

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2015

Mayor Joachim Pestinger 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 Josh Penner, Councilmembers Sam Colorossi, Scott Drennen, William Birkes, Barbara Ford, Tod Gunther and Dave Harman.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	Mark Bethune, City Administrator Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk	Bill Drake, Police Chief Stephen Vincenti, Treasurer
Professional Representatives	Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend Dave Roberts, Engineer – Parametrix	
Visitors (signed in)	None.	

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Joseph Stanford, Mill St. Regarding cemetery – discussed signage and holidays; discussed the gates being locked because of vandalism; he noted he did research on other cities and stated their cemetery gates being open during holidays. Discussed police opening and closing gates on the weekend.

PRESENTATIONS: (7:07)

Swearing In of Rachel Pitzel as City Clerk Mayor Pestinger swore in Rachel Pitzel as City Clerk.

Puget Sound Energy Wayne Ballew of Puget Sound Energy (PSE) presented a slide show and reported on Safety Moment and HomePrint (energy efficient assessment program). He noted PSE will be canvassing neighborhoods to offer a free energy evaluation. Discussed fridge and clothes washer replacement program.

COMMISSION REPORTS: (7:16)

Parks Commission No report.

Planning Commission Commissioner Hoyt reported the Planning Commission is working on the 2015 Comprehensive Plan and is looking forward to Council's feedback on it.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS: (7:19)

Community & Government Affairs No report.

Public Works No report.

Finance & Cemetery	Councilmember Colorossi presented the April Financial Review Report.
Public Safety	No report.
Transportation	No report.
Technology & Land Use	Councilmember Gunther discussed the need for more communication with the public and the Police Guilds new Facebook page.
Police	Chief Drake- thanked everyone for coming out to the candlelight vigil and appreciated everyone's support.
Miscellaneous	<p>Deputy Mayor Penner commented on the Soldiers Home Clean Up Day Event and what a success it was.</p> <p>Mayor Pestinger- announced he attended the High Risk Population Summit which discussed the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA), the OSO landslide and encouraged everyone to participate next year. Mayor Pestinger announced that Mr. Wolfe is out ill and gave everyone an update; he noted that the Orting Setback Levee was chosen as a success story by AWC- the City will receive an award.</p> <p>Mr. Bethune reported Councilmember Ford wished to attend the AWC Conference in June and that there was sufficient money in the Council's training budget.</p> <p>Councilmember Ford stated the conference would give background in a larger perspective; an opportunity to network; and noted that every year the training budget does not get used.</p> <p>Councilmember Drennen made a motion to approve Councilmember Ford to attend the AWC Conference. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).</p>

OLD BUSINESS: (7:34)

Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge Lead Agency Agreement	Councilmember Drennen reported the City has received the bridge plans from the county which are with Parametrix for review; met on the first phase of the bridge with the State and reviewed available funds. He noted it will come before Council in near future to look at and approve. Councilmember Drennen discussed the community's interest in an evacuation plan and discussed the evacuation drill.
Resolution No. 2015-6 • Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	<p>Councilmember Drennen reported that the TIP reflects all the work that is under the maintenance program. He noted that no changes were made from last time it went forward to Council except in the formatting.</p> <p>Councilmember Drennen moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-6, Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. Second by Councilmember Penner. Motion carried (7-0).</p>

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Maintenance Budget Increase

Councilmember Colorossi passed out information regarding the Tree Maintenance Budget Increase and reviewed the document with Council.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the increase of the Tree Maintenance Budget from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pestinger recessed to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1) (i) until 8:10 pm. He announced no action would be taken during or after Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger reconvened the Council meeting at 8:10 pm.

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Ford moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).

ATTEST:


Joachim Pestinger, Mayor


Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk