

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2010

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 Stanley Holland, Tyler Coughlin, Nicola McDonald, Joachim Pestinger, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi, and Scott Drennen and Ex-Officio Officer Shawn Mahoney.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek. Accounting Clerk I Jane Helgelien.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts.
Visitors (signed in)	Margaret O’Harra, Doug Schwarz, Brad Stevens, James Bradley, Jacque McMahan, Joel Carver.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Daffodil Parade Restroom Facilities	Brad Stevens, representing the Daffodil Festival, informed the Council that contrary to rumors in the community the 77 th Annual Daffodil Parade will happen in 2010. He also requested \$500 assistance from the City to pay for seven Honey Buckets to be used in Orting on the day of the parade.
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Councilmember Coughlin suggested selling sponsorships for each Honey Bucket. Engineer Roberts offered that Parametrix will contribute up to \$250 for the event.

It was determined that city staff will coordinate with the Daffodil Festival to pay for the Honey Buckets.

The Daffodil parade is schedule for Saturday, April 10 at 5pm. Long time Orting Resident and Daffodil Festival volunteer Jim Bradley was also in attendance at the Council meeting.

Pot Holes	Jacque McMahan thanked the City for paving the gravel right-of-way in front of her office located at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Bridge Street.
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Fox Hollow Coffee Fundraising Event	Joel Carver, owner of Fox Hollow Coffee, introduced himself to the Council. He also announced that on Sunday, February 28 all profits at the store will go to purchase a specialized bicycle for a wheelchair bound Orting resident.
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CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of February 10, 2010.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 15316 through No. 15355 in the amount of \$55,752.57 and Payroll Warrants No. 19088 through No. 19128 in the amount of \$78,287.04.
- C. January 2010 Treasurer’s Report

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cost of Service Study

Councilmember Drennen reintroduced the Utility Cost of Service Study to the Council. The Council had previously discussed the study at the February 10, 2010 meeting. Parametrix, the City’s on-call engineering firm, has hired a consultant, FCS, to perform the cost study for the water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities. The goal of the study is to ensure that the utility funding is both sustainable and defensible.

Councilmember Inge asked why a sealed bid process was not used to select the consultant. Engineer Roberts explained that a project like this is part of the master on-call services agreement that the City has with Parametrix. This allows Parametrix to hire a sub-contractor to help with the work. The City is free to put out a request for qualifications and select a different consultant.

Councilmember Colorossi stated that he would like to see a deadline placed in the contract to ensure that the City sees results in a timely manner.

Councilmember Drennen moved to issue a notice to proceed with the Utility Cost of Service Study to Parametrix and FCS with a deadline to complete the project by November 1, 2010. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Pierce Transit Board of Commissioner Nomination

Councilmember McDonald announced that the position on the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioner currently held by Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow expires on May 1, 2010. The City is allowed to nominate a candidate to fill the position. Elections will be held in April.

Councilmember Pestinger nominated Councilmember Nicola McDonald for the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners. Councilmember McDonald accepted the nomination. Councilmember Holland seconded the nomination and it carried unanimously.

2010 Council Retreat Mayor Temple announced that it is time to start planning the 2010 Council Retreat. She asked the Council to select a date. Councilmember McDonald offered to host the event at her business in Puyallup. The Council agreed on June 5, 2010 as the date for the Council Retreat.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rivers Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi reported that he has been corresponding with legislators to keep informed of legislation regarding flooding and river maintenance. No proposed bills made it out of committee this legislative session.

Building Official Ken Wolfe announced that Pierce County has awarded a contract to Parametrix to conduct a river bar removal study and design. The final contract is currently be negotiated.

The City has organized river clean-up day on April 15. Interested volunteers should contact Laura Post in Public Works.

Finance Councilmember Colorossi announced that the Finance Committee has moved their meeting time to the first Thursday of each month at 4 pm.

Community Development Councilmember Coughlin announced that the Community Development Committee will now meet on the third Friday of each month at 10 am.

Governmental Affairs Councilmember McDonald reported that she recently had the opportunity to meet with U.S. Representative Dave Reichert’s Chief of Staff. She has also met with J.T. Wilcox, who is a candidate for the State House of Representatives.

Public Safety Councilmember Holland announced that copies of the Fire Districts recent vouchers and a resolution regarding a settlement had been distributed to the Council.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that the Bridge for Kids Steering Committee will meet in mid-March to adjust plans based on the new Carbon River bridge crossing design.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn to executive session at 8:03 pm for 15 minutes to discuss union contract negotiations. Councilmember McDonald seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Temple reconvened the meeting at 8:18 pm.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.
Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple