

**Councilmembers**

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Barbara Ford, Deputy Mayor
3. Brandon Hoyt
4. Dave Harman
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Josh Penner
7. Scott Drennen



**Orting City Council**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

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

**ORIGINAL**

**CITY OF ORTING  
COUNCIL RETREAT MEETING MINUTES  
August 17, 2016**

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting to order at 6:07pm, and led the pledge of allegiance. He informed Council that due to an incorrect time on the City reader board that the meeting which was planned for 6:00pm would be delayed until 7:00pm. He suggested that the Council study and review Council Goals until 7:00pm. This would ensure that citizens were provided an opportunity to give input regarding the contract with Pierce County for animal control services.

**Present:** Councilmembers Gunther, Hoyt, Harman, McDonald and Penner.

**Absent:** Councilmember Drennen and Deputy Mayor Ford were not present for roll call but are expected to attend.

***Councilmember Gunther made a motion to excuse Councilmember Drennen and Deputy Mayor Ford. Second by Councilmember Hoyt. Motion passed (5-0)***

Both Councilmember Drennen and Deputy Mayor Ford arrived prior to 7:00pm.

Council members studied and reviewed Council goals. Mayor Pestinger read each of the 8 goals out loud and asked the Council if any of the goals needed to be deleted, or added to, and also if they wished to review their vision and value statement. Discussion ensued regarding the issue of homelessness and which goal this would fit under. The proposals were Goal 2, 5, or 7. Councilmember Gunther is working on an ordinance relating to homelessness and relayed that Tony Schneider from St. Vincent DePaul is willing to address Council about homelessness. Mayor Pestinger stated that the Orting School District is willing to come address the Council as well. This was received positively by the Council. The Council expressed a desire to work to develop liaisons with other eastside agencies to develop a cohesive policy. Councilmember Drennen suggested adding another goal #9- titled "support social service" which would address all social service needs in Orting to include the homeless in Orting and other groups of people. Councilmembers Gunther and Deputy Mayor Ford will come up with the language for this new category and present it at the next meeting. Council liked the idea. It was also decided that this will eventually be referred to the Community and Government Affairs Committee. There were questions about Goal #1- (Maintain flexible and customer friendly permitting processes). Administrator Bethune updated the Council and explained that there were complications with online payments for all permits. This would need to be explored more if Council chooses to do so. The key is where to draw the line so as not to adversely impact revenues to the City but still work to make permitting more efficient. Treasurer Larson informed the group that he has been exploring the possibility of allowing the State to manage an online Business License program for the City. Council chose not to continue to pursue online permitting but would like to explore the option of allowing the State

to manage business licenses for the City. Councilmember Penner would like the language to say to “Develop or pursue online payment solutions where practical”. Administrator Bethune informed the Council that the customer bill of rights was created and is currently posted. He also relayed to Council that out of 50 permit customers only one returned the customer survey form. He did do a survey of 50 brick and mortar businesses and got seven back. There was follow-up on the importance and challenges involved in keeping and promoting business opportunities within the City. The following options were brainstormed:

- A bi-annual luncheon for business owners;
- Town Hall meeting in conjunction with the Chamber of commerce;
- Talk with other associations such as the Puyallup Main St. Association;
- Business after hours;
- Possibility of a Main St. Program;
- A packet of information that can be handed out to new residents at City Hall;
- Creating ways to send out communications to citizens;
- Branding and promoting the City;
- Creating a video about the City;
- Use of Drones to promote the City.

Mayor Pestinger announced that it was 7:00pm and time to move to the first item on the official agenda, Animal Control Services.

## **B. AB16-77 –Animal Control Services/Pierce County**

### **• Mark Bethune/Charlotte Archer**

Mark Bethune briefed the Council on the agenda item. Charlotte Archer the City Attorney was available via telephone conference for any questions or concerns that were brought up. Councilmember Hoyt asked the history of the decision of the City to utilize Pierce County for animal control services. City Administrator Bethune briefed regarding the history and need to utilize Pierce County. He explained that the City is required to provide animal control and had previously been utilizing the Public Works employees and Police Officers. After some dangerous dog incidents, the Union filed a grievance in regard to the Public Works employees not having the training or qualifications to deal with dangerous dogs. The City attempted to contract with Metro but they are not able to accept new clients at this time. Pierce County is the only alternative at this time. The City is required to adopt Pierce County codes and these changes are reflected in the proposed ordinances. Fees will increase but discussion also took place about an expected service increase. Administrator Bethune read the staff report to the Council.

### **Public Comments**

John Meyers a resident of the City for 14 years, expressed his disapproval of the increase in fees. He would like to know how the money is being spent.

There was discussion about how future code updates have to be passed and what the process is to terminate the agreement. The current contract expires at the end of 2016.

- 1. Deputy Mayor Ford made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-986, amending Title 6 Chapter 3 Animal Control. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (7-0)**

2. **Councilmember Hoyt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-987, amending Title 4, Business Licensing. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (7-0)**
3. **Councilmember Hoyt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-988, amending OMC 1- 4-1, Civil Infractions. Second by Deputy Mayor Ford. Motion passed (7-0)**
4. **Councilmember Hoyt made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No.2016-989, amending OMC Title 6, Chapter 3b-Livestock changing the word chicken to poultry in Section 6-3B-5. C and taking away the \$5.00 registration fee. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (7-0)**
5. **Councilmember Ford made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No.2016-990, Chapter 5-8- Public Nuisances and Disturbance Noises. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (7-0)**

The Council took a brief recess at 7:43pm.

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting back to order at 7:53pm.

## **B. COUNCIL GOALS**

Council resumed their discussions. Administrator Bethune relayed the Tactics and success/failures relating to goal #1, Retain and Expand Orting's business Community.

Other items discussed were:

- Outreach methods;
- Farmers Market;
- Agri-Tourism;
- Improve local shopping;
- Put local shopping on reader board as often as possible;
- Special Community night events;
- Economic development;
- Possible use of Skinner money to encourage community activity
- Welcome packet to hand out at City Hall;
- Efforts to create a Community Garden;
- Opinion pieces on the City website;
- Write ups on local business on website;
- Social Media, Facebook and Twitter;
- Facility for High attendance Town Meetings.

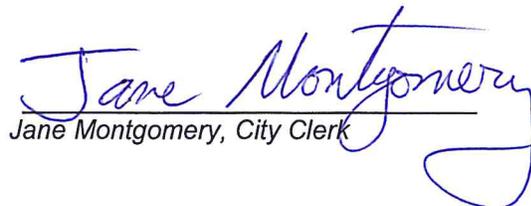
The City Council determined that there will be an additional meeting in September to continue working on Council goals.

## **D. ADJOURN**

**Councilmember McDonald made a motion to adjourn, Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion passed (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm. Next Regular Meeting: May 25, 2016**

**ATTEST:**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk