

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 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 Graham Hunt, Stanley Holland, Ava Krogh, Scott Drennen, Ric Fritz, David Inge, and Guy S. Colorossi.

### ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Accounting Clerk I Jane Heleglien.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford.
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Frasl Sigafos, Lynda Gebhard, Leslie McCoy, Barbara Ford, Josh Penner, David Middlekauf, Jeremy Arnett.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Linda Gebhard: Medical Marijuana	Linda Gebhard thanked the Council for passing the Medical Marijuana Moratorium. Mrs. Gebhard, a board member for OSTOP (Orting Standing Together on Prevention), also volunteered to be a member of the committee that reviews the code to determine if and where dispensaries and collective gardens will be allowed.
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Jay Arnett: Fishing Parking Permits	Jay Arnett, owner of Big J's Outdoor Store, reported that the new parking permits for fishermen have hurt his business. The permits are confusing to the general public and have deterred many from coming to Orting to fish. He offered to work with the City in the future to improve the program.
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### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of August 31, 2011
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17537 through No. 17604, in the amount of \$138,897.23 and Payroll Warrants No. 20626 through No. 20650 in the amount of \$134,192.71.

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

### PRESENTATIONS:

Dog Park Phase I: Tammy Drennen & Leslie McCoy	Tammy Drennen and Leslie McCoy presented a planned layout for the Dog Park. The plan includes separate areas for large and small dogs, fencing and trees and shrubs. The first step to complete the park will be to install the fencing.
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Councilmember Inge moved to authorize the City Administrator to solicit bids for the Orting Dog Park fence. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried.

Utility Cost of Service Study: JC Hungerford Engineer Hungerford presented the Council with projected general facility charge (GFC) rates and monthly Utility rates based on the Cost of Service Study prepared by Parametrix and FCS Group.

The rate study recommends increases in utility rates for water, sewer, and storm. It also recommends an increase in the GFC for sewer but a decrease in the GFC rate for water. The study takes into account the comprehensive plan for each utility. The study makes rate recommendations to Council for the next 8 years. The Council will be asked to determine utility rates only for 2012 during the budget cycle. The rate study recommends an approximate \$8 a month increase for the overall utility bill for 2012. It recommends an increase for High Cedars residents of 15 percent or about a \$6.50 a month.

The study includes the legal requirement that the general fund pay for fire flow. The recommendation is that a utility tax be applied to the water portion of the utility bill. That tax would go to the general fund to pay for fire flow. Water rates would be changed to decrease rates for low-average users and be increased for high utilizers.

A complete copy of the study is available for review at City Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Flood Control Development Regulation Amendments for National Flood Insurance Program Compliance Ordinance Discussion and adoption of the Flood Control Development Regulation Amendments for National Flood Insurance Program Compliance Ordinance was tabled to the September 28, 2011 meeting.

Gratzer Park Name Change The sport fields being built off Whitehawk Blvd have been known as the Gratzer ball fields until now. To continue to thank the Gratzer Family for their contribution to the community and to recognize Washington Rock for donating most of the material to construct the fields the Parks Commission recommended that Gratzer Park be renamed Washington Rock Sport Park at Gratzer Farm.

Councilmember Colorossi suggested the name Gratzer Sports Park Courtesy of Washington Rock. Councilmember Hunt moved to change the name of Gratzer Park to Gratzer Sports Park Courtesy of Washington Rock. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ordinance 912: Code Enforcement Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 912, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to penalties and enforcement; adding a new Chapter 1-13 for enforcement of Title 5 (public health and safety code) OMC, Chapters 8-1 (Survey Point), 8-2 (Sidewalk Construction), 8-3 (Curb and Street Construction), 8-4 (Parking Strips), and 8-5 (Excavations) OMC; Title 10 (Building and Construction) OMC; title 11 (Environmentally Critical Areas) OMC;

Title 12 (Subdivision Regulations) OMC; Title 13 (Development Regulations) OMC; Title 14 (Flood Control) OMC; Title 15 (Development Code Administration) OMC; and the City of Orting Shoreline Master Program, Chapter 11-6 OMC; amending certain provisions of Title 8 OMC relating to enforcement of right of way construction standards; amending OMC subsection 14-1-6(d) relating to enforcement of flood control requirements; amending Chapter 15-11 OMC relating to enforcement of titles 12, 13, and 15 OMC; amending OMC 11-5-1 relating to enforcement of environmentally critical areas; amending certain sections of chapter 10-7 OMC relating to enforcement of the property maintenance code; amending OMC 5-1-8 relating to penalties for violation of the public nuisance code; amending OMC 5-2-9 relating to penalties for violation of the garbage and refuse code; amending OMC 5-3-6 relating to penalties for violation of the rodent prevention code; amending OMC 5-7-3 relating to penalties for violation of the fireworks code; amending OMC 5-8-2 relating to penalties for violation of the noise control code; amending Chapter 1-12 (Hearing Examiner) OMC; revising the hearing examiner procedures for appeals of enforcement actions; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2012 Budget Schedule The Council agreed to hold the 2012 Budget Council Retreat on October 15.

Vision Software Server The current computer server is inadequate for the new Vision Financial software. A new server exclusively for the Vision software is being recommended. The older server will continue to meet the need for e-mail and document storage, and internet use.

Councilmember Hunt moved to authorize an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to purchase a server for the Vision Municipal Finance Software.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Parks Councilmember Inge reported that the Parks Commission discussed the 2012 Budget at the September Meeting.

He also reported that the Eagle Scout project in the Charter park is nearly complete.

Utility & Technology Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility Committee discussed the Cost of Service Study, the Public Works Building and the Utility Billing Request for Qualifications.

Finance Councilmember Colorossi reported that overall, the City's revenues and expenditures are within the approved budget.

Community Development Councilmember Krogh reported that Hope Family Medical will be opening in the old Orting School Administration Building and that Gratzler Landing has recently been purchased.

Governmental Affairs Councilmember Fritz reported that recently he, the Mayor, Councilmember Krogh, and City Administrator Bethune met with Keri Rooney from the Pierce County Executive’s Office. The group discussed the City of Orting legislative priorities.

Fire District 18 Fire Chief Webb reported that the public input portion of the strategic plan is complete.

The fire department is looking for a citizen volunteer to work in the front office.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 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