



ORIGINAL

ORTING CITY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 27, 2016

Orting Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave. SE, Orting, WA

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL.
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Deputy Mayor Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Public Safety Building. Councilmember Drennen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deputy Mayor Barbara Ford, Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Tod Gunther, Dave Harman, Nicola McDonald, Josh Penner, and Brandon Hoyt.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

- Councilmember Penner asked to move item F 1-Rocky Road, up in the agenda after Public Comments.
- Councilmember Harman asked to add Marijuana Sales to New Business as Agenda Item G-3.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 13, 2016
Payroll and Claims Warrants

Councilmember Hoyt made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion carried (7-0).

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Keslar

Mr. Keslar is a member of the Hidden Lakes Home Owners association and expressed concerns about the Livestock Ordinance that is currently under review. He would like to be able to have more chickens on his property. He moved to Orting to raise and teach his children to be self-sufficient.

Susan Rigley

Ms. Rigley works for the Pierce County library and she reported to Council on the various programs and events at the library. She spoke about the book give a way through the food bank.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion- Rocky Road

Councilmember Penner briefed the Council on the status and history of Rocky Road. This item was previously before Council at the June 29, 2016 Council meeting. At that time it was moved forward to the Transportation Committee to discuss whether or

not to add Rocky Road to the Six year TIP. The Committee has identified three different options, 1. Chip Seal, 2. Dust mitigation/oil spray the road, and 3. Do nothing. Discussion followed about adding to the TIP and the cost/benefits of doing so. The reason this project is being considered is because Chip Seal came in under budget and they could use the additional budgeted dollars to add Rocky Road to the project list. This would not have been considered as a standalone project. It is considerably less in cost to add it to the current TIP.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. AB 16-71-Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan- JC Hungerford

Deputy Mayor Ford read the rules for public comments for the hearing.
Deputy Mayor Ford called the hearing to order at 7:31 p.m.

JC Hungerford gave a brief staff report. He discussed his meeting with the Transportation Committee and the discussions they had in regard to adding Rocky Road to the TIP.

When he was finished with his report Deputy Mayor Ford asked for any public comments. There were no public comments.

Deputy Mayor Ford closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Ford asked for any Council discussion regarding adopting Resolution No 2016-23. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Penner made a motion to adopt Resolution No 2016-23, adopting the 2017-2021 Six Year TIP with Rocky Road as a "road improvement". Second by Councilmember McDonald.

Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Penner made a motion to approve the mayor to authorize the expenditure of no more \$7,100 based on a change work order to Chip Seal Rocky Road contingent upon the rest of the 2016 TIP projects coming in at \$110k or under. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (6-1)

E. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS

Fire Chief Zane at the request of Councilmember Drennen gave a report to Council regarding fireworks stats from the 4th of July. 2016 4th of July Statistics:

- 12 total calls (15 in 2015) (4 in 2014) (6 in 2013)
- 1 detached garage fire
- 5 EMS calls
- 3 Cancelled
- 1 Fire now out
- 1 Fire alarm
- 1 Smoke investigation

Chief Zane reported that the average for 2016 is 5 calls a day and that call volume has increased 7% from 2015. Call volume is averaging 6% increase each year and

there has been a 23% increase since 2008. Extra staff were brought on board for the 4th, there were 16 calls this 4th of July. The Chief also briefed on two grants and his strategic plan. One grant has been received for the purchase of high tech extraction tools for \$134K. He is currently working on a grant for a new apparatus.

Police Chief Drake at the request of the Councilmember Drennen, gave a report to Council regarding fireworks related calls from the 4th of July. Chief Drake went over the calls from the 4th of July and advised Council that he brought in extra staff on the 4th.

Discussion followed amongst the Council topics were:

- Bike patrols;
- Illegal fireworks;
- Citizens surveyed about fireworks;
- An organized fireworks event;
- Susan Rigley from the Library provided input on the process to prepare for an organized fireworks event.

Fire Chief Zane expressed his concerns about the risk of fires during the 4th of July. He would like to explore a ban on fireworks in the City. The process for a ban has to start a year in advance of when it becomes effective.

Action: This will be discussed in the Public Safety Committee and will be brought back to Council in a couple of months.

Emergency Preparedness- *CM Drennen/DM Ford*

No report at this time.

Public Safety- *CM Gunther/CM Harmon*

Councilmember Gunther relayed that the Public Safety Meeting had been cancelled in July so there was no report. Councilmember Gunther asked that The Police Vehicle be added to the next agenda on August 10, 2016. At the April 13th Council meeting a committee was formed. One area they wanted to explore was options for painting the Police Vehicle according to Search and Rescue standards. Councilmember Gunther would also like river signage to be addressed at that same meeting.

Rules- *CM Harman/CM Drennen*

Councilmember Harman reported that at the last meeting the following topics were addressed:

- The charity policy was examined and modifications have been made;
- Expenditure approvals.

Transportation- *CM Penner/CM McDonald*

Councilmember Penner addressed the following topics:

- Traffic Calming for Eldredge Avenue;
- They are still seeking input for non-motorized modes of transportation for the Transportation Master Plan;

- The trail near McDonalds will be painted soon;
- Well #4 needs to be painted and the cost is 250K;
- The possibility of putting trees around the well.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Pestinger

Deputy Mayor Ford reported that she had attended the Mayor's meeting where the County auditor reported that City's should be aware that there may be traffic control issues at ballot drop boxes on Election Day.

Councilmember Harman also attended the Mayor's meeting and reported that they spoke about the homeless problem. He stated that they reported that 30% of homeless people are believed to have mental health issues the rest being related to drug and alcohol abuse with a small portion attributed to single mothers and other extenuating circumstances.

Councilmember McDonald reported that the City of Puyallup will be removing homeless individuals from around the Puyallup River and likely some of those individuals may end up moving out to Orting. This should be discussed as Orting may have some issues. Currently 18 individuals were identified as homeless in Orting.

Deputy Mayor Ford asked why there were no shelters in East Pierce County as this puts a burden on our Police Department if they have to find shelter for a homeless individual. Their response was to encourage non-profits to provide shelter.

Administrator Bethune attended the WSDOT meeting in regard to SR 162. They will be spending 450K on a study to examine SR 162. It is clear that the Tehaleh Development will have an extensive impact on traffic which will affect the surrounding communities. The commute time to Orting will be substantially impacted. Local cities are forming a group to address this issue.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. AB 16-72- Re-Affirm Resolution No. 2013-1

Administrator Bethune briefed on this agenda item. This is a yearly affirmation asked of the City Council to promote wellness amongst the City staff. With employee participation the City saves approximately 10K due to reduced health related issues.

Councilmember Penner made a motion to re-affirm Resolution 2013-1 The City's Comprehensive Wellness Program. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (7-0)

2. Discussion -Marijuana Sales

Councilmember Harman briefed the Council on the possibility of the City of Orting allowing licensed marijuana businesses in the City of Orting. He informed the Council that 52% of Orting citizens voted to legalize Marijuana. Councilmember Harman has had discussions with Pat Johnson from the City of Buckley who has legalized Marijuana in their City and have received 100K a year in revenue from licensed Marijuana business.

Discussion ensued amongst Council and staff.

Action: Councilmembers Ford, Hoyt and Harman formed an Ad Hoc Committee to explore the issue and its impacts on the City of Orting.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Ford stated that there would be no Executive Session.

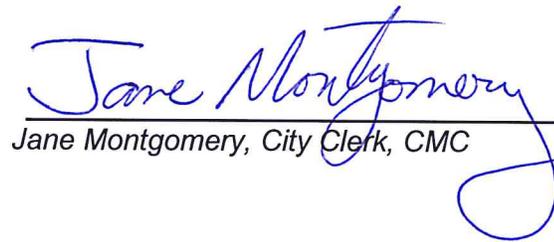
H. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Penner made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Second by Councilmember Hoyt. Motion Passed (7-0)

ATTEST:



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC