

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 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, Scott Drennen, Nicola McDonald, David Inge, and Guy S. Colorossi. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmember Ava Krogh and Fire District 18 Ex-Officio Shawn Mahoney arrived late.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Court Administrator Kaaren Woods.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts.
Visitors (signed in)	Josh Penner, Roger Anderson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of February 9, 2011.
- B. Minutes of February 12, 2011.
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 16831 through No. 16875, in the amount of \$239,758.66 and Payroll Warrants No. 20350 through No. 20365 in the amount of \$86,924.61.

Councilmember Drennen asked that the minutes be amended to clarify the section about Ordinance 903: Golf Carts, including his statement about whether there is enough staff to support and enforce the ordinance.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

SR 162 Rechannelization Change Order No. 3	City Administrator Bethune presented Change Order No. 3 for the State Route 162 Rechannelization Project. The total for this change order is \$16,450.40. The total price of the contract is about \$1.5 million.
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Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for the SR 162 Rechannelization Project in the amount of \$16,450.40. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Legislative Priorities Councilmember McDonald presented the Council with Legislative Priorities as prepared by the Governmental Affairs Committee. The Council suggested several changes and referred the document to the Utility Committee to review the City's position regarding NPDES requirements and the Transportation Committee to discuss a streets utility and transportation districts.

Police Department Briefing Police Chief Drake presented the Council with a report detailing calls for service to the Police Department for 2011 in comparison with previous years. The presentation also touched on a proposal to reorganize the Police Department to create a succession plan for the Chief and additional training opportunities for new positions of lieutenant.

Utility Disconnect Fee Ordinance Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee has reviewed and recommends adoption of an ordinance fixing the fee to disconnect a home or business from the utility system. He recommended that ordinance be carried to the next meeting to allow the Council time to review it. The Council agreed.

Calistoga Setback Levee Stormwater Fund Budget Amendment Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee recommends a budget amendment in the amount of \$573,330.67, to pay for professional services associated with the Calistoga Setback Levee Final Design.

The Calistoga setback levee is being designed and will be constructed in accordance with FEMA requirements per Section 65.10 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), thereby providing substantial physical protection of the city from flood events. By completing the design of this project, consistent with FEMA standards, the levee will be eligible for the FEMA certification process. Should the new FEMA floodplain maps be adopted, without a certified levee protecting Orting from Puyallup River floodwater, approximately 1100 homes would be within the newly adopted floodplain. This would require that all 1100 homeowners purchase flood insurance, costing between \$900 and \$1300 per year, per household. The potential revenue impact on residents of the City of Orting would be between \$990,000 and \$1,430,000. Furthermore, the physical flood protection provided by the levee will protect the City from future floodwaters.

Councilmember Drennen recommended that proposal be carried to the next meeting to allow the Council time to review it. The Council agreed.

Electric Car Charging Station City Administrator Bethune reported that the City has won a grant to purchase an electric car charging station to be place in town. The City will need to pay for installation of the station. Installation cost to the City is about \$2,600.

Councilmember Drennen stated that the City needs to ensure that projects are self sustaining before they are started. He recommended that the Transportation Committee review the project and make sure that there is adequate funding for it.

School Board Meetings Mayor Temple passed a sign-up sheet to the Council asking each of them to sign up to attend one school board meeting as discussed at the Council Retreat.

North End Reservoir Updates Engineer Roberts reported that he will make a photo presentation of progress of the North End Reservoir at the next Council Meeting

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rivers Councilmember Colorossi noted that Pierce County Public Works released an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pierce County Rivers Flood Hazard Management Plan.

Parks Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Historical Society is studying the cost to re-light the Bell Tower.

Governmental Affairs Councilmember Inge reported that he, along with City Administrator Bethune and Fire Commissioner Joachim Pestinger, attended the Pierce County Regional Council General Assembly meeting.

Public Safety Fire Chief Webb reported that the Fire District is continuing to study a merge with East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt reported that the Transportation Committee may be ready to present crosswalk safety proposals at the next Council meeting.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that the Bridge for Kids' steering committee is still planning a re-launch event in March or April.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm. Councilmember McDonald seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple