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Councilmembers
Position No.
1. Tod Gunther
2. Barbara Ford, Deputy Mayor
3. Vacant
4. Dave Harman
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Josh Penner
7. Scott Drennen

Orting City Council

Special Meeting Minutes
BUDGET WORKSHOP
Orting Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave. SE, Orting, WA

October 13, 2016
6:00p.m.

Mayor Joachim Pestinger

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

Mayor Pestinger called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the in the Public Safety Building. Mayor Pestinger asked to forgo the pledge of allegiance and formal roll call.

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

Staff present: City Administrator Mark Bethune, City Clerk Jane Montgomery, and City Treasurer Scott Larson, Bill Drake Chief of Police.

B. WORKSHOP

Discussion- 2017 Preliminary Budget

City Administrator Bethune gave a brief introduction of the 2017 budget. The Mayor has asked for a balanced budget. City Treasurer Scott Larson then handed out a letter addressed to the City Council and read and briefly touched on portions of the letter. Following, City Administrator Bethune presented Council with a Budget workshop PowerPoint slideshow. The PowerPoint covered the following:

- City Vision Statement
- Council Goals
- Organizational Chart
- Orting's Financial Story
- Staffing Proposal 2017
- 2016 Staffing Comparisons with Comparable Cities
- General Tax Comparison
- City Comparable Including Police
- Budget Comparisons with Other Cities
- General Fund Revenue Sources
- 2017 Budget General Fund Expense
- General Fund
- Structural Deficit Graph
- City Street Fund (101)
- Cemetery Fund (104)
- Parks Fund (105)
- Transportation Benefit District (108)
- Transportation Impact Fee Fund (320)
- Water Fund

- Wastewater Fund (408)
- Wastewater Primary Capital Projects
- Storm water Fund (410)
- Storm water Fund Primary Projects
- Utility Department Building Fund (412)
- Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund (701
- Skinner Fund (704)
- City of Orting Long Term Debt
- Public Input Opportunities

City Treasurer Scott Larson began by saying he would like to start reviewing expenses but deferred to Council as to what they wanted to discuss. Topics that were discussed were:

- Traffic control as overtime versus what the benefit was to the court;
- Court revenues;
- Court expenses;
- Police overtime budget obligations;
- Comparable City Budgets;
- Maximizing Officers time;
- Time management technology tools;
- Police Support Officers;
- Causes of Overtime for Police Department.

Mayor Pestinger recessed the meeting for a 5 minute break at 7:40 p.m.
Mayor Pestinger resumed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Discussion resumed after the break and the following topics were brought up:

- Leasing versus buying police vehicles;
- Segway for the Police Department;
  (Add as a line item for a placeholder)

City Administrator Bethune and City Treasurer Larson discussed a possible utility tax and new expenses. Key items that were brought up were:

- Animal control contract with Pierce County;
- A new server in the Finance department;
- Billing department needs new permitting software;
- Utility tax;
- Garbage tax;
- Community compost;
- FCS Study;

City Treasurer Larson went thru the 2017 Expenses for the General Fund. Discussion followed surrounding the following expense budgets:

- Legislative
- Judicial

- Executive- (Mayor & City Administrator;
- Finance
- Town Hall Facility Expenses
- Legal Services;
- Salary and Benefits;
- Operating and Maintenance
- Capital Expenses;
- Building Department;
- Fire District;
- Emergency Management;
- Animal Control
- Planning & Development
- Community Program Grants;
- Recreation Programs;
- Library and MPS Facilities
- Misc.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Penner made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Pestinger adjourned the meeting at 9:00p.m.

ATTEST:

Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

Next Regular Meeting: October 26th, 2016

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