



ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

April 13, 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 Bill Drake, Police Chief
Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk Scott Larson, Treasurer

Professional Representatives

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

Visitors (signed in)

Chris Hopfauf Peggy Ryals

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor added Zoo and Trek Authority Board discussion to the Mayors report.

Councilmember Harman asked that Rules Committee be added to the Committee and Standing Reports.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Chris Hopfauf discussed opposition on the V-150 SWAT vehicle. Noted the cost that is budgeted for \$500 and wondered why the City would consider this when it is already at a deficit; discussed it being stored at the Soldiers Home and how it can be ready in an emergency if you have to go and get it at another facility.

Tony Schneider discussed Support U located at the Saints Cosmas and Damian Catholic Church which fosters caregiver wellness. He noted the dates and times of the classes and that they are free.

Patty Ryals discussed the V-150 SWAT vehicle and thought the initial intent was to use as an emergency preparedness vehicle and now it being a tactical vehicle and not being suited for the City. Ben Hilderbrand noted he agrees with the previous comments made regarding the V-150 SWAT vehicle.

PRESENTATIONS: (7:11)

Chief Drake presented Detective Mike Cassatt with the Jim Dowd Award in appreciation for his faithful service to Orting.

Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:17 p.m. for 5 minutes for pictures and for citizens/staff to congratulate Detective Cassatt. He reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (7:22)

Planning Commission Commissioner Hoyt reported on the pet code, adding exotic animals; still working on the livestock code; discussed the real estate signs and still working with DR Horton.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS: (7:24)

Public Works Councilmember McDonald reported on processes that will be taken on for the maintenance of Levee; Public Works Shop and the new building; and current penalties for water billing.

Finance Councilmember Ford discussed that the committee meeting will meet on the first Monday before Council meeting at 4:30 p.m.; discussed the finance report; animal license fee changes to be brought forward to Council at the next meeting; and discussed the cemetery fund.

Public Safety Councilmember Gunther reported on community policing; building success of the prior committees; river signage; speeding issues; policing award and submitted Officer Taylor; discussed crime signage, police discretionary fund and a robust community policing model.

Mayor Report Mayor Pestinger discussed the Zoo and Trek Authority Board appointment.

Councilmember Penner moved to authorize the City to support Justin Evans for Position No. 2 of the Zoo and Trek Authority Board. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Discussed the Puget Sound Gateway long term project; discussed still being on track for the mini train station ST3 project; attended the Mid-County Leadership Team meeting which focused on Emergency Management and the Cascadia Rising event. Mayor Pestinger encourage citizens to have enough provisions to sustain themselves for three days in case of an emergency.

City Administrator Bethune gave an update on the May 20th Evacuation Drill event that is being planned for the City of Orting which would start at 9 a.m.

Discussion took place regarding the Daffodil Parade and what a huge successful turnout the City of Orting had. It was also

mentioned that the Orting High School Band won Best Overall Band.

Rules

Councilmember Harman reported the Committee discussed the scope and noted the Rules Committee will keep in line with what was the Community and Government Affairs Committee and handle those issues that were under that committee including Economic Development. He also noted he will be bringing forward the Sponsorship policy that Councilmember Ford was working on; he noted he would like to get a survey out the Builders and have them rate the City on its permitting/building processes. He also noted he represented the City at the PSRC meeting where they discussed Phase III and noted there is an survey for the ST3 Project and citizens should go to www.soundtransit3.org to take the survey online.

Miscellaneous

Councilmember Ford asked if she could add to new business-discussion on Council Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS: (7:52)

Emergency Evacuation Bridge System

Councilmember Drennen reported that they are still looking at the first phase of this project which is the ROW on Rocky Road; he discussed the May 20th Evacuation Drill and noted working with the School. Councilmember Gunther added they are working on an answer sheet to provide to the community.

AB16-31- SWAT V-150 Vehicle

Chief Drake presented the Mayor/Council/Staff and citizens with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the V-150 vehicle.

Councilmember Gunther moved to authorize the City to proceed with the procurement of this vehicle with a limitation that its use and badging shall be for search and rescue purposes only. Second by Councilmember Drennen.

Councilmember Penner move to amend the motion to define "Search and Rescue". Second by Councilmember McDonald.

Roll Call vote on amendment to motion. Motion carried (5-2, Birkes & McDonald).

Roll Call vote on original motion with amendment. Motion carried (4-3, Birkes, McDonald & Penner).

Economic Development RFQ

Consensus with Council to postpone until the April 27, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

AB16-30 (First Read) Ordinance No. 2016-983, Astound Broadband Franchise Agreement

Consensus to approve the first reading and add the franchise agreement to the April 27, 2016 agenda as an action item.

AB16-32 RCO Grant Application Authorizing Resolutions 2016-18(a) & (b)

Deputy Mayor Birkes moved to adopt the RCO Authorizing Resolution No. 2016-18(a) from WA. Wildlife and Recreation Program and RCO Authorizing Resolution No. 2016-18(b) from Land and Water Conservation Fund for grant funding assistance for Gratz Park Athletic Field. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion carried (7-0).

AB16-33 Temporary City Clerk Contract

City Administrator Bethune explained the need for a temporary City Clerk since the current Clerk's last day is April 29, 2016 and the application process will not be complete by then.

Deputy Mayor Birkes moved to accept the temporary City Clerk contract for Jane Montgomery, beginning May 2, 2016. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Council Retreat

Councilmember Ford discussed the Spring Council Retreat and thought it would be a good idea to get a date and time set.

Consensus was that the Spring Council Retreat should be set for Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 1 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pestinger recessed to Executive Session at 10:29 p.m. to discuss potential litigation, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(i) which would last 15 minutes with no action to follow.

Mayor Pestinger called for a 10 minute extension to the Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger reconvened the Council meeting at 10:54 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Deputy Mayor Birkes moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting ended at 10:55 p.m.

ATTEST:


Joachim Pestinger, Mayor


Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk