



ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

FEBRUARY 24, 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 Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk	Bill Drake, Police Chief Scott Larson, City Treasurer
Professional Representatives	Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix	
Visitors (signed in)	John Aldrich Sloan Clack	Susan Rigley

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Pestinger added a statement from Chief Drake to the agenda as well as a Parks Commission appointment.

Councilmember Gunther asked that a discussion on public comments be added.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Harman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation – PC READS Mayor Pestinger read a Proclamation “PC READS” which is attached to the minutes for the record. Susan Rigley, Pierce County Library discussed the library events for the month of March and the PC READS proclamation; she also gave Council books to read and then “pay it forward”.

Presentation – SW Connection JC Hungerford from Parametrix presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the SW Connection.
Councilmember Drennen moved to reopen the SW Connection for review at a Public Hearing on March 30, 2016. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Parks Commission Appointment Mayor Pestinger asked John Aldrich to come before Council and give them a background on himself.

Councilmembers approved the appointment of John Aldrich, II for the Parks Commission. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:

Transportation Councilmember Drennen reported on key items –SW Connector; ADA Self-Assessment through the City; Transportation Benefit District Comprehensive Plan; Kansas Street upgrade.

Mayor Report Mayor Pestinger reported he will attend the Puget Sound Regional Council meeting; the Annual Pierce County Regional meeting and discussed a military truck that can help with traffic impound and clear the roadway during emergencies, it is a SWAT vehicle with a bulldozer bade on front that is no cost to the City.

Miscellaneous Chief Drake made a statement regarding an unresponsive man on the trail that the Police Department was called out to. Officers gave CPR to individual who was then transported to hospital. Kudos to the Officers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge Lead Agency Agreement Councilmember Drennen reported this meeting meets on the first Friday of each month at 3 p.m. He also discussed the Orting Area Evacuation Planning meeting that was to be held on February 25th from 12-4 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

AB16-12 – Council Committee Selections Discussion took place regarding the committees and the selection process.

Councilmember McDonald moved to approve the majority of Ad Hoc Committee selections of Council Committees for the year 2016. Second by Councilmember Ford.

Councilmembers took public comments regarding the committee selections.

Councilmember Penner moved to amend the original motion to approve the majority of Ad Hoc Committee selections of Council Committees for the year 2016 with the amendment of moving Councilmember Drennen to Public Works and Penner to Rules Committee. Second by Councilmember Drennen.

Roll Call Vote. Motion failed (3-4, Gunther, Penner, and Drennen).

Original motion back on table.

Roll Call Vote. Motion carried (4-3, Gunther, Penner, and Drennen).

NEW BUSINESS:

AB16-13 – Ordinance No. 2016-981, Amending Animal Control Ordinance Councilmember Penner asked that this Ordinance be brought back to the Public Safety Committee for review and then brought forward to the March 9, 2016 Council meeting for action.

- AB16-14 – Ordinance No. 2016-982, Amending City Facility Rentals Code After Council discussion regarding deposits and fees, it was recommended to be brought back to the March 9, 2016 Council meeting.
- AB16-15 – Resolution No. 2016-17, Amending City Facility Fees After Council discussion deposits, fees and non-profit fees, it was recommended to be brought back to the March 9, 2016 Council meeting.
- AB16-16 – Kansas Street Outfall Replacement *Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the Scope and Budget for the Kansas Street Outfall Replacement Project provided by Parametrix. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion carried (7-0).*
- AB16-17 – City Treasurer Discussion City Administrator Bethune recommended to Council to have the “trainee” dropped from the City Treasurer title. He noted how well Mr. Larson as filled the Treasurer position and stated he has saved and increase our revenues in the short time he has been with the City.
- Councilmember Penner moved to remove the status “trainee” from the City Treasurer’s title. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried. (7-0)*

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Doug Bishop – discussed the Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

Public Comment Period Discussion Councilmember Gunther discussed the public comment period on the agenda. After discussion with Councilmembers and considering citizen comments, it was Council’s consensus to have the public comments placed at the beginning of the agenda, during each motion and end of the agenda.

Comments from citizens in support that public comments be added back to the beginning of each meeting.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Penner moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (7-0).

ATTEST:



 Joachim Pestinger, Mayor



 Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk