

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 30, 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 Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember Drennen moved to excuse Councilmember Nicola McDonald. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Accounting Clerk Jane Helgelien, Court Administrator Kaaren Woods, Cashier Margaret O’Harra, Parks & Recreation Director Beckie Meek.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Prosecutor Aaron Walls, BHC Consultants Planner Greg Waddell.
Visitors (signed in)	Josh Penner, Riley Amell, Angela Jones, Mary Jo Miller, Susan Rigley, Jim Rutt.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Jim Rutt: Recruiting Business	Jim Rutt, of 1119 Sigafoos Street Northwest, commented that the City has a great opportunity to “go fishing for business,” by recruiting businesses to locate in Orting. He also commented that many current Orting businesses close at 6:00 pm before most residents are home.
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Councilmember Drennen asked if Mr. Rutt would be interested in volunteering for the City.

Mayor Temple invited Mr. Rutt to attend a Chamber of Commerce Meeting because a message like his may have a lot of impact on businesses.

Angela Jones & Riley Amell: Orting High School	Angela Jones and Riley Amell, Orting High School ASB Officers, informed the Council about upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 20th at 6:00 pm: Senior Olympics, a fundraiser for the Senior Class• May 7th 10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Cardinal Carnival
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Mayor Temple thanked them for attending the meeting and encouraged them to attend more Council meetings in the future.

Pierce County Reads	Susan Rigley and Mary Jo Miller of the Pierce County Library announced that the book for Pierce County Reads 2011 is <i>The Big Burn</i> by Timothy Egan. All Pierce County residents are encouraged to read the book and attend events related to the book throughout the month of April. Special events include book discussions, a tour of the Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection and a presentation and
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book signing with the author.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of March 9, 2011.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 16920 through No. 16988, in the amount of \$637,433.77 and Payroll Warrants No. 20389 through No. 20404 in the amount of \$90,002.81.

Councilmember Colorossi reported that he had provided the clerk with a few changes to the minutes. The Council was also provided with a list of the changes. Councilmember Hunt stated that he would like the minutes to include that he was concerned about whether or not it is appropriate for the City to install a vehicle charging station that may compete with the private sector. Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified and amended. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Comprehensive Plan
Amendments

City Consulting Planner from BHC Consultants, Greg Waddell briefed the Council on the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment schedule.

The City is scheduled to complete the amendments by early June. The updated Comprehensive Plan will be sent to Pierce County to consider while reviewing the City's request for an Urban Growth Area. The amended plan will include the UGA and a plan to serve it with City services.

Councilmember Drennen asked if the County will allow the City to change the zoning designation for the property included in the Urban Growth Area.

Councilmember Colorossi asked when the 176th St Corridor is scheduled to be completed in the area. Waddell answered that there is no scheduled date.

Planner Waddell reported that most of the property owners in the proposed UGA say that using the land for farming is not economically viable. In addition the Alderton-McMillan Community Planning Board recommended that this area be designated as a UGA for Orting. The Alderton-McMillan Plan when adopted did not designate the land as a UGA however it did not contiguously designate all the land in this area as Agricultural Resource Land.

OLD BUSINESS:

Electric Vehicle
Charging Station

City Administrator Bethune reported that the deadline to complete work under the grant for the electric vehicle charging station has been extended. In addition the owner of the Texaco Station has expressed some interest in partnering with the City to place the station.

Councilmember Hunt commented that this could be a good thing for the City and the Texaco Station. Approval of the contract was tabled to April 13 to allow more time to discuss a partnership with the Texaco station.

Resolution 2011-1:
Police Department
Cash Drawer

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve Resolution 2011-1, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, establishing a cash drawer for the Orting Police Department. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 905:
Criminal Code Update

City Prosecutor Aaron Walls explained that each year the State of Washington updates its laws. When these laws are updated the City also needs to update its municipal code to match the state laws or he will be unable to prosecute certain offenses. He reported that the proposed ordinance automatically updates all City ordinances to match any recent changes at the State and includes a clause so all future changes are also automatically adopted.

Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 905, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to criminal laws and penalties; adopting certain state statutes to be incorporated as part of the Orting Municipal Code; amending OMC 6-1a-2; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Park Use and Event
Fees

Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek presented the Council with a proposal to decrease fees for large events that are held in the City Parks and initiating fees for use of City property such as the dumpster or port-a-potties. Currently event organizers pay the rental rates for the parks facilities only. City Staff are recommending the fees to recoup some of the expense that the City incurs to prepare for events and to increase the number of times facilities are rented.

Councilmember Drennen commented that a lot of the events in the park are very important to the community and he would like to see more information about the cost to the City before increasing fees.

Councilmember Hunt asked what other cities in the area charge for similar events? He also stated that he is concerned that some of the events will choose to not pay the fee and cancel the event.

Councilmember Drennen asked if the City is obligated to allow any group that is willing to pay the fees to use the parks for their event.

City Attorney Bacha reported that the same fees and application processes need to be applied to all groups.

Councilmember Krogh requested more detailed information including a comparison of the current fees to the proposed fees, a breakdown of City costs and a comparison of the current application process to the proposed process.

Adoption of the fees was tabled to allow staff and the Mayor to gather the requested information.

Legislative Priorities Councilmember Krogh and City Administrator Bethune provided the Council with a current copy of the Legislative Priorities for the City.

Mayor Temple thanked that Governmental Affairs Committee for creating the document. She reported that it is very helpful to have a clear message to share with legislators about what the City needs.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that Stella Brumley has approached him about reserve seating for Soldier’s Home residents at the Daffodil Parade. City staff will contact the Soldier’s Home to coordinate.

Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Orting Historical Society has signed an agreement to install new lights at the Bell Tower. The Historical Society will spend about \$2,000 to complete the project

Utilities and Technology City Administrator Bethune reported that FEMA has decided to relook at zero levee flood determinations. This means the FEMA will develop formulas to determine flood plain designations based on existing levees, even if they are not FEMA certified. This will delay the adoption of the latest flood mapping and could exempt many Orting residents from being required to purchase flood insurance.

Finance Councilmember Colorossi reported that the State of Washington ranks eighth in public debt per capita.

Public Safety & Fire District 18 Fire Commissioner Mahoney reported that merger oversight committee recommends discontinuing efforts to merge with East Pierce Fire and Rescue. No formal action has been taken yet, by either fire district. He promised to report back with more information after the district has taken action on the recommendation.

Police Chief Drake reported that there is a flood watch for the Puyallup River near Orting. The river is forecast to crest at 5:00 pm on March 31. The current models do not show any problems related to flooding in the City Limits.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt reported that the City has placed orange flags at the intersection of Calistoga Street West and Corrin Avenue for pedestrians to use when crossing the street.

Councilmember Drennen asked if the committee has looked to make sure there is adequate signage at some of the intersections in town.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported the steer committee met on March 21 to discuss the State Route 162 crossing. The committee will meet on April 5 to look at designs for bridges that will be approved by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Colorossi reported that Cascadia has been purchased

and he has attempted to make contact with the new owner to get them involved in the Bridge for Kids project.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 pm. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple