



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

May 11, 2016

## A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL.

Mayor Joachim Pestinger called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Deputy Mayor William Birkes, Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Barbara Ford, Josh Penner, Tod Gunther, Dave Harman and Nicola McDonald. Excused: Councilmember Penner.

### ATTENDANCE:

#### City Employees

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk  
Scott Larson, Treasurer

#### Professional Representatives

Charlotte Archer, Attorney- Kenyon Disend  
JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix

#### Visitors (signed in)

Dixie Gatchel  
Buzz Grant  
Graham Hunt

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

## B. CONSENT AGENDA

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

## C. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

None

## D. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Foothill Rails to Trails- Foothills Trails Coalition

Councilmember Harmon introduced Dixie Gatchel who gave a power point presentation to the Council. Ms. Gatchel honored Ernie Bay for his contributions to the Trail system.

Buzz Grant then briefed the Council on the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition.

## 2. School & Community Evacuation Drill

Councilmember Gunther gave a PowerPoint presentation on the School and Community Lahar Drill. The drill is performed annually. This year's drill will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Gunther also spoke about every household being prepared for an emergency.

### E. COMMISSION REPORTS

Parks Commissioner Michele Gehring gave a report to the Council.

Planning Commissioner Brandon Hoyt gave a report to the Council.

### F. COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS

**Finance-** Finance Committee Chair Barbara Ford reported that the May Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Public Works-** Public Works Chair Nicola McDonald reported to Council on :

- Orville Road;
- Rainier Meadows;
- High Cedars.

**Public Safety-** No Report

**Emergency Evacuation Bridge System-** Councilmember Drennen reported on the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He reported that progress has been made by the Engineering firm, and he discussed future funding efforts.

**Mayor's Report-** Mayor Pestinger asked the Council if they approved of using the services of Pete Butkus to facilitate the Council Retreat. **Action:** approved Pete Butkus. The Mayor introduced Charlotte Archer the City's new Attorney.

The Mayor then briefed on the following:

- Farmer's Market starts on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The award for the Calistoga Setback Levee;
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Community Network Meeting;
- Meeting with Congressman Dave Reichart;
- Meeting with County Executive;
- Chamber of Commerce meeting.

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### AB16-43 – Closed Record Hearing -Village Green Ph.2 Div. 7

Mayor Pestinger opened the Hearing at 8:09 p.m.

JC Hungerford from Parametrix gave a brief update on Phase 2 of Village Green. He recommended moving approval of Planning Commission Recommendations to a future Council Meeting. **Action:** Move forward to a future Council meeting.

Mayor Pestinger Closed the Hearing at 8:11 p.m.

## H. OLD BUSINESS

### AB16-44 - Ordinance No. 2016-983, Astound Broadband Franchise Agreement.

- Mayor Pestinger

**Motion:** to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-983, granting to Astound Broadband, LLC, a limited liability company, a nonexclusive telecommunications franchise to install, construct, maintain, repair, and operate a telecommunications system within the public rights of way.

*Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-983. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion Carried (7-0)*

### AB16-45 – Resolution No. 2016-20, Six Year TIP 2017-2022

- JC Hungerford, Parametrix-City Engineer

**Motion:** to adopt Resolution No. 2016-20, 2017-2022 Six Year TIP

JC Hungerford briefed on this agenda item. The Public Hearing took place at the Council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. The deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Councilmember Drennen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-20. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion Carried (7-0)*

### **Discussion** - Bridgewater Plat Alternative Analysis

Mayor Pestinger briefed on this agenda item. It was decided that they should discuss this in an executive session later in the meeting.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

### AB16-46- Rainier Meadows Lift Station Upgrade

- JC Hungerford, Parametrix-City Engineer

**Motion:** to approve the scope and budget for the Rainier Meadows Lift Station Upgrade.

JC Hungerford and Councilmember McDonald briefed on the condition of the pumps. Discussion Ensued. This is a priority expense. Maintenance programs and practices were also discussed.

*Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve the scope and budget for the Rainier Meadows Lift Station. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion Carried (7-0)*

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Hopfauf expressed concerns about Management of the Police Department and general hiring practices of the department. He discussed Civil Service Rules and procedures. He also discussed his recent records request to the City regarding legal fees for the Pickens case and his concerns about the current administration.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Pestinger recessed the meeting to go into executive session at 8:32 p.m. The Mayor stated that the session is expected to last for 15 minutes and Council will not take action after they return. The purpose of the Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.1 (i), to discuss potential litigation regarding real estate.

*Councilmember Drennen moved to recess to executive session. Second by Councilmember McDonald.*

8:32 p.m. Recessed to Executive Session.  
8:47 p.m. Extended for 15 minutes.  
8:52 p.m. Extended for 3 minutes.  
8:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

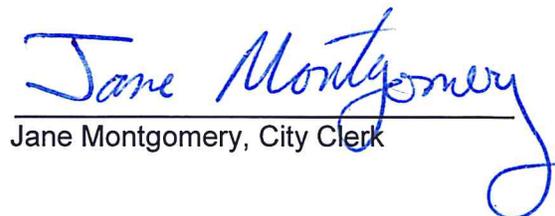
**J. ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting ended at 8:56 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk