



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

JANUARY 27, 2016

Mayor Joachim Pestinger 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 William Birkes, Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Barbara Ford, Josh Penner, Tod Gunther, Dave Harman and Nicola McDonald.

## ATTENDANCE:

### **City Employees**

Mark Bethune, City Administrator  
Beckie Meek, Parks & Recreation

Bill Drake, Police Chief  
Scott Larson, Treasurer

### **Professional Representatives**

Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend  
JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix

*Deputy Mayor Birkes moved to excuse Councilmember Penner from the meeting. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (6-0).*

### **Visitors (signed in)**

Margaret Ryals  
Russ Burks  
Chris Hopfauf  
Channa Copeland  
Dan Waite

Ray Sneesby  
Doug Bishop  
Joe Stanifer  
Susan Rigley  
Kimberley Whitcherd

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Pestinger added Chief Drake under presentations and also noted he will be discussing the Achievement Award the City received.

Chief Drake presented Council with a presentation regarding the Hiring process for Orting Police Officers/Officer Scott.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

*Deputy Mayor Birkes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (6-0).*

## COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: (7:23)

Chris Hopfauf – discussed the Police Departments officer hiring.

Margaret Ryals – discussed Bridge for Kids and noted the bridge should be top priority.

Russ Burks – discussed the effects of the Fourth of July fireworks within the city limits.

Ray Sneesby – discussed the Senior Center and the recent break in and thanked the Police Department for their assistance.

Joe Stanifer – discussed the Cemetery and signs for Parking and Crosswalks.

Channa Copeland – discussed the camera not working at the school; recommended the Police Department looked into hiring an HR Dept.

Susan Rigley, PC Library – discussed the events that are happening at the library; discussed the broken door and thanked the City of the clean-up efforts.

Doug Bishop – discussed the hiring process and the hiring of Officer Scott; reported on Habitat for Humanities and extended an invite for March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kimberley Whitcherd – discussed untruthfulness and Brady List Law.

**PRESENTATIONS:** (7:49)

Mr. JC Hungerford from Parametrix presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Corliss Plat proposal.

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:**

**Transportation**

Councilmember Ford reported on several projects – Gratzer Park extension, Meadow Lane crosswalk, GFC/Transportation Impact Fee, Transportation Comprehensive Plan, Traffic Calming devices, ADA self-evaluation, and trail crossing at Safeway.

**Land Use & Technology**

Councilmember Gunther reported on the police survey that was mailed out to citizens, he summarized the three biggest concerns of citizens, he also noted 328 surveys were returned. He reported that the results concluded that our citizens feel safe.

Councilmember Harman discussed looking at ways to improve our general website. We added the Council videos link to help our website be user friendly. Councilmember Harman also discussed the QR Code project and that it is currently being reviewed by the Boy Scouts.

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Pestinger reported on another award that was presented to Parametrix regarding the Calistoga Setback Levee; FEMA Levee and Mapping procedure which will affect the flood insurance charges to reduce them or eliminate it completely. Discussed the Cascadia Rising

event that is coming up; attended the PC Regional Council meeting and was selected to serve as an alternate on the executive board.

**Miscellaneous**

Councilmember Ford reported that on February 13<sup>th</sup> the City will have a Chocolate Stroll; reminded Council that they will be looking at the Facility rental charges at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (8:30)

Orting Emergency  
Evacuation Bridge  
Lead Agency  
Agreement

Councilmember Drennen reported on focusing of the first phase of the Highway 162 crossing; discussed city-wide evacuation plan. Discussed the meeting date being changed to the first Friday of the month.

AB16-08, DM  
Disposal Rate  
Increase

Reported on the pass-through rate that the City would pass along to the citizens for their disposal rates.

Mark Gingrich from DM Disposal spoke on the annual rate increase as well as the garbage cart deliveries and how happy citizens are with the choices and there are more subscribers.

***Councilmember Drennen moved to approve D.M. Disposal Company proposed rate increase effective March 1, 2016. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion carried (6-0).***

AB16-09, Council  
Committee  
Selections

Deputy Mayor Birkes reported on the Committee process and noted he would like to make a few changes regarding the Committees and add new ones or merge a few with others, there would be seven committees: Emergency Preparedness; Parks, Cemetery & Lodging Tax; Rules; Transportation; Public Works; Public Safety and Finance. He noted he would like Council to give him their top 3 choices. He noted he will meet with the Mayor and Councilmember Penner and they will go over the Committees and the suggestions that Council turns in, selection will be announced at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pestinger noted he would like to have discussions regarding the public comment period on the agenda

**ADJOURN:**

***Councilmember Ford moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (6-0).***

**ATTEST:**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk