

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 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 Margaret O'Harra.

### ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Accounting Clerk I Jane Heleglien.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford.
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Sigafos, Shawn Hogan, Heather Hogan, Matt Carlson, Charlene Middlekauf, David Middlekauff, Kim Farnes, Pat Burgess, Jim Rutt, Ron Vrandenburg, Gavin Vrandenburg, Kacie Nesby, Barbara Ford, Ric Fritz.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Senior Center, Barbara Ford Barbara Ford, representing the Orting Senior Center, reported that the local firefighter's organization donated \$500 to the Senior Center.

The Senior Center is very involved with Emergency Management and has been working with the County to development emergency planning for seniors and homeless people.

The Senior Center also will be purchasing locally grown produce, through a voucher program, to distribute to seniors.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of May 25, 2011.
- B. Minutes of June 8, 2011
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17201 through No. 17255, in the amount of \$480,720.78 and Payroll Warrants No. 20498 through No. 20521 in the amount of \$128,719.29. Warrants 17202 and 17203 were voided.
- D. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17256 through No. 17316, in the amount of \$71,676.00 and Payroll Warrants No. 20522 through No. 20528 in the amount of \$89,455.86.
- E. May 2011 Treasurer's Report

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

John Jacob: Master  
Licensing Service

John Jacob, Outreach and Partnership Manager for the Washington State Department of Licensing, presented a proposal for the City to subcontract with the Master Licensing Service for business licenses. The proposal would allow businesses to renew their City of Orting business license at the same time they renew any state licenses that they have. The information would then be forwarded to the City for review.

Kim Farnes, owner of the Around the Corner Café, commented that this program would reduce the interaction that businesses have with City Hall. Taking away this contact could be detrimental.

After questions from the Council, Councilmember Colorossi reported that the proposal would come to Council for a vote on July 13.

Doran Dochan: Utility  
Billing Subcontract

Doran Dochan, an account manager for Databar, presented the Council with a proposal for the City to subcontract out printing and mailing of utility bills.

Councilmember Drennen asked that the proposal be sent back to utility committee to review and put together a request for proposals to make sure that all companies who provide this service are studied.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 907:  
General Facilities  
Charge Amendment

Councilmember Drennen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 907, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to general facilities charges; amending OMC Title 9 to provide for payment of a general facilities equitable adjustment charge as part of the connection charges; amending OMC Title 9 to provide clarification of timing of payment of general facilities charges for plats, short plats, binding site plan approvals and planned unit developments; providing for severability; and, establishing an effective date. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 908:  
Lodging Tax

Councilmember Inge moved to approve Ordinance No. 908, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington adopting Orting Municipal Code section 3-8 relating to and establishing a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; providing for the appointment of its members; defining the organization and responsibilities; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Medical Marijuana  
Dispensaries

Councilmember Hunt showed the Council a sign from a neighboring community advertising an easy way to get a prescription for medical marijuana. He expressed concern that these signs and the businesses that support them could locate in Orting. He also read a letter from Pastor Dale Gore discussing the problems that marijuana use creates in our communities.

Attorney Bacha reported that many cities acted to prevent marijuana dispensaries from locating in their communities due to a bill that was passed in the 2011 legislative session. However, the governor vetoed most of the bill keeping it illegal to open a dispensary in the State of Washington.

School board member Kacie Nesby and community members Matt Carlson, Heather Hogan, and Kim Farnes also spoke out against medical marijuana dispensaries opening in Orting and making drugs more accessible for youth.

The topic was referred to the Public Safety Committee to review.

Firework Stand Approvals Councilmember Holland moved to approve fireworks stand permits for River’s Edge and Oops Offroad. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 909: Fireworks Stands Councilmember Krogh moved to approve Ordinance No. 909, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to fireworks; authorizing the Mayor or designee to issue permits; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Works Building RFQ Councilmember Drennen moved to authorize City Staff to proceed with the Request for Qualifications for the design of the Public Works Building. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Zoo-Trek Board Appointment Councilmember Inge reported that Bobbi Allison from Eatonville will be giving up her seat on the Zoo-Trek Board when she leaves the Eatonville Town Council in December. This will leave an opening for a representative from a City with a population under 7,000 in Pierce County. He asked the Councilmembers to consider running for the position.

Council Position No. 4 Selection Councilmember Colorossi outlined the process used to fill Council Position 4.

Councilmember Colorossi announced that one candidate, Rocky Bilyeu, withdrew from consideration prior to the meeting. Candidate Matthew McCullough was not in attendance at the meeting.

The three remaining candidates, Jim Rutt, Rickord Fritz and David Middlekauff introduced themselves and answered questions from the Council and Mayor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Qualifications of Candidates Mayor Temple announced an executive session to discuss the qualifications of candidates under RCW 42.30.110(h) for 10 minutes at 9:50 pm. Regular session was reconvened at 10:09 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT):**

Council Position 4 Selection Councilmember Hunt nominated Rickord Fritz to fill the Council Seat vacated by Nicola McDonald. Councilmember Holland seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.

Rickord Fritz Oath of Office City Administrator Bethune gave the Rickord Fritz the Oath of Office. Councilmember Fritz took his seat with Council.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Rivers Councilmember Colorossi reported that Building Official Ken Wolfe will give a PowerPoint presentation at the July 13 meeting.

There was a flood district meeting organized by Pierce County at the Orting Middle School. About 75 people attended the meeting.

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that contractors will break ground at Gratzer Park soon.

Councilmember Drennen reported that the Dog Park Committee has raised almost \$8,000 for the park.

Fire District 18 Fire Chief Paul Webb reported that the Fire District's strategic planning process is moving forward.

The trail safety recommendations have been sent to the County for review.

The district has also recruited and selected six new volunteers.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt reported that the Transportation Committee will have a presentation in mid July about road maintenance costs.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that at the last steering committee meeting they discussed issues with the proposed bridge location.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Fritz moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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