

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2011

Deputy Mayor Scott Drennen called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:06 pm in the Village Green Park. 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, Accounting Clerk I Jane Helgelien, Parks & Recreation Coordinator Cory Shipman.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford.
Visitors (signed in)	Josh Penner, David Middlekauf, Charlene Middlekauf, Kacie Nesby, Lisa Littleton.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Summerfest, Kacie Nesby  
Kacie Nesby, organizer of Summerfest, distributed a flyer about the event to the Council. Summerfest is August 13 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Orting City Park. The event will feature free activities for children and entertainment, 5K and 10K fun runs and reasonably prices food.

Ms. Nesby also asked the Council to consider waiving the park rental fee for the event. Councilmember Hunt moved to waive the park rental fees for Summerfest. Councilmember Fritz seconded the motion. Councilmember Inge asked the City Attorney if there are any ordinances prohibiting the Council from waiving the park rental fees.

City Attorney Bacha explained that the City ordinance has a mechanism for reduced or waived fees. Waiving or reducing fees without following the ordinance could make it difficult to enforce the fees in the future.

Ms. Nesby was referred to the Parks and Recreation Director to discuss the fees. Councilmember Hunt withdrew his motion to waive the fees.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of July 13, 2011
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17374 through No. 17427, in the amount of \$62,559.72 and Payroll Warrants No. 20562 through No. 20580 in the amount of \$90,511.89. Claims Warrant No. 17328 was voided and replaced with Claims Warrant No.

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

**PRESENTATION:**

Kevin Phelps: County Wide Upgraded Police and Fire Radio Systems

Kevin Phelps, Deputy County Executive, spoke to the Council about an item coming to voters on the November 2011 ballot, South Sound 911.

The County in partnership with the Cities of Tacoma and ~~Lakewood, Lakewood~~ havehas been collaborating to develop a comprehensive 911 system to serve the entire county. The proposed system would have two separate call centers: one for police and one for fire. The call centers would be able to back each other up in the event of an emergency. The new system would also provide all law enforcement officials and firefighters in Pierce County the ability to communicate on the same system and provide a dedicated data and radio network for them. The proposal would also meet the January 1, 2013 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) deadline to switch from 25 kHz bandwidth to 12.5 kHz technology.

The funding source to build a new call center and data network would be a 0.1 percent sales tax levy and a \$0.20 cell phone tax. The cell phone tax is already in place. The sale tax levy will need to be approved by voters in November 2011. In addition, if adopted by voters cities, like Orting, will be required to pay a user fee based on population and number of calls generated.

At the end of the presentation Chief Drake reported that the City of Orting has all the equipment needed to convert to the new bandwidth.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fishermen's Parking

City Administrator Bethune reported that none of the property owners had agreed to allow pay parking for fishermen on their properties yet. He is still exploring a few options. There is a public hearing scheduled for the next meeting about fishermen parking.

Lisa Littleton, of Washington Avenue Southeast, spoke to the Council about the disruption that fishermen create in her neighborhood. In addition to the extra traffic, the fishermen often litter, make enough noise to wake people early in the morning, and in some ~~instanaees~~ instances urinate on fences and change clothing in the open. She is concerned that there are many families with small children in the neighborhood that could be hit by a car or see a man changing clothes or urinating in their yard. Ms. Littleton is opposed to any use of the Charter Park for fishermen parking.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Utility Billing Mailing RFP Councilmember Hunt moved to authorize the Mayor to publish an RFP for utility billing mailing services. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Medical Marijuana Councilmember Hunt moved to authorize the City Attorney to prepare a moratorium on all medical marijuana dispensaries and collective gardens. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011-6: Greenhouse Gas Emission Policies City Administrator Bethune reported that there is a new state requirement that the City have greenhouse gas emissions policy in place to receive any state funding including grants.

Councilmember Krogh moved to approve resolution 2011-6, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington adopting greenhouse gas reduction policies amended to remove the words, “*global warming*” from paragraph three. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Parks Commissioner Councilmember Inge moved to confirm the appointment of Frank Buchiere to the Orting Parks Commission. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that the *Big O Poker Run* was a success despite rainy weather.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that the Bridge for Kids in close to a complete 30 percent design.

Request to be Excused: Councilmember Hunt reported that he will not be able to attend the next Council Meeting and requested to be excused.

Councilmember Hunt Councilmember Holland moved to excuse Councilmember Hunt from the August 10, 2011 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 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