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles on residential city streets. The Planning Commission has reviewed the ordinance and recommends approval.

Councilmember Drennen commented that the ordinance does not address the issue of large commercial vehicles that are parked on private property in residential zones.

Councilmember Ford commented that he would like to see more advertisement and an additional hearing on June 11 before the Council considers adopting the ordinance,

OLD BUSINESS:

NPDES Phase II Appeal City Attorney Bacha reported that he would attend a conference on June 11 to discuss the NPDES Phase II Appeal The group has used all of the funds contributed by the participating cities and will most likely ask participants to provide further funding. He will provide an update at the next City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walking Tour Map City Administrator Bethune presented the Council with Orting Walking Tour Maps. The maps were created by the Orting Historical Society and the Five Cities Coalition.

Pierce County Emergency Management Center Mayor Temple reported about the recent Grand Opening of the new Pierce County Emergency Management Center.

Port of Tacoma Tour Councilmember Ford reported that he has arranged for Tour of the Port of Tacoma for the Council and City Staff.

Motorcycle Poker Run Councilmember Ford informed the Council that the first Orting Motorcycle Poker Run would be July 19.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Records Disclosure Fred J, Hueneka, of 18509 State Route 162 East, asked the Council about information in recent newspaper article about him. Mr. Hueneka believed that his personnel records had been disclosed to the newspaper. The matter was referred to City Administrator Bethune.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

Finance Director/City Clerk Susan J. Davis

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple