

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2011

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 Graham Hunt, Stanley Holland, Ava Krogh, Scott Drennen, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi and Orting Valley Fire and Rescue Commissioner Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmember Nicola McDonald. Councilmember Krogh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

City Employees            City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Cashier Margaret O’Harra, Accounting Clerk Jane Helgelien, Building Official Ken Wolfe.

Professional                Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave  
Representatives            Roberts.

Visitors (signed in)        Daniel Lynch, Zack Guill, Rickord Fritz, Josh Penner.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Rickord Fritz                Rickord Fritz, of 113 Voss Street Northeast, asked with Pierce Transit Proposition One on the ballot what action is the City taking to receive more public transit service. Mayor Temple responded that the City along with a group of other cities attended Pierce Transit meetings to lobby the board to provide more service. The board’s response as to add service for Orting to Proposition One. However, even though service for Orting is included in the proposal there is no timeline for the start of service. Councilmember Colorossi also noted that the News Tribune has recommended a no vote on the proposition.

Mr. Fritz also commented that he is extremely interested and concerned about the information presented during the January 12 Council meeting about suggestions for future utility rates in Orting. Mayor Temple responded that there will be a lot more discussion about the results of the rate study and what the rates for water service should be.

Dick Ford: Big O            Dick Ford reported that the fourth annual Big O Poker Run will be  
Poker Run                    July 16<sup>th</sup> starting at the Orting Eagles. There will be a parade and awards ceremony at the Eagles as well.

Councilmember Inge commended Mr. Ford for how organized and well run the event has been.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of January 12, 2011.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 16707 through No. 16757, in the amount of \$144,076.34 and Payroll Warrants No. 20310 through No. 20326 in the amount of \$82,097.45. Payroll Warrants No. 20307 through 20309 were issued to replace voided

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Proposed Golf Cart Ordinance

Councilmember Inge introduced the revised Golf Cart Ordinance to the Council. The Public Safety and Transportations Committees have reviewed the updated ordinance.

The new ordinance makes the pilot program established in 2009 permanent. It also brings the City program in compliance with the newly enacted state law by creating a golf cart zone on all streets where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour or lower. The state law also requires signs to be posted indicating where the golf carts zone begins and ends.

Other changes made to the original ordinance include allowing use of golf carts only from one half hour after sunrise to one half hour before sunset.

Councilmember Drennen asked if the City has any money budgeted to pay for the new signs. He also asked if the new ordinance prohibits golf carts on the trail. City Administrator Bethune reported that there is money in the budget for the purchase of street signs. The updated ordinance, like the previous one only allows golf carts to be used on City streets.

Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 903, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to operation of golf carts; amending the City Code to establish a golf cart zone; adopting regulations related to the use of golf carts within the golf cart zone; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion. A roll call vote revealed a tie vote, because the Mayor cannot break a tie on a vote for an ordinance the motion failed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cemetery Columbarium

Councilmember Colorossi announced that Finance Committee will have a recommendation about the Cemetery Columbarium at the next meeting.

Code Enforcement Ordinances

City Attorney Bacha gave a presentation about the proposed Code Enforcement Ordinance. The ordinance is being amended to remove unclear and overlapping enforcement procedure and penalties.

The next steps for the ordinance include a public hearing and review by the Washington Office Community Trade and Economic Development.

Council Committees

Mayor Temple announced that Councilmember Krogh will take over

the committee assignments that former Councilmember Coughlin held.

Council Retreat Mayor Temple asked for available dates for the Council Retreat. The Council agreed on Saturday, February 12 at 8:00 am at the Orting Bakery.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rivers Engineer Roberts gave a presentation about the progress that City has made on the Calistoga Bridge Setback Levee. The Council agreed to have the Utility Committee continue to review the setback levee and seek funding sources for it.

City Administrator Bethune announced the Pierce County flood district has been dissolved. The County will look at reforming the district soon.

Parks Mayor Temple asked for a volunteer to attend the School District Budget meeting on February 5, 2011. Councilmember Drennen agreed to attend the meeting.

Utilities Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee will move the February meeting to February 3 at 1:00 pm.

Finance Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed a new investment strategy that will net the City about \$20,000 per year.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that Bridge for Kids will have the relaunch meeting on March 24 or 26.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Labor Negotiations Mayor Temple announced an executive session to discuss labor negotiations under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 15 minutes at 10:35 pm. Regular session was reconvened at 10:50 pm.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 pm. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator Mark Bethune

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple