

## **ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 26, 2009

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, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi, and Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmember Nicola McDonald. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of five to one. Councilmember Ford voted against the motion.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accounting Clerk I Jane Helgelien, Building Official Ken Wolfe.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Devin Wolfe, Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha.
Visitors	Shirley Sigafos, Margaret O'Harra, Tom Keiser, Barbara Hansen, Pierce County Auditor Jan Shabro.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of August 12, 2009.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 14604 through No. 14655 in the amount of \$83,386.53 and Payroll Warrants No. 18528 through No. 18569 in the amount of \$74,353.54.

Councilmember Wilson asked for Councilmember Inge's comments about the fire department to be expanded. Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Barbara Hansen: Orting Senior Center	Barbara Hansen, Executive Director of the Orting Senior Center, invited the Council and community to a community-wide celebration of volunteers on September 19 at 4:30 pm at the Eagles' Hall. She announced that the center is holding the event instead of the annual auction fundraising event. Advance tickets are available at the Senior Center for \$15 per person.
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### **PRESENTATIONS:**

Jan Shabro: Pierce County Auditor	Jan Shabro, Pierce County Auditor, spoke about services of the auditors office that maybe of interest to the Council.  The auditor's office manages elections, recording of legal documents, licensing and animal services.
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Starting in 2010 a change in state law will eliminate some special election. By 2011, there will only be two special elections scheduled each year. In addition, changes to voter registration laws allow citizens to register at least eight days prior to an election at the elections office.

State laws have also increased the recording fees to \$62 for the first page of a document. There is also a \$5 opt-out fee that has recently been added to vehicle license fees.

City Administrator Bethune asked what role the auditor plays in annexations. Auditor Shabro responded that her office becomes involved at election time. Also if an annexation is successful her office notifies all affected voters of any changes that may effect who they vote for.

Auditor Shabro also commented that the 2010 census could affect voters because the new census numbers can trigger redistricting.

The auditor's office has recently received numerous questions about the primary election. Many Pierce County voters received a ballot with only one race on it. There will be many more positions to vote on during the November 3 general election. The county will not provide return postage for absentee ballots, however ballots can be returned at polling places, express booths and ballot drop boxes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chamber of  
Commerce West  
Entrance Sign

City Administrator Bethune provided the Council with a map showing the proposed location of the Chamber of Commerce West Entrance Sign. The sign will be very similar to the sign located on State Route 162 at the north entrance to the City. The next step is to prepare a contract to the Chamber for the use of the city right-of-way.

Councilmember Pestinger commented the he is in favor of the sign. Councilmember Ford reported that he still has some reservations about allowing a second sign.

Resolution 2009-5:  
Bridge For Kids State  
Route 162 Crossing

Councilmember Drennen reminded that Council that recent feasibility studies have indicated that a tunnel crossing of State Route 162 (SR 162) will be costly and difficult to construct. The Bridge for Kid engineers have recommended a bridge crossing instead.

Councilmember Drennen moved to adopt Resolution 2009-5, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, expressing the preference of the City Council for a pedestrian bridge crossing of SR 162 as part of the Bridge for Kids lahar evacuation system with the words, "as allowable by the Washington State Department of Transportation," added to the end of the section 1. And to repeal Resolution 2007-3. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Wilson commented that while he supports Bridge for Kids and their project he does not want the view of Mount Rainier blocked at the entrance to Orting.

The bridge will need to comply with architectural design review guidelines.

Wingate Generator  
Pre-Purchase Contract  
Approval

Councilmember Drennen moved to authorize City Staff to move forward with the pre-purchase of a generator for the Wingate Pump Station Project. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

Pre-purchase of the generator will save the City of Orting approximately 15 percent of the cost of the generator.

Calistoga Levee  
Setback Pre-design  
Authorization

Building Official Ken Wolfe reported that the City has recently been awarded \$540,000 in grant to design the Calistoga Setback Levee and acquire the land needed for the project. The City has also won grants to install a new backflow valve on the storm outfall on the Puyallup River and to future compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Councilmember Colorossi moved approve the Scope and Budget for the Calistoga Setback Levee Preliminary Design in the amount of \$149,576. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Temple thanked Building Official Wolfe and Parametrix for all their work to secure the funding for this project.

NPDES Phase II  
Stormwater Code  
Updates

The NPDES Phase II permit requires all permit holders to have certain requirements in their municipal codes. To address the permit requirements Parametrix made proposed revisions to the Orting Municipal Code (OMC) for compliance with the permit. These revisions were brought to utility committee in 2008, and it was decided to wait until the permit deadline or until legal challenges of the permit had been settled to adopt. Most of the legal challenges have been resolved and we believe the proposed updates are still consistent with the permit requirements.

Staff will prepare an ordinance to address these changes during the September meetings.

Catch Basin & Storm  
Line Cleaning &  
Inspection Bid Award

Public works staff has divided the City into five zones for storm line maintenance and cleaning. Cleaning will take place annually with each zone being the focus every five years. Cleaning should restore the lines to at least 95 percent of their original capacity.

Councilmember Drennen moved to award the bid for Catch Basin and Storm Line Cleaning and Inspection to Everson Econo-vac in the amount of \$14,486.00. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

2010 Budget  
Preparation &  
Adoption Schedule

City Administrator Bethune provided the Council with the following schedule for budget adoption.

September 8: Request to Department Directors to submit their budget requests.

September 26: Saturday Workshop for Citizens

September 28: Department Budgets due to City Administrator

October 5: Draft Budget ready for Council

October 17: Saturday Council Budget Workshop

October 28: Public Hearing – 2010 Revenue Sources

November 6: Preliminary Budget available to the Public

November 25: Public Hearing – 2010 Budget

December 9: Final Public Hearing – 2010 Budget & 2010 Budget Adoption

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS**

River Bar Removal      Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Pierce County River Revitalization Task Force has completed the three public forums they had scheduled and testimony is being compiled to create a resolution supporting the work of the task force for the Council to consider.

Community Development      Councilmember Inge reported that the City is meeting with Pierce County to discuss urban growth areas on September 3.

Public Safety & Fire District 18      Councilmember Wilson asked the Council to provide him guidance on what information to report to them regarding Fire District 18 Commissioner meetings.

Transportation      Roadwork will begin on September 8 at the intersection of Calistoga and Washington.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Ford moved to recess to executive session to discuss potential litigation for 10 minutes at 8:45 pm. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Temple extended the session for 10 minutes at 8:55 pm.

Mayor Temple called the regular meeting back to order at 9:05 pm.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm.  
Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator Mark Bethune

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple