

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 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, Rickord Fritz, Guy S. Colorossi, and Orting Valley Fire and Rescue Commissioner Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember Hunt motioned to excuse Deputy Mayor Scott Drennen and Councilmember Inge from the meeting. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Deputy Mayor Drennen arrived after roll call.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	Mark Bethune, City Administrator Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant Bill Drake, Police Chief Ken Wolfe, Building Official
Professional Representatives	Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer - Parametrix
Visitors (signed in)	Jung and Margaret Wang, Josh Penner, Barbara Ford, Shirley Frasl Sigafos

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Orting Senior Center Grant Request	Ms. Ford, Director, requested funding in the amount of \$12,000 for the Orting Senior Center, from the 2012 budget. She explained how the funds support programs at the Center. The Center also raises funds by selling license plate covers with Orting's tag line – Small City, Big View, and holding fundraising events selling items such as bread, jams, pies and honey. Ms. Ford thanked the Council for their support.
Proposed Condemnation	Mrs. Wang spoke regarding the proposed condemnation of her property. She gave their perspective of the history and actions leading up to this proceeding. Mr. Wang spoke as well, and thanked the Council for their consideration.
Lion's Club Grant Request	Mr. Wolfe requested funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Lion's Club, from the 2012 budget. He explained that the funds are used for the 4 th of July celebration, which is now presented solely by the Lions. Mr. Wolfe expressed appreciation on behalf of the Lions for the continued support of the City.
Orting Historical Society Grant Request	As Secretary/Treasurer of the Orting Historical Society, Mr. Colorossi advised that previous grants from the City have been used for programs to support the community. He requested \$500 from the 2012 budget to continue those programs, and thanked the Council for supporting the Orting Historical Society.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of October 12, 2011
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17712 through No. 17764, in the amount of \$81,409.87 and Payroll Warrants No. 20695 through No. 20713 in the amount of \$94,061.58.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda as amended was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Budget Updates Mark Bethune, City Administrator presented updates on the 2012 Preliminary Budget. We are in preliminary discussions with the Fire District regarding charging for coverage of the city. The Council discussed expenditures for Aaramark (uniform cleaning), police officer overtime, and mosquito control.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

River Management Councilmember Colorossi advised that Pierce County is in the process of reestablishing a countywide Flood Control Zone District to fund regionally significant flood hazard projects in our community. Pierce County has issued a Determination of Non-significance on this proposal. Any comments should be directed to the Pierce County Department of Planning and Land Services within 14 calendar days of the issuance of the DNS.

Parks Dog Park Deputy Mayor Drennen advised that the open house for the Dog Park has been delayed due to fence installation issues.

Utilities and Technology Will have an update after next meeting.

Finance Audit Review Councilmember Colorossi deferred to Mark Bethune, City Administrator, who gave an overview of the recent audit, which was passed with no findings.

Community Development Marketing New Business Councilmember Krogh suggested a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce regarding marketing new businesses. Mr. Bethune advised a deal is being closed on the Engfer property and there may be a purchaser for the Pallis property-Pioneer Village.

Governmental Affairs None

Public Safety Marijuana Dispensary Councilmember Holland described the committee’s discussion regarding medical marijuana and the city’s moratorium.

Fire District 18 Commissioner Mahoney advised that Chief Webb is still on vacation. He reported the Fire District will have a budget hearing next week.

Transportation Councilmember Hunt advised he will have a Transportation presentation at the next Council meeting. He will have a recommendation at that time.

Bridge For Kids Open House Deputy Mayor Drennen reported there will be an open house and unveiling of the 30% design to the public on November 3, from 6:00-8:30 pm at Orting Middle School.

Pierce County Regional Council Issues Councilmember Krogh reported the PCRC met on 10/20/11. The ZooTrek appointment nomination was cancelled, due to incorrect criteria. Orting is not eligible to participate in the process. City dues to PCRC will remain the same. She will provide a synopsis of the Transportation Committee plan. Three Orting projects made it onto the “wish list” for the state. The new PCRC Chair is Glenn Hull, and Vice Chair is Derek Young. The next meeting will be 11/17/11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Condemnation of
Property

Mayor Temple announced an executive session to discuss property acquisition under RCW 42.30.110(b) for 15 minutes at 7:52 pm. Regular session was reconvened at 9:25 pm.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Councilmember Fritz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple