

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 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, Ric Fritz, 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, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Cashier Margaret O’Harra, Police Chief Bill Drake.

Professional Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer JC
Representatives Hungerford.

Visitors (signed in) Shirley Sigafos, Josh Penner, Barbara Ford, Patricia DeLaney.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Senior Center, Barbara Ford Barbara Ford reported that the annual Senior Center Dinner to honor Orting volunteers will be on Saturday, September 17 at the Orting Eagles. Nomination forms are available at the Senior Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of June 29, 2011
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17317 through No. 17373, in the amount of \$444,498.29 and Payroll Warrants No. 20539 through No. 20561 in the amount of \$123,584.91.
- C. June 2011 Treasurer’s Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Master Licensing Service Councilmember Colorossi summarized the proposal from Master Licensing Service to provide business license processing to the City of Orting and the feedback he received from the public and business community regarding the proposal. In general, the feedback from the business community was negative, according to Colorossi.

Citing the lack of interest in participating in the business community, Councilmember Colorossi moved to reject the proposal from the Washington State Master Licensing Service for business licensing processing services. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of five to two. Councilmembers Hunt, Holland, Drennen, Fritz, and Colorossi voted in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Krogh and Inge voted against the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments On June 29, 2011, the Council adopted Ordinance 908, creating a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. The members of the committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with approval from the City Council.

Mayor Temple nominated The Wild Rose owners John Rundell and Robbie Burns, City Administrator Mark Bethune, Councilmember Ava Krogh and Orting Chamber of Commerce Director Patti DeLaney to the Orting Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Inge moved to accept the Mayor’s nominations. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Councilmember Krogh recused herself from the vote.

Zoo-Trek Board Appointment Councilmember Inge reported that he did not have any new information on the opening on Zoo-Trek Board. He will report to the council as soon as he learns more.

Puget Sound Regional Council Meeting Report Councilmember Krogh reported that she and Mayor Temple attended the Puget Sound Regional Council General Assembly meeting on May 26. One of the topics discussed at the meeting was the Vision 2040 plan, an integrated, long-range vision for maintaining a healthy region – promoting the well-being of people and communities, economic vitality, and a healthy environment. Orting Valley Farms was recognized with a 2010 Vision 2040 Award.

Second Quarter Treasurer’s Report City Administrator Bethune reported that revenues are better than anticipated in the General Fund and meeting expectations in all utility funds. Expenses are as expected in all funds.

Fishermen’s Parking _ New Lot Councilmember Inge reported that the plan this year was to build a permanent gravel parking lot for fishermen at the end of Meadow Lane. The owners of Meadow Lane have refused to allow the alley to be used for public access. The City has located another potential lot in Charter Park that is just south of the BMX bike play area. The new area can be accessed from Washington Avenue Southeast. The new plan calls for a seasonal parking lot without gravel that would be sectioned off to prevent parking that could disturb nearby residents. Parking would be by permit only.

Ted Schoenbachler, a resident of Meadow Lane, commented that he is opposed to the use of Meadow Lane for fishing parking access.

Councilmember Drennen asked if there is the possibility of a public-private partnership to provide parking in one of the existing lots in town.

Council requested information about other parking options including partnerships at the July 27 Council meeting. If the City still intends to use part of Charter Park for a parking lot, the Council will hold a hearing on August 10 and invite neighbors to attend and provide input.

Council Committee Assignments Mayor Temple asked if the Council would consent to Councilmember Fritz filling the Council Committee assignments that were left vacant by former Councilmember McDonald or would they prefer to entirely reshuffle committee memberships. The Council agreed that Councilmember Fritz would fill former Councilmember McDonald's positions. In January 2012, the Council will revisit the Committee assignments.

Well Field – Water Rights Transfer Update Councilmember Drennen provided an update to the water rights transfer associated with the construction of Well No. 4.

The water rights transfer has been completed and a Record of Examination has been issued by the Washington Department of Ecology. Well No. 4 has a construction development schedule deadline of April 30, 2012, which will be met by the contractor. Upon completion of startup and commissioning of the North End Reservoir and Booster Station Facility, a Completion of Construction form will be filed with The Department of Ecology.

Additionally, the City must demonstrate beneficial use of the water rights by 2030. This same process was completed for the construction of Well No. 3 and took approximately one year to complete.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rivers Building Official Ken Wolfe reported on projects related to flood management and prevention including the setback levee and Pierce County Flood Control District.

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that a church group organized by Jeanne Pestinger has volunteered to build a path from the parking lot to the dog park in Calistoga Park.

Other parks projects discussed by the Parks Commission include fundraising and planning of the dog park, new playground equipment in the main park, a volleyball court and Gratzner Park.

Utilities & Technology Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee is reviewing solid waste collection proposal and updating the ordinance. The Committee also discussed the cost of service study.

Community Development Councilmember Krogh reported that Community Development Committee is revisiting the strategic plan.

There are also two new restaurants that have applied for business licenses and permits and will be opening soon.

Fire District 18 Chief Webb provided the Council with a report about response times for the district and City.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple