

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 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, Nicola McDonald, David Inge, and Guy S. Colorossi.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Police Sergeant Jim Dowd, Cashier Margaret O’Harra, Court Administrator Kaaren Woods.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Sigafos, Connie Johnson, Barbara Bauml, Pat Johnson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Police Chief Bill Drake: National Drug Take Back Day	Chief Drake announced that Saturday, April 30 is National Drug Take Back Day. There will be a police officer on duty at the Public Safety Building, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, to collect expired and unwanted medications for disposal.
Connie Johnson	Connie Johnson stated that she is working on a grant application to build a museum, she is also looking for storage for items that could be placed in the museum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of April 13, 2011.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17053 through No. 17101, in the amount of \$59,432.54 and Payroll Warrants No. 20428 through No. 20444 in the amount of \$92,687.67.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mosquito Monitoring and Treatment	The City of Orting has 22 storm retention ponds, 10 of which retain water through the summer months. Monitoring these retention ponds for mosquito colonies, may help reduce any potential concerns for citizens whom live near them.
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Recently, the City of Orting solicited bids for companies to perform mosquito monitoring and maintenance on the 10 ponds that retain water during the summer. The low bidder was Eden Advanced Pest Technologies.

Councilmember Drennen moved to award the contract for Mosquito Monitoring and Treatment to Eden Advanced Pest Technologies in the

amount of \$3016.68. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Management Benefits

City Administrator Bethune presented the Council with a proposal to grant comprehensive time to salaried managers when they work over 50 hrs in a week and to allow managers with other health insurance to opt out of City coverage and be paid a portion of what the City would pay for medical benefits.

Councilmember Colorossi presented the Council with a letter listing his concerns and objections to the proposal. His objections included that an action that changes the budget, such as this, should be considered as part of the annual budget discussion. He also felt that managers need to manage their time and activities to allow for their work to be completed.

Councilmember Drennen stated that he is concerned about making a change like this when the budget has already been adopted. While he supports the idea of providing incentives to managers he does not want to obligate the City for future payments.

Councilmember Holland suggested that the topic be placed on the agenda for discussion during the budget process. The Council agreed.

Buckley Court Contract

The City of Buckley recently lost their long time Court Administrator. The City of Orting Municipal Court has experienced a decrease in volume of business over the past three to four months. Both cities have been in the process of looking for ways to improve revenues and decrease expenses. One proposal is to look for ways to share costs, such as sharing a Court Administrator.

Councilmember Holland presented a contract for the City of Orting to provide Court Administration services to the City of Buckley for \$20,000 annually. The City would then increase the salary of the Court Administrator by \$10,000 to \$59,500 and the remaining \$10,000 would remain in the City of Orting general fund.

Buckley Mayor Pat Johnson spoke in support of the agreement.

Councilmember Inge moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Buckley for Court Administration Services. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

General Facilities Charges Amendment Ordinance

Councilmember Drennen reported that Developers pay general facility charges for Sewer, Water and Stormwater at time of final plat. It can be several years before homes are built on the site. The City's expenses for facility development often increase over that time. The Utility Committee is recommending an ordinance that would require the developer to pay the increase in general facility charges at the time of building permit if it has been more than two years since the original payment. Councilmember Drennen requested that the Council review the proposal and stated that he will bring it back for consideration at the next meeting.

Ordinance No. 906: The City of Orting has created new parking areas for anglers during Seasonal Parking fishing season. The City does not have new revenue to cover the cost Permit to maintain these areas. The Transportation Committee has proposed an ordinance to allow for seasonal parking permits to raise revenue to maintain the lots.

Councilmember Hunt moved to approve Ordinance No. 906, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to parking; establishing permit requirements for seasonal parking; proscribing penalties for violation; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011- 3: Councilmember Hunt moved to approve resolution 2011-3, a Seasonal Parking resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, establishing fees for Permit Fees seasonal parking permits. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

River Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi reported that the Spring River Clean-up is Saturday April 30 at 8:00 am.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen and Bridge for Kids representative Barbara Bauml presented the Council with a new design for the bridge crossing of State Route 162. At a future meeting the Council will be asked to adopt a resolution accepting the bridge design.

Cemetery Mayor Temple announced that the Cemetery Committee will have a recommendation of rates for the columbarium at the next Council Meeting.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple