

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2012

Mayor Cheryl Temple called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Roll call found in attendance Deputy Mayor Graham Hunt, Councilmembers Stanley Holland, Scott Drennen, Rickord Fritz, Josh Penner and Guy S. Colorossi, and Ex-Officio Mahoney. Deputy Mayor Hunt moved to excuse Councilmember Krogh. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	Mark Bethune, City Administrator Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant Freda Bingham, Office Manager	Bill Drake, Police Chief
Professional Representatives	Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer - Parametrix	
Visitors (signed in)	Bill Birkes, Jolene Hilt, Connor Erickson, Keith Erickson, Melanie Erickson, Bryce Erickson, Richie Wilson, Lisa Hamblin, Mercedes Wilson, J. Pestinger, Rex Dunn	

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of November 28, 2012 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants
- C. November Treasurer's Report

Approval of Claims Warrants No. 19265 through No. 19318, in the amount of \$147,021.80 and Payroll Warrants No. 21163 through No. 21178 in the amount of \$138,851.51.

A motion was made by Councilmember Colorossi to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Fritz and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

No Comments.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Jolene Hilt, Planning Commissioner/Parks Commissioner, reported that there was no meeting for Parks Committee in November and December. Planning Committee will look at mobile vendors again in January and would like to discuss the issue with Utilities Committee and Economic Development before a decision is made.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:

Schools and Community Interests	No Report.
Utilities and Technology	No Report.

- Finance & Budget** Councilmember Colorossi reported that starting in January 2013 the committee will meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:30pm at City Hall. He reviewed November expenses.
- Community Development** No Report
- Governmental Affairs** Councilmember Penner reported that he, Councilmember Fritz and City Administrator Bethune met with Representative Gary Alexander and Senator Randi Becker on December 4, 2012 to discuss Orting's legislative priorities – the Calistoga Setback Levee and **NPDES** (KEN?) permit issues.
- Public Safety** Chief Drake stated that dispatch services will be moved from Buckley to Fife at 3am on Monday, December 17, 2012. Staffing is going to be impacted after the first of the year with two officers on medical leave and one officer attending the academy. He also reported that Target partnered with the department to host “Shop with a Cop.”
- Fire District 18** Chief Webb introduced the new Chief, Zane Gibson. Chief Webb shared a presentation on budget issues of the department. The department will be asking for a four year levy. Chief Gibson spoke briefly, reporting that he has over thirty years experience.
- Transportation** No Report.
- Pierce County Regional Council** No Report.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Introduction of Planning Commissioner** Mayor Temple introduced Planning Commissioner Greg Hogan to the Council.
- Emergency Trail Marker Program** Chief Webb introduced Eagle Scout Connor Erickson who reported on the Emergency Trail Marker program. With the assistance of other Scouts, he laid out over 120 trail markers, every 1/10th of a mile. The concrete was washed and dried prior to affixing the markers, taking 25-30 hours. Scout Erickson thanked Chief Webb for his help, and the Foothills Trails Commission for providing some of the supplies. He also thanked his fellow scouts for their help. The markers will increase response time in the event of an emergency and aid those on the trail track distance. Chief Webb also introduced and thanked Keith and Melanie Erickson, Connor’s parents for their support.
- Utility Bill Mailing & Internet Payment Requests for Proposals** Councilmember Penner explained that in March the Council denied a recommendation by the Utilities Committee and requested that an RFP be put out, detailing specific requirements. In May through June an ad hoc committee met and developed nine general criteria, and briefed the Council. A Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out and after reviewing the RFP’s at length, the Utilities Committee recommends Vision as the preferred vendor. Deputy Mayor Hunt moved to approve that the Mayor enter into contract negotiations with Vision for Utility Bill Printing, Insertion, Mailing and Internet Payments. Councilmember Fritz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Agreement for
Withdrawal from Retail
Water Service Area**

Councilmember Drennen explained the Boatman Springs water issue. Recent developments have allowed us to transfer water rights from Boatman Springs into our system. Attorney Bacha reported that the City will install a well for the property owner (Britschi) and ensure the well will supply sufficient flow rate for their needs. For two years the City will maintain the well, then all obligations will cease.

Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the Agreement for Withdrawal from Retail Water Service Area and Release and Hold Harmless. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:
Ordinance No. 934:
Final 2013 Budget**

City Administrator Bethune presented the 2013 budget. He stated that when the Capital Asset Program is completed additional information will be added.

Mayor Temple opened the Public Hearing at 8:13pm. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed. Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington adopting the City of Orting 2013 Budget. Deputy Mayor Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:
Ordinance No. 935:
2012 Budget
Amendments**

City Administrator Bethune reviewed the 2012 budget, explained the funds which were over budget, why they were over budget, and that the overages were approved by Council.

Mayor Temple opened the Public Hearing at 8:16pm. There being no comments from citizens, the hearing was closed. Councilmember Fritz moved to approve an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington amending the 2012 fiscal budget and authorizing certain expenditures. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:
Ordinance No. 936:
Utility Rate Changes,
First Reading**

Councilmember Drennen reported on improvements over the years in our water system. JC Hungerford, Parametrix Engineer provided a presentation.

Mayor Temple opened the Public Hearing at 8:32pm. There being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mitel Telephone Lease

Councilmember Fritz reported on the options available. The Utilities Committee recommends extension of the lease as opposed to purchasing the existing system. In three years we will need to decide to continue to maintain the existing system or upgrade to a new system. Councilmember Holland moved to approve extension of the Mitel Telephone Lease for three years. Councilmember Colorossi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Holland moved to cancel the Council meeting of December 26, 2012. Deputy Mayor Hunt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Councilmember Fritz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple