

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 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, Ava Krogh, Scott Drennen, Nicola McDonald, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi, and Orting Valley Fire and Rescue Commissioner Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember Stanley Holland arrived late.

### ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Accounting Clerk Jane Helgelien, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts.
Visitors (signed in)	Barbara Ford, Ric Fritz, Josh Penner, Wyatt Bowen, Riley Amell, George Wilson.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Barbara Ford: Orting Senior Center Events	Barbara Ford, representing the Orting Senior Center, informed the Council that the Senior Center is hosting a wellness fair on March 5 at the Multi-Purpose Center. The fair runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and the public is welcome to attend.
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On March 19, there will be a town hall meeting at the Senior Center with State Senator Randi Becker, and State Representatives Jim McCune and JT Wilcox. The meeting will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and the public is welcome to attend.

Riley Amell: High School Food Drive	Riley Amell, a student representative from the high school reported that Orting High School raised over 6,000 pounds of food for the food bank during their annual food drive.
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### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of January 26, 2011.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 16758 through No. 16830, in the amount of \$708,985.51 and Payroll Warrants No. 20327 through No. 20349 in the amount of \$131,695.50.

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

### PRESENTATIONS:

Pilot Bulky Waste Collection Program: Craig Swanson	Craig Swanson, Project Coordinator for Pierce County Solid Waste, presented information about the Pilot Bulky Waste Collection Program. The program will allow Orting resident's to have up to ten items that are too large to be included in normal garbage service
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picked up free of charge. The program will last one year, and then the County will evaluate the data and consider extending the program. Pierce County will do all the publications and public outreach for the pilot program.

Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed the program and recommends approval.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve City of Orting participation in the Pierce County Pilot Bulky Waste Collection Program. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

City Park Wood  
Carvings

Councilmember Inge reported that the Parks Commission has selected a design for the wood carvings of the two trees across from Orting Bakery. Orting resident Jason Smathers has volunteered to do the carvings at no charge. The carvings will be a bear wearing a red hat, holding a fishing pole, a fish pond, and tree with eagles.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 903  
Golf Carts

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

The new ordinance revises the pilot program established in 2009. It also brings the City program in-line 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 zones begin and end.

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 why the Council is considering an ordinance that had previously failed to be adopted. City Attorney Bacha explained there is no law against a topic being brought back unless the City has adopted a policy. He also questions whether the program could be supported with current staffing and funding levels in the Police Department.

George Wilson, an Orting resident, commented that he was displeased to see the topic comeback for a revote and he is concerned about how safe using golf carts on the same streets that are used by log trucks or to use them on trail.

Councilmember Drennen stated that this ordinance will create unsafe situations on the roads and trails. There is also the problem of many of the new subdivisions will be unable to reach town without using a road that has a speed limit over 25 miles per hour.

Councilmember Inge 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 Hunt seconded the motion. A roll call vote revealed a vote of four in favor of the motion and three votes against the motion and the motion carried. Councilmembers Hunt, Krogh, McDonald and Inge voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Holland, Drennen and Colorossi voted against the motion.

Councilmember Drennen commented that there need to be more signs place on the Foothills Trail to indicate that motorized vehicles cannot use the trail.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Providence  
Community  
Corrections

Councilmember Holland introduced the Providence Community Corrections contract. The contract will allow the Municipal Court to assign probation monitoring services to Providence Community Corrections.

Councilmember Holland moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Providence Community Corrections. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

DM Disposal Rate  
Increase

City Administrator Bethune distributed that 2011 DM Disposal rates to the Council. DM Disposal is allowed by contract to increase rates to keep pace with dump fees.

Councilmember Colorossi commented that he is alarmed by amount of increase for some of the commercial customers.

Animal License Fees

City Administrator Bethune presented the Council with a report on animal license fees. Orting's rates are the lowest in Pierce County. All dogs and cats in the City are required to be licensed.

North End Reservoir  
and Booster Pump  
Station Design Budget  
Amendment

Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the North End Reservoir, Booster Pump Station, Filter and Well No. 4 Design Budget Amendment. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried.

Park Kiosk Map

Councilmember Inge presented the new map of parks and recreation areas to be placed in the City Park kiosks. The map includes all parks in the City and a map of the Foothills Trail.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rivers

Building Official Wolfe reported that the appraisal is complete and the City is in negotiations to purchase the final two parcels needed to complete the Calistoga Setback Levee.

Parks

Councilmember Inge reported that the Parks Commission discussed the Dog Park and Gratzler Park at their last meeting. The first two ball fields at Gratzler Park will be complete by the end of May.

Councilmember Drennen reported that he and Mayor Temple attended the Orting School District budget workshop and the School District has budget concerns similar to the City.

Utilities Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee discussed disconnection fees, the Calistoga Setback Levee, the Cost of Service study, and Orville Road Waterline Easements at their last meeting.

Community Development Councilmember McDonald reported that the City is looking at a recently-received grant to make Orting the first city in Pierce County to have an electrical car charging station.

Governmental Affairs Councilmember McDonald reported that the Legislative priorities will be ready for Council approval at the February 23 meeting.

Public Safety Councilmember Holland reported that the Public Safety Committee discussed golf carts at their last meeting.

Chief Drake reported that there has been an increase in car prowls recently. All citizens need to remember to lock their vehicles.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt reported that the Transportation Committee is reviewing ways to increase pedestrian safety at crosswalks.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Labor Negotiations Mayor Temple announced an executive session to discuss labor negotiations under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 20 minutes at 8:20 pm. Regular session was reconvened at 8:42 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT):**

Police Guild Councilmember Hunt moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Orting Police Guild. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator Mark Bethune

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple