

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 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, Guy S. Colorossi and Orting Valley Fire and Rescue Commissioner Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember McDonald moved to excuse Councilmember Ava Krogh. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Cashier Margaret O'Harra, Accounting Clerk I Jane Heleglien, Building Official Ken Wolfe.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford.
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Sigafos, Keith Peterson, Dick Ford, Debbie McDonald, Josh Penner, Katrina Minton-Davis, Barbara Bauml, Connie Johnson.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of April 27, 2011.
- B. April 2011 Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17102 through No. 17157, in the amount of \$521,118.95 and Payroll Warrants No. 20445 through No. 20468 in the amount of \$128,049.85.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Paint the Town Purple Proclamation	Debbie McDonald, Sumner-Bonney Lake Relay for Life Publicity Chair, asked the Mayor and Council to approve a Proclamation for Paint the Town Purple.
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Paint the Town Purple is a fundraising activity for the American Cancer Society Relay for life.

Councilmember Inge moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proclamation in recognition and support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Councilmember McDonald seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Big "O" Motorcycle Poker Run	Dick Ford, Organizer of the Big "O" Poker Run, reported that the Big "O" will be on Saturday, July 16. Registration will start at 7:30 am at
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the Bell Tower. The Eagles will serve breakfast at 8:00 am. The event will end at 4:00 pm. All proceeds will be donated to the Orting Senior Center.

Kingsmen Poker Run Ken Bradford and Keith Peterson, of the Kingsmen Car Club, asked the Council to waive the Park Use Fees for the Annual Kingsmen Poker Run and Car Show. The event will be on Saturday, June 18 in the City Park.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to waive the Park Use Fees for the Kingsmen Car Club Poker Run based on significant contributions to the City of Orting. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

**General Facilities
Charge Amendment
Ordinance**

Councilmember Drennen reported that developers pay General Facility Charges (GFC's) for Sewer, Water, and Stormwater at the time of final plat. It can be several years before they actually build houses on the site. The city's expense for facility development often increases over that time. This amendment requires the developer to pay the increase in GFC's at the time of building permit if the lapse of time from the original payment and construction is 2 years or greater.

The Utility and Technology Committee recommends approval of the ordinance with an amendment creating a two-year grace period.

Councilmember Colorossi noted for the record that the Council had received an e-mail from Rob Harrington opposing the ordinance.

The ordinance was tabled with instructions to the City Attorney to revise it to include the 2-year grace period.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Resolution 2011-4:
Cemetery Rates**

Mayor Temple reported that the Cemetery Committee has met and discussed rates for the columbaria niches. The committee proposed rates of \$2,195 for residents and \$2,495 for non-residents. The fee will include all services needed for each niche including opening and closing fees and inscription of the niche.

Councilmembers Colorossi and Drennen commented that the rates seem high in comparison to other rates.

Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt resolution 2011-4, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington fixing cemetery rates and charges and repealing Resolution 2010-11. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of four to two. Councilmembers Hunt, Holland, McDonald and Inge voted in favor of the resolution. Councilmembers Colorossi and Drennen voted against the motion.

**Management Health
Insurance**

Mayor Temple explained that the topic of giving non-represented employees the opportunity to be reimbursed for waiving medical

benefits was included with another related agenda item and may not have been sufficiently discussed.

City Administrator Bethune reported that City department managers do not receive reimbursement for waiving medical benefits. The proposed policy would reimburse managers who waive City medical coverage \$450 per month. The City will save money because the City's total medical premium would be reduced. For an employee with no dependents the savings to the City will be approximately \$679 per year. For an employee with a spouse and two children the savings for the City will be \$12,660 per year.

Councilmember Holland moved to approve the Policy and Procedure for Waiver of Medical Benefits with amendments to require proof of alternate insurance and make the program a one-year pilot program. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. Councilmember Drennen urged the Council to vote against the motion because the amendments were very vague. The motion failed by a vote of two to four. Councilmembers Hunt and Holland voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Drennen, Inge, McDonald and Colorossi voted against the motion.

Councilmember Inge stated that he would like to see the topic at the next meeting with amendments.

Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance

Councilmember Drennen and City Administrator Bethune reported that Orting's solid waste ordinance has not been updated since 1973. The violation provision does not provide sufficient ability to enforce compliance.

The updated ordinance would give staff the tools to require that all residents in Orting have garbage service.

Councilmember Hunt expressed concern that residents without garbage service can be charged with a misdemeanor. Councilmember Holland asked if there is a way to assist households that are already behind on garbage bills so they are not immediately penalized by the new ordinance.

The ordinance was tabled with direction to staff to investigate an amnesty period for households already behind on garbage service.

Master Licensing Service

Councilmember Colorossi provided the staff with a detailed report about Master Licensing Service (MLS), a division of the Washington Department of Licensing. City staff is proposing contracting with the MLS for business licensing. A representative from MLS will be at the next meeting to give a presentation.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

River Bar Removal Building Official Ken Wolfe reported that the River Clean-up on April 30 was very successful. 41 volunteers helped to remove refuse from the riparian areas on the Puyallup and Carbon Rivers.

He also requested a place on the June 8 agenda to give a PowerPoint presentation.

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that the Dog Park Committee is selling “Fence by the Foot” for the dog park as a fundraiser.

Utilities and Technology Councilmember Drennen reported that construction of Well 4 and North End Reservoir is six months ahead of schedule.

The Committee has also started to discuss and plan a new Public Works Building to be placed next to the Reservoir.

Community Development Councilmember McDonald reported that the Urban Growth Area application was discussed at their last meeting. On May 25 the Council will hold a public hearing on the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Public Safety Fire Commissioner Mahoney reported that about 225 people attended the Fire District Open House on May 7.

Bridge for Kids Barbara Bauml reported that the Bridge for Kids Steering Committee has a preliminary drawing for the SR 162 bridge. The design has been presented to the Planning Commission.

City Administrator Bethune asked Ms. Bauml if there had been any discussion about the e-mail sent to group indicating that their plan for Rocky Road conflict with the binding site plan that is already approved for the property.

The next meeting of the steering committee is May 31 at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Yard Sale Mayor Temple announced the second annual Orting Community Yard Sale is on June 25. For more information contact Roxanne Pollard at City Hall.

Councilmember McDonald: Resignation Councilmember McDonald announced that she is resigning from the City Council to focus on her business.

Councilmember Inge moved to accept the resignation with regret. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember McDonald moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm.
Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple