

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2012

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, Rickord Fritz, Josh Penner, Guy S. Colorossi and Ex-Officio Shawn Mahoney. Mayor Temple requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting and all agreed.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees Mark Bethune, City Administrator Beckie Meek, Director of Parks and Recreation
Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant Margaret O'Harra, Cashier
Bill Drake, Police Chief Ken Wolfe, Building Official

**Professional
Representatives** Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend
JC Hungerford, Engineer - Parametrix
Roger Wagoner, City Planner
Paul Webb, Fire Chief

Visitors (signed in) Shirley Frasl Sigafos, Courtney Wendt, Hunter Jacobson
Also present: Josh Penner and Barbara Ford

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

City Administrator Mark Bethune administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Ava Krogh, Graham Hunt, Ric Fritz, Guy S. Colorossi, and new Councilmember Josh Penner.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of December 14, 2011
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17978 through No. 18056, in the amount of \$219,406.26 and Payroll Warrants No. 20779 through No. 20817 in the amount of \$227,252.33.
- C. December Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Holland to approve the Consent Agenda for December 14, 2011 as prepared. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drennen, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Orting Senior Center Barbara Ford, Director of the Orting Senior Center thanked the Council for their support and gave an update of events at the Center.

PRESENTATIONS:

**Fire District 18
Strategic Plan** Chief Webb made a presentation and reviewed the strategic plan and budget for the next three to five years for the Department.

Community Gardens Councilmember Drennen introduced Kate Kurtz of Alleycat Acres. Ms. Kurtz is a project manager in bio-solids. She discussed community gardening and showed a presentation on her non-profit, Alleycat Acres. Councilmember Drennen will research and provide additional information on community gardens to the Council at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Interlocal Agreement**
Pierce County
- Mr. Wagoner, City Planner, discussed growth management and provided handouts of a Planning Menu. He discussed the Interlocal Agreement and the importance of adopting the planning amendments. Sam questioned all the changes to the plan, and Mr. Wagoner elaborated on the plan.
- Resolution No. 2012-01**
Interlocal Agreement
- Deferred to next meeting for additional documentation.
- Ordinance No. 925**
2011 Budget
Amendment #2
- Motion was made by Councilmember Colorossi to approve an ordinance in the City of Orting, Washington, amending the 2011 Fiscal Budget, Ordinance #902, and authorizing certain expenditures. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland and passed unanimously.
- Council Parks Committee**
- Mayor Temple discussed a redesign of the Council Parks Committee, revamping as the Schools and Community Interests Committee. Councilmember Hunt motioned to abolish the Parks Committee, which was seconded by Councilmember Holland, with ayes from Councilmembers Hunt, Holland, Krogh and Fritz; and nays from Councilmembers Colorossi, Penner and Drennen. The motion passed. Motion was made by Councilmember Hunt to create a Schools and Community Interests Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland, with ayes from Councilmembers Hunt, Holland, Krogh and Fritz; and nays from Councilmembers Colorossi, Drennen and Penner. The motion passed.
- Committee Assignments**
- Councilmember Hunt explained how the ad-hoc committee made their decisions on committee assignments. Councilmember Colorossi proposed changes to chairs. Councilmember Holland stated that he would like the Council to readdress the rules on how committees are assigned. Deputy Mayor Drennen expressed his disappointment and preference that Bridge for Kids be separate from Schools and Community Interests. Mayor Temple agreed to return to the ad-hoc committee for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Selection of Deputy Mayor**
- Mayor Temple called for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Holland nominated Councilmember Hunt for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Penner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Planning Commissioner Confirmation**
- Councilmember Holland motioned to confirm Kelly Cochran as Planning Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drennen and passed unanimously.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- River Management**
- Mr. Wolfe, Building Official, provided an update. He reported that state funds are available and we will be pursuing that possibility. Councilmember Colorossi questioned that Phase 3 does not mention when gravel bars will be removed. Mr. Wolfe reported that Executive Task Force brought about the GI study to identify flood projects within the water shed and will meet on January 27, 2012. The date for the Flood Control District meeting will be posted on the Pierce County website.

Parks No Report

Utilities and Technology No Report

Finance No Report

Community Development No Report

Governmental Affairs Councilmember Fritz reported that state redistricting has been solidified. We remain in the second district. We retained Representative JT Wilcox and will have Representative Gary Alexander instead of Representative Jim McCune. The congressional district remains eighth district. Councilmember Fritz will be attending the 2012 City Legislative Action Conference on January 25th and 26th in Olympia. He will be meeting with Senator Becker, Representative Wilcox and Representative McCune regarding flood solutions, agriculture friendly policies and shared funds.

Public Safety No Report

Fire District 18 No Report

Transportation No Report

Bridge For Kids No Report

Pierce County Regional Council No Report

RECESS:

Councilmember Holland moved to recess the meeting at 9:33 pm. Councilmember Fritz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD (TBDB):

Chairperson Hunt called the TBDB to order at 9:34 pm and took roll call. All members were present. Chairperson Hunt discussed a proposal to reduce the tab fee to \$15 and a proposed .2% increase in sales tax. Councilmember Krogh questioned how the funds would be used, and if the chip/seal project be designated as a project. Attorney Bacha pointed out that the funds are project specific and the TBDB has only been authorized to add a tab fee, not increase taxes. That would require amendments. Administrator Bethune discussed that tab fees could be instituted sooner than a tax increase.

A motion was made by Councilmember Holland to adopt a regular meeting schedule for the TBDB, in conjunction with the first Council meeting of each month (2nd Wednesdays of each month, 7PM). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Krogh, with ayes from Councilmembers Hunt, Fritz, and Penner, and a nay from Councilmember Colorossi.

Councilmember Holland moved to close the TBDB meeting. Councilmember Krogh seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Holland motioned to close the Recess, which was seconded by Councilmember Hunt and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Temple opened the Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

Councilmember Holland motioned to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fritz and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 pm. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple