

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 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 Deputy Mayor Graham Hunt, Councilmembers Stanley Holland, Ava Krogh, Scott Drennen, Rickord Fritz, Josh Penner and Guy S. Colorossi and Ex-Officio Margaret O'Harra.

### ATTENDANCE:

**City Employees**                      Mark Bethune, City Administrator      Kaaren Woods, Court Administrator  
    Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant      Ken Wolfe, Building Official  
    Bill Drake, Police Chief

**Professional  
Representatives**                      Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend  
    JC Hungerford, Engineer - Parametrix  
    Dave Roberts, Engineer - Parametrix

**Visitors (signed in)**                      Shirley Frasl Sigafos, Rhonda Madison, Greg Reed

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of January 11, 2012
- B. Minutes of January 27, 2012
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 18057 through No. 18112, in the amount of \$113,565.97 and Payroll Warrants No. 20818 through No. 20833 in the amount of \$91,533.69

A motion was made by Councilmember Colorossi to approve the Consent Agenda for Approval of Claims Warrants and Payroll Warrants as written. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland, and carried unanimously. Minutes of January 11, 2012 and January 17, 2012 will be returned to the Council after further review.

### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Rhonda Madison thanked the City for the outstanding response to the storm and expressed appreciation to Scott Drennen for his professionalism.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **Council Committee Assignments**

Mayor Temple reported that the subject of committee assignments was taken back to the ad-hoc committee for review. The issue was revisited and goals were set, and based on the best interest of citizens and the Council, the new slate was proposed. Councilmember Holland offered to chair an ad-hoc committee to review the rules and regulations for choosing committee assignments and Deputy Mayor. Councilmembers Colorossi and Drennen will join Councilmember Holland on the committee. Councilmember Colorossi stated that he will not accept Chairmanship of the Schools and Community Interests Committee. He will continue to work with the Utilities Committee and Parks Commission.

Councilmember Holland motioned to accept the committee assignments with two changes; Schools and Community Interests – Chair Fritz, Co-Chair Colorossi, and Finance & Budget – Chair Colorossi, Co-Chair Fritz. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hunt. The motion passed with ayes from Councilmembers Holland, Hunt, Krogh, Fritz and Penner; and a nay from Councilmembers Colorossi and Drennen.

- Utility Bill Mailing Vendor Selection** After discussion by the Council, Councilmember Hunt expressed concern that the RFP did not produce more applicants. Councilmember Fritz motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into a service agreement with divdat for the mailing of city utility Bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. The motion passed with ayes from Councilmembers Holland, Fritz, Krogh, Drennen, Penner and Colorossi; and a nay from Councilmember Hunt.
- Interlocal Agreement** During discussion Councilmember Fritz expressed his concern over individuals’ property rights, stemming from a very high emphasis on environmental controls.
- Resolution No. 2012-01 Interlocal Agreement** Councilmember Krogh moved to approve Resolution 2012-01, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute one or more Interlocal agreements with Pierce County and its cities and towns thereby amending the Pierce County county-wide planning policies to designate new candidate regional centers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland and carried with ayes from Councilmembers Krogh, Holland, Hunt, Drennen, Penner and Colorossi; and a nay from Councilmember Fritz.
- Resolution No. 2012-02 Interlocal Agreement** Councilmember Krogh moved to approve Resolution 2012-02, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County and its cities and towns thereby amending the Pierce County county-wide planning policies for consistency with Vision 2040 as recommended by the Pierce County Regional Council and the Pierce County Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Colorossi and carried; with ayes from Councilmembers Krogh, Colorossi, Hunt, Drennen, Penner and Holland; and a nay from Councilmember Fritz.
- Nominate Alternate Representative to PTPTIC** Councilmember Holland moved to nominate Councilmember Fritz to serve as Alternate Representative to the Pierce County Public Transportation Improvement Conference. Councilmember Krogh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Confirmation of Parks Commissioners** Mayor Temple thanked Mr. Reed and Ms. Hilt for their service. Councilmember Colorossi motioned to confirm the appointments of Greg Reed and Jolene Hilt to the Parks Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland and carried unanimously.
- AWC Risk Management** Councilmember Drennen motioned to nominate Councilmember Hunt to the AWC Risk Management Board of Directors. Councilmember Krogh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- River Management** Ken Wolfe, Building Official discussed Pierce County’s project for bar removal. Two sites were finalized and all of the 50 bars that are to be removed are in the City of Orting. Orting can expect a \$93,000 return of grant money to the Calistoga Levee project for a correction of a Pierce County accounting error. City Administrator Bethune and Mr. Wolfe will be meeting with Congressman Reichert on January 27, 2012 regarding funding options.
- Schools and Community Interests** Mayor Temple expressed regret that three of the large 100 year old maple trees in the park required removal down to stumps as a result of the storm. An arborist has informed the City that the maples are all in bad shape and may require action. The issue will go to Parks Committee to determine how to proceed. The Mayor informed the Committee that there will be a storm clean-up effort, sponsored by the Senior Center and Jeannie Pestinger.
- Chief Drake updated the Council on the power grid. We have four major circuits that service Orting. He expressed appreciation to the PSE crews, including those from Florida, Georgia and Canada. It was pointed out that the Soldier’s Home had power throughout the

storm event, and was able to serve food. It may be possible to use the Soldier’s Home as a backup warming center. An 8” water pipe was damaged by a falling tree limb and City crews worked through the night to make repairs. A debriefing will be held to determine what worked, what needs improvement, and how to better handle any future events.

**Utilities and Technology** No Report

**Finance** No Report

**Community Development** No Report

**Governmental Affairs** Councilmember Fritz reported that he attended the AWC Legislative Conference in Olympia. Phase 2 Permits is a high priority for every city, and every effort is being made to mitigate the impact of those permits on the cities. The Governor has submitted a transportation bill, intending to eliminate the stacking of fees. Regarding public safety, there is a petition to make marijuana available through pharmacies. Also, there is a tax simplification bill, requiring business licensing through the state. Councilmember Fritz pointed out there is much interest in “shovel ready” projects and he will be meeting with Senator Becker, Representative Wilcox and Representative McCune.

**Public Safety** No Report

**Fire District 18** No Report

**Transportation** No Report

**Pierce County Regional Council** No Report. Next meeting will be January 26, 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Temple moved to recess to Executive Session to discuss potential Litigation at 8:42pm.

Councilmember Holland motioned to return to the regular meeting at 9:18pm. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fritz and passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 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

Councilmember Fritz no