

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 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, Nicola McDonald, Dick Ford, Guy S. Colorossi, and Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember David Inge was excused at a previous meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accounting Clerk II Freda Bingham, Building Official Ken Wolfe.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha.
Visitors	Doug Schwarz, John Downs, Barbara Hansen, Margaret O’Harra, L. William King, Tom Felkins.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of August 26, 2009.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 14656 through No. 14710 in the amount of \$264,675.47 and Payroll Warrants No. 18570 through No. 18620 in the amount of \$111,427.81.
- C. August 2009 Treasurer’s Report

Councilmember Wilson noted that minutes should be amended to reflect that Councilmember Drennen asked for Councilmember Inge’s comments about the fire department to be expanded. As prepared the minutes stated that Councilmember Wilson asked for the change. Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

John Downs: Orting Opportunity Center Request for Funding	John Downs, Director of the Orting Opportunity Center, asked the Council to continue the \$500 annual grant that the center receives from the City. The grant helps the center to provide after school activities and drama programs for Orting youth on Friday afternoons.
Mayor Temple, Senior Center Dinner	Mayor Temple reminded the audience that the annual Senior Center dinner is on September 19. Instead of hosting a fundraiser this year the dinner will be an event to honor Orting volunteers. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center.
Public Hearing: Resolution 2009-6 Six	Mayor Temple opened the public hearing for the 2010-2015 Six Year Transportation Plan at 7:14 pm.

Year Transportation
Plan

Barbara Hansen, of 506 Grinnell Avenue Southwest, noted that the Southwest Connector is included in the plan. What does it mean to have a project included in the plan? What has been done on this project so far?

Councilmember Pestinger reported that there have been several meeting and hearings held for the Southwest Connector. Funding still needs to be obtained to complete the project.

City Administrator Bethune reported that projects included in the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) are eligible for grants.

Engineer Roberts reported that projects included in the TIP are the only projects that can be funded by Transportation Impact Fees.

Hearing no further comment the Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2009-6:
Six Year
Transportation Plan

The plan has been updated to remove the State Route 162 rechannelization and the Calistoga Street Corridor Study. These projects will be complete by the end of 2009.

Councilmember Pestinger moved adopt resolution 2009-6, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, adopting the 2010-2015 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program providing for severability and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance 878: Golf
Carts

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS

River Bar Removal

Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Pierce County River Revitalization Task Force had a meeting scheduled for September 10 to finalize plans and draft resolutions for the cities involved.

Parks

Councilmember Ford reported that Parks Commission held a joint meeting with the Planning Commission On September 2 to review updates to the Parks Plan. There will be an open house on October 22 at 4:30 pm at the North Park Building.

Utility & Technology

Councilmember Drennen reported that the Wingate Generator Project is on schedule.

Finance

Councilmember Colorossi distributed Finance Committee meeting notes to the Council.

Governmental Affairs Councilmember McDonald asked Building Official Ken Wolfe to give a report. Mr. Wolfe reported that a group that he is part of, the Pierce County Puyallup River Executive Task Force, will be conducting a study of the entire Puyallup River watershed. The group has asked Orting to contribute \$3,900 to help with the study. In-kind services will count towards the request. Council agreed to support the study.

Public Safety Chief Drake reported that the cameras have been installed and the gate for the parking area is complete. Officer Matt Hurley has accepted a position with the City of Puyallup.

Councilmember Wilson reported that at the recent Fire District 18 Commissioners meeting it was reported that a citizen's concerns about illegal meetings of the commission were unfounded. The Commission often goes to the fire department after meetings. The public can also visit the fire department. The citizen complaint about missing pills after a 911 call is being investigated.

On September 16 at 7 pm there will be a special meeting with the Commissioners of Fire District 18 and Fire District 21 to discuss joint fire services.

Commissioner Wilson also reported that the last fire commissioner's meeting was very successful and included a lot more opportunity for the him, as the city's liaison, to contribute.

Transportation Councilmember Pestinger reported that the Transportation committee supported that proposed golf cart ordinance.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple