

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 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, Nicola McDonald, Joachim Pestinger and David Inge. The Council observed a moment of silence in memory of East Pierce Fire and Rescue Chief Dan Packer.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accountant II Freda Bingham, Fire Chief Randy Shelton.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha.
Visitors	Margaret O’Harra, Dave Harman, Ron Emmons, Chris Kemp, Pat Serkem, David Palais, Shelly Jackson, Ted E. Jackson, Jonathan Burgos, Doug Schwarz, Sharon McPhail, Mike McPhail, Rhonda Madison, Patty Villa.

### **PAYROLL CLAIMS & WARRANTS :**

Approval of Claims Warrants No. 13105 through No. 13209 in the amount of \$157,996.20 and Payroll Warrants No. 17212 through No. 17266 in the amount of \$102,335.29.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Lights on Signs Technology (LOST)	Sharon Gentry, LOST Team Coach and LOST Team Members, Alisa, Jordan, Sarah and Hannah presented the results of a project that has won them national awards. The idea behind the project was finding a community problem and proposing a solution to it. In The Case Of LOST, they proposed to place LED lights on the Lahar Evacuation Signs to make them more visible.
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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lion's Kite and Bluegrass Festival & Chamber Of Commerce Executive Director Dave Harman, President of the Orting Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the Lion's Club Kite and Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for August 2 and 3.

The Orting Chamber of Commerce has posted and advertised the Executive Director position. The chamber expects review resumes at the end of August when the position closes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2008-14: Surplus of Fire Engine Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt resolution 2008-14, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington declaring a certain City vehicle surplus. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

The City's 1981 Fire Engine will be sent to the state surplus to be sold.

Nestle Water Bottling Facility City Administrator Bethune introduced Dave Palias of Nestle Waters Northwest. Mr. Palais gave a presentation about a proposed water bottling facility in the City of Orting.

Public Hearing: Nestle Water Bottling Facility Mayor Temple opened the floor for public comment at 8:25 pm.

Doug Schwarz observed that any research done by Nestle would help Orting to look at options for its own future. As a bonus, it sounds as if Nestle will be the one to pay for this research.

Mike McPhail asked if Orting is allowed to drill additional well. Will allowing Nestle to operate in town increase rates for other users? Will tours of the plant be available? How will the plan affect fire flow?

Dave Palais took a moment to introduce Chris Kemp from the audience. Mr. Kemp will manage the plant once a location is determined.

Jill Cartwright of Carbonado asked if the springs that Nestle would use feed the Carbon or Puyallup Rivers. Engineer Roberts reported that plant would not be a large increase in the total water usage from the springs. Nestle is asking to use water rights that are already issued to the City. Ms. Cartwright commented that recently cities have been banning plastic water bottles – does this make plants like this obsolete? Plastic takes

large amounts of petroleum to be produced. The City should consider the environment impacts of bottled when making this decision.

Dave Palias reported that large cities like Seattle and San Francisco have not banned bottled water instead; they have stopped purchasing bottled water for employee use.

Rhonda Madison asked if the plant is allowed will there still be retail space on the property adjacent to State Route 162. Will the plant require a traffic light? Orting needs diversity in its economic base. Nestle seems like a company that will work towards compromise and to protect the environment. If all that Nestle has presented were true, she would be in favor of the proposal.

Jill Cartwright asked if Nestle would have water rights transferred to them. Engineer Roberts answered no, they would have a contract giving them a certain amount of water, however the water rights would be retained by the City.

Mayor Temple stated that Orting should not take on additional burdens if they will not benefit the City. She complimented the Council for taking the time to listen and investigate this proposal.

Hearing no further comment Mayor Temple closed the Public Hearing at 8:44 pm

Fire Consolidation Agreement

Councilmember Wilson moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Consolidation Agreement with Pierce County Fire District No. 18. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion.

City Attorney Bacha provided the Council a synopsis of changes made to the contract since the last Council meeting.

Mayor Temple announced that Fire Commission Shelley Jackson was in the audience.

A vote on the motion passed six to one. Councilmember Colorossi voted against the motion.

Recess

Councilmember Ford moved to recess for 10 minutes at 9:10 pm. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Temple reconvened the meeting at 9:21 pm

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing: EMS Levy                   The City is proposing to place a levy on the November 4 ballot to pass a new EMS Levy for \$0.50 per \$1,000 of valuation.

Mayor Temple opened the public hearing at 9:25 pm. Hearing no comment the hearing was closed at 9:26 pm.

Resolution 2008-15: EMS Levy                   Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 2008-15 a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the City at a special election to be held within the City on November 4, 2008, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, for approval or rejection of a proposition authorizing the city to impose a regular property tax levy pursuant to RCW 84.52.069 to provide funds for emergency medical care and emergency medical services. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

Public Hearing: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program                   Mayor Temple opened the Public Hearing for the 2009-2014 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at 9:30 pm. Hearing no comment the public hearing was closed at 9:31 pm.

Ordinance No. 866: 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program                   Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 866, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, adopting the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Police Performance Recognition Awards Revision                   Councilmember Wilson and Police Chief Drake presented proposed changes to the City of Orting Police Chief's Performance Recognition Awards Policy.

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adopt the Police Chief's Performance Recognition Awards as revised. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.  
Councilmember Inge 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