

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 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.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Code Enforcement Officer Rick Kuss.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, BHC Consultants Planner Roger Wagoner.
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Sigafos, Ric Fritz, Josh Penner, Patricia DeLaney.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of May 11, 2011.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17158 through No. 17200, in the amount of \$52,426.83 and Payroll Warrants No. 20480 through No. 20497 in the amount of \$81,301.66. Payroll Warrant No 20469 through 20479 were voided.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Roger Wagoner: Consulting Planner Roger Wagoner introduced the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. The amendments include changes to the Land Use Appendix and Capital Facilities Appendix in support of the City's proposal for a Pierce County Comprehensive Plan Amendment to expand Orting's urban growth area (UGA). The UGA proposal was previously presented to the Council in January 2011.

The Council expressed concern about the taking of agricultural land as part of a UGA. Councilmember Hunt suggested that the City wait for a business to interested in developing in the area before applying for a UGA to accommodate them.

Mayor Temple opened the Public Hearing for the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments at 7:38 pm. Hearing no comments the floor was closed at 7:39 pm.

Councilmember Inge moved to adopt Ordinance No. 907, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to land use and zoning;

adopting amendments to the land use appendix and capital facilities appendix of the City of Orting Comprehensive Plan; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion. The motion failed by a roll call vote of two to four. Councilmembers Krogh and Inge voted in favor of the motion and Councilmembers Hunt, Holland, Drennen and Colorossi voted against it.

OLD BUSINESS:

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.

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Kuss explained his current enforcement practices to the Council.

The ordinance was tabled to the Utility Committee with a request to explore options to reduce the burden for low income households.

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 ordinance has been amended to include a two-year grace period.

The ordinance was tabled with instructions to the City Attorney to revise it to make the two-year grace period applicable to all future plat applications.

Management Health Insurance

Councilmember Holland moved to approve the Policy and Procedure for Waiver of Medical Benefits. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Drennen requested that Council review the policy during the 2012 budget planning process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacant Council Position

The Council decided to invite individuals that file for election to apply for the vacant City Council seat. Filing for election can be done at the Pierce County Auditor's Office during the week of June 6.

Councilmember Colorossi will organize the candidates after filing is complete.

Resolution 2011-5:

Councilmember Inge moved to approve Resolution 2011-5, a

Gratzer Ballfields resolution authorizing application for funding assistance for a Land
Phase II Grant and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program project to the
Application Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) as provided in the LWCF
Act of 1965, as amended. Councilmember Holland seconded the
motion and it carried.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that the First Annual Bark in the Park
was a success.

Utilities and Councilmember Colorossi reported that the City has acquired 47
Technology percent of the lineal feet of easements required for the Orville Road
Water Main project.

Governmental Affairs Mayor Temple reported that she and Councilmember Krogh will be
attending the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting on May 26.

Fire District 18 Commissioner Mahoney reported that the Fire District is working on a
strategic plan.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt reported that staff has been researching
crosswalk safety. The Washington State Department of Transportation
may fund lighted crosswalk signs at some intersections.

The Foothills Trail Courtesy Patrol has a grant writer that is willing to
help pursue grants for trail safety.

The flags for pedestrians at the intersection of Corrin and Calistoga
seem to be working to make pedestrians more visible.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.
Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried
unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple