

ORIGINAL

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



Mayor Joachim Pestinger

ORTING CITY COUNCIL

Regular Business Meeting Minutes

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

September 28, 2016
7 p.m.

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

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. in the in the Public Safety Building. Councilmember Harman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present

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

Staff Present

Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney,

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Pestinger stated that there would be an executive session regarding pending litigation, Per RCW 42.30.110 (i).

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of September 14, 2016
- Payroll and Claims Warrants

*Deputy Mayor Ford made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared.
Second by Councilmember Hoyt. Motion passed (7-0)*

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Rigley

Ms. Rigley from the Pierce County Library in Orting briefed the Council on upcoming programs:

- Story time;
- Thursday programs 2 times a month;
- Harvest program;
- Homeschool hubs;
- Lego madness;
- Work source Washington on the 26th of October- Resume assistance.

Ms. Rigley handed out a flyer to City Council members.

Chris Hopfauf

Mr. Hopfauf discussed Traffic Calming on Eldredge Avenue where he resides. He explained the process he has gone thru to resolve the traffic issues on his street. He also discussed the City policy on Traffic calming and his frustration with that process. Mr. Hopfauf stated that he had asked the City to install three way stops for the street and does not agree with the City's decision to install speed limit signs/street signs rather than stop signs.

D. COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL STANDING REPORTS

Community & Government Affairs

Councilmember Harman explained that the Committee is continuing to revise the Council Rules and will bring their final recommended changes to Council when they are completed.

Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Drennen stated that the Committee had met on the 15th, and they reviewed information from previous meetings. They are looking at potential opportunities to receive professional assistance with a resiliency plan. More information will be brought forward as they determine how to move forward.

Mayor Pestinger announced that the annual "Emergency Preparedness Fair" is on October 1, from 10a.m.-2 or 3p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

Transportation

Councilmember Penner briefed on the following which were discussed at the last meeting on the 19th, and on topics they will discuss in the future:

- Traffic calming on Eldredge Avenue;
- WSDOT Meeting on how to improve SR 162;
- Next WSDOT SR 162 meeting is on October 26th at the PSB.

Discussion ensued between Council and staff regarding traffic challenges on SR 162 for the City of Orting.

Retail Marijuana Business

Deputy Mayor Ford recapped the Committees work on this issue and that the City Council had also held a public hearing and had taken public comments. It appeared that there was a high percentage of opposition expressed at the public hearing to allow the sale of retail Marijuana in the City of Orting. Councilmember Harman asked for an advisory vote from Council to move consideration of this agenda item forward to 2017, and at that time have the City Council re-visit this issue and discuss whether or not they want to put this matter before the public as a ballot measure in November of 2017. Councilmembers agreed to reconsider this in June or July of 2017.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pestinger briefed on the following:

- The Mayor's breakfast meeting;
- ST3 funding for transportation;
- The PSRC meeting;
- Station to McMillan may be on the planning list during ST3.

Deputy Mayor Ford would like to inquire about the possible merger of the Orting Fire Department merging with Graham. The Mayor will invite the Chief to fill the Council in on the merger.

Miscellaneous activity reports, i.e. PSRC, special meetings, etc.

Councilmember Hoyt thanked Councilmember Gunther for putting his name in to be part of the Farmers Market Board. The Farmers Market Board is sponsoring the Pumpkin Fest on October 8th. Councilmember Hoyt will be conducting tours of his farm this year.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. AB16-91- Ordinance No. 2016-995- Parking Strips and Nuisance Regulations, Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 8-4-2, Adding OMC 8-4-4, and Amending OMC 5-1-2.

Councilmember Penner briefed on this agenda item. First reading of the Ordinance was approved at the September 14, 2016 Council meeting.

Discussion ensued between Council, the Mayor and staff. Councilmember Hoyt expressed concerns that citizens would have to cut down and pay for trees that they did not plant initially.

Councilmember Penner made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-995, an Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Relating To Parking Strips And Nuisance Regulations; Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 8-4-2, Adding OMC 8-4-4, And Amending OMC 5-1-2. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (6-1). Councilmember Hoyt (Against).

Councilmember Drennen informed Council that Rhododendrons have overgrown the Gazebo. Discussion ensued about how to deal with the issue.

Councilmember Hoyt made a motion to trim back the Rhododendrons to the specifications that will allow the plant to remain alive, but at the same time to allow the Police the ability to see what is going on in the Gazebo. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion passed (7-0)

Madeline Jones will be notified that the Rhododendrons around the Gazebo will be trimmed.

2. AB16-92- Ordinance No. 2016-996- Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 9-2d-5, Regarding Grease, Oil and Sand Interceptors.

Councilmember McDonald briefed on this agenda item. First reading of the Ordinance was approved at the September 14, 2016 Council meeting. This is a housekeeping maintenance item to upkeep the system and prevent deterioration.

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-996, Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 9-2d-5, regarding Grease, Oil and Sand Interceptors. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion passed (7-0)

3. AB16-93- Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for Animal Control Services.

Councilmember Gunther briefed on this agenda item. This is the final agreement with Pierce County. The City Attorney confirmed that the agreement has been vetted by the County, and will be going to the Pierce County Council for final vote at the end of the month.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County for animal control services. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (7-0)

4. DISCUSSION- Calistoga Park Plan- Scope & Budget

City Administrator Bethune briefed on this agenda item. He had hoped to have the costs associated with hiring a landscape architect completed, but final figures and a report have not been completed. Administrator Bethune hopes to have cost estimates completed for the next Council meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. COUNCIL DISCUSSION- Guidance on Commissions

Councilmember Gunther informed the Council that he is seeking clarification on the interactions of Councilmembers with Commissions. He outlined the history of the different information he has received regarding what the role and relationship should be between the Council and Commissions.

Discussion ensued regarding the historical formation of the Parks Commission, possible solutions to alleviate confusion, how to increase communication between Commissions and the Council, possible ways to reconfigure the Parks Commission, and the possibility of forming a separate taxing authority for Parks.

Council action: Move this to the Community and Government Affairs Committee to re-evaluate the structure of the Parks Commission and come back to Council with a recommendation.

Council action: Have City Attorney look into the Taxing authority of a Parks District.

2. AB16-94- Deputy Mayor for 2017

Deputy Mayor Ford began the discussion on the process to choose a Deputy Mayor for 2017. To facilitate this process Deputy Mayor Ford asked for two Councilmembers to assist her in the recommendation of a candidate for Deputy Mayor for 2017. Councilmember Hoyt and Councilmember McDonald agreed to assist Deputy Mayor Ford. The next step in the process will be to bring a recommendation to Council for the position of Deputy Mayor.

3. AB16-95- Resolution 2016-24- Resolution to memorialize the City's lead agency status for the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System.

Councilmember Drennen briefed on this agenda item. He presented the history of this project and explained that the formal resolution will be helpful moving forward, particularly in the grant process. He noted that the references to "Bridge for Kids" need to be modified to reflect the new project title which is "Emergency Evacuation Bridge System". The City Clerk will make the necessary modifications to the Resolution.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-24, a resolution to memorialize the City of Orting's lead agency status for the emergency evacuation bridge system. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (7-0)

Administrator Bethune proposed October 13th for the Council budget retreat at 6p.m. Council by consensus agreed to the date.

The meeting to go over Council goals will be on October 19th at 6:00p.m.

Deputy Mayor Ford announced that the Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled to October 3rd at 4:00p.m.

Mayor Pestinger recessed the meeting at 8:27p.m. for a 5 minute break.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting back to order at 8:32p.m. and recessed to executive session for a period of 10 minutes. The Mayor announced that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110 (i). No action will be taken by Council when they return.

8:32p.m. Recessed to executive session for 10 minutes

8:42p.m. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

8:47p.m. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

8:52p.m. The executive session was extended for 5 minutes.

8:57p.m. The executive session was extended for 1 minute.

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting back to order at 8:58p.m., and asked for a motion to adjourn.

H. ADJOURNMENT

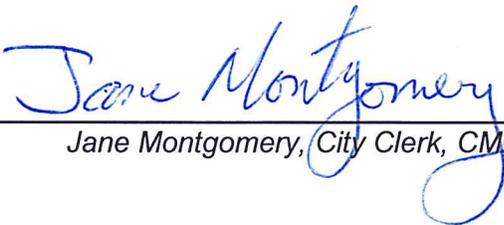
Deputy Mayor Ford made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Hoyt. Motion passed (7-0).

The Meeting adjourned at 8:59p.m.

ATTEST:



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC