

Councilmembers

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Barbara Ford, Deputy Mayor
3. Michelle Gehring
4. Dave Harman
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Josh Penner
7. Scott Drennen



Mayor Joachim Pestinger

ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Summary
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA

March 29, 2017
7 p.m.

ORIGINAL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL.

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. at the Multipurpose Center. Councilmember Gehring led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Tod Gunther, Nicola McDonald, Josh Penner, and Michelle Gehring.

Excused: Deputy Mayor Ford

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney,

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to excuse Deputy Mayor Ford. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (6-0)

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None.

2. PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATION

A. Just Serve

Alan and Jeri Gamblin explained the Just Serve Organization to the City Council. The Gamblin's are affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. They handed out posters and their business cards. The Organization was formed as a site where people who are looking for volunteer opportunities are matched up with those who are seeking volunteers. They provided the website address. The Gamblin's stated that they would return at a later date.

B. Proclamation- Pierce County Reads

Susan Rigley from the Pierce County Library in Orting briefed the Council on the Pierce County Reads Program. The goal is to get the entire County to read one book. On April 28th at 7:00pm, Mary Roach the author of the chosen book "Grunt," will be live streamed at the Orting Library. Mayor Pestinger read the proclamation aloud which affirmed March 5th through April 28th as "Pierce County Reads".

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Rigley

Ms. Rigley briefed the Council on upcoming events at the Orting Library. Flyers with event dates were distributed.

ORIGINAL

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of March 6, 2017, Minutes of March 8, 2017, Minutes of March 14, 2017
- Payroll and Claims Warrants

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Gehring. Motion passed (6-0)

5. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS

Public Safety

Councilmember Harman reported on the following from the meeting on the 14th of March:

- Chronic nuisance property ordinance;
- Recovery Café presentation;
- Community oriented policing resolution.

The next Public Safety meeting is on April 10th at 6:30pm.

Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Drennen reported that the last meeting took place on the 17th of March. Present were stakeholders from:

- PSE;
- Soldiers Home;
- City administrative and public works staff;
- School District;
- City's Consultant;
- Orting Police personnel;
- Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.

The Committee is continuing work on a joint Emergency Operation Center response to a major lahar during school hours. The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 21 at 3:00pm, but may be changed to accommodate the Fire Departments schedule.

Technology

Councilmember Gehring reported that the Technology Committee met on the 27th of March and the main topic discussed was the City website. Both she and Deputy Mayor Ford shared websites that they liked. Deputy Mayor Ford's ideas were primarily design focused and Councilmember Gehring together with Jane Montgomery focused on the technical aspects of the websites they liked. The next meeting of the Committee will be on April 24th where they hope to bring some experts to the meeting to share possibilities and cost estimates.

Transportation

Councilmember McDonald briefed on the meeting which took place earlier in the day. They are wrapping up some traffic calming issues on Eldridge Avenue, and safety of children crossing on Kansas near Calistoga. She briefed on the following:

- Chip seal plans were discussed and they determined to move forward with micro coats;
- The sidewalk north of the Senior Center is almost complete;
- The City is going out for bid in April for the 2 way left turn project;

- They are working on an update to the Transportation Master Plan which will be presented at the meeting on the 12th of April.

The next meeting is on April 26th at 3:30pm at City Hall.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pestinger reported his attendance at the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting and the Executive Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council. The Mayor invited the Director and his planning executive to visit Orting. He would like their assistance with the missing link between Whitehawk Boulevard and Calistoga. The goal is to ease up traffic. Federal, State and County money will be required for this to be accomplished. JC Hungerford briefed that he is submitting a grant on Friday the 31st thru PSRC, and hopes to receive a million and a half dollars in grant funds. The Mayor reported overwhelming support for the project.

The Mayor also attended the County Executives breakfast meeting and was encouraged to hear that a portion of \$750,000 in funds have been set aside to go to the Soldiers Home.

Miscellaneous Activity Reports.

Councilmember Penner reported on the presentation by the Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center. Councilmember Penner arranged a tour of Quixote Village in Olympia. He was very impressed with the facility, the residents and their comments about the facility. Councilmember Penner encouraged Councilmembers to take a tour. Councilmember Penner will help arrange a tour for those who wish to do so.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB17-21-Calistoga Park- Scope of Work & Budget.

Administrator Bethune briefed on the history of the request for Parametrix to provide a revised scope to the City Council. Parametrix has reduced its fee by \$5,000. The scope was provided to the Council. Councilmember Drennen noted that with this plan the City would receive professional guidance in the development of the Park. He asked that Parametrix also provide a summary of the process which could be saved in order to preserve the historical perspective of how and why decisions were made. JC Hungerford indicated that he would be able to provide such a summary.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$14,714.80 to Parametrix for the scope and budget for Calistoga Park Master Plan. Second by Councilmember Gehring.

Councilmember Drennen amended the motion as follows: To authorize the expenditure of \$14,714.80 to Parametrix for the scope and budget for Calistoga Park Master Plan, with the amendment that an executive summary of the process be added to the scope of Work. Second by Councilmember Gunther.

Motion to amend the original motion passed (6-0) Amended motion passed (6-0)

B. AB17-25 – Organization Assessment

Administrator Bethune briefed the Council on the history of the agenda item. The City Council and City administration agreed that it would be productive to have an evaluation done to determine staffing levels, efficiency, effectiveness, and the overall quality of operations of the City. There was a desire for an objective look. The City

went out for Request for Proposals (RFP) in January of 2017. Four (4) firms responded. Three (3) firms deemed most qualified were interviewed and from those interviews two (2) firms were asked to provide additional reports. Matrix was the firm who provided a report on a City of comparable size to Orting. The City Administrator is recommending approval of Matrix to perform the Organization assessment. The process will likely be completed by the end of the summer. Citizens and Council will also be interviewed. The firm does have regional familiarity. Councilmember Drennen would like to see the RFP documents. Administrator Bethune will provide him with those.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Matrix Consulting Group to provide an Organization Assessment for the amount of \$45,000. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (6-0)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB17-22- Plantings- Van Scoyoc Park.

Councilmember Gunther briefed on this agenda item. The Parks Board has worked on the planting plan for Van Scoyoc Park and their recommendations were provided to the City Council. Jayme Gordon from the Pierce County Conservation District prepared plans which were reviewed by the Orting Parks Advisory Board. The plantings if approved will be purchased on Monday, April 17, 2017. A volunteer group will plant them under the supervision of the Pierce County Conservation District. The Parks Advisory Board is recommending that the attached plantings diagram be approved as prepared.

Councilmember Penner made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Parks Advisory Board, as prepared. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (6-0)

B. AB17-23- Appraisals of City Property.

Administrator Bethune reviewed the process that was followed and the history of this item. The City council requested property appraisals to begin the process of potentially acquiring property for the SW Connector and construction of new City facilities. The bids presented are based on appraisals for 4 residential properties, one large property, and one commercial property. City administration is recommending approval of SH&H. Council requested that the City Administrator consider splitting the award out to residential and commercial/large properties. There was also discussion about the possibility of going out to bid for an RFQ. The City Attorney will do research on the matter.

C. AB17-24- Appointment of City Attorney.

Mayor Pestinger stated that he was pleased with the work performed by Ms. Archer who has been supporting the City for approximately one year. Recently upon passage of the nuisance ordinance. The Mayor felt that it would be prudent to formalize her position with the City due to references to the "City Attorney". City Attorney Archer fielded questions posed by Councilmembers which centered on the ability of Councilmembers to have access to the City Attorney.

Councilmember Harman made a motion to confirm the Mayors appointment of Charlotte Archer of the law firm Kenyon Disend, PLLC to the position of City Attorney. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (6-0)

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

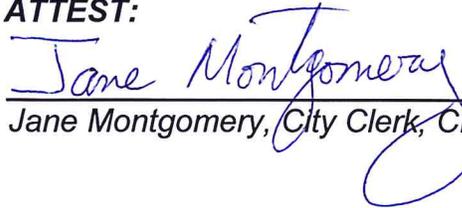
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

*Councilmember McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Harman.
Motion passed (6-0)*

Mayor Pestinger adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor