

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 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 JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix	
Visitors (signed in)	John Aldrich Jim Dawd Rex Rodin	

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Gunther requested an update on cemetery issue.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: NONE

PRESENTATIONS: NONE

COMMISSION REPORTS: (7:03)

Parks Commission	No report.
Planning Commission	Commissioner Hogan – discussed the Parks Plan and review.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS: (7:03)

Community & Government Affairs	Councilmember Ford reported on the city sponsorship policy which is still in progress; Gambling Tax ratios; Council objective for Agriculture; noted the Farmers Market will begin on Fridays in the North Park June 19 from 3-7 p.m.
Public Works	Councilmember Drennen asked Finance Director Vincenti to come forward and discuss the utility billing change for water shut offs in

July; Councilmember Drennen reported on the proposal for the DM garbage services. He noted an ordinance will be brought forward to Council on July 8; Councilmember Colorossi is continuing to work on the Orville Road easement which was a total of 17 parcels – 15 are completed; he discussed utility staffing- what are our needs in the high use months; replacement vehicle needed and maintenance RFQ for fleet maintenance.

Finance & Cemetery

Councilmember Colorossi discussed the Finance Committee report; discussed court fine rates; new ordinance on recouping DUI costs.

Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Penner reported a lot of work that is in progress; LOS – round table; education opportunities for the community (2 x year) traffic class and rape defense class; independent review in Police Department - work in progress; funding strategies for Public Safety- discussed Guild stating more Officers needed and options on how we can fund it. Deputy Mayor Penner asked Council- should we look to a utility or garbage tax, property tax or B & O tax; Council can also choose to do an advisory vote.

Discussion ensued regarding Public Safety and parameters of funding.

Councilmember Drennen moved to go forward with an Advisory vote and put out to citizens for input on Public Safety funding. Councilmember Birkes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Drennen amended his motion to add an Advisory vote for an increase in real estate [property] tax to help fund Public Safety.

Councilmember Birkes noted that it was just the intent for an Advisory vote, not to determine what tax to increase, that would come at a later date by the Committee and brought forward to Council.

Deputy Mayor Penner explained the difference between an Advisory vote and Real Estate property tax vote.

Birkes withdrew the second motion, motion died.

Miscellaneous

Councilmember Ford discussed the AWC Conference, thanked City Clerk for getting a scholarship to attend. She noted she was asked to present at the Tarragon Ridge Career Fair.

Deputy Mayor Penner noted he attended a breakfast with the Governor of Idaho where he discussed Bridge for Kids.

Mayor Pestinger noted a letter from Comcast – service costs are going up and everyone should be getting notice with their bill; the City of Orting is once again a Well City, City Administrator Bethune explained what a Well City is; reported on Mr. Wolfe and the Levee project being awarded the Municipal Excellence Award which will be

presented at the AWC Conference. Mayor Pestinger reported that Deputy Mayor Penner will be presiding over the next regular Council meeting on June 24.

City Administrator Bethune reported on the cemetery and the gates being open over the weekends by the Police Department, he discussed the signs and crosswalk.

Mayor Pestinger reported on Sound Transit and working with their staff for easier transportation for citizens who ride the Sounder; he also noted he is trying to get two 4x4 military vehicles from JBLM at no cost to the City.

Technology

Councilmember Gunther reminded folks about the police survey- next step is to expand perhaps a random mailing; discussed communication and the Police Guild volunteering their time to fill the communication gap; discussed reader board technology.

OLD BUSINESS:

Orting Emergency
Evacuation Bridge
Lead Agency
Agreement

No report.

Approval of
Software to Track
City's Facebook
and Twitter
Accounts

Councilmember Gunther reported acquiring software to capture and archive the City's Facebook, email and Twitter accounts.

City Administrator Bethune asked if Council wanted staff to bring forward the policy and procedures back for more discussion in front of Council.

Councilmember Ford moved to approve an expenditure of \$400 for 2015 and \$120 in the following years to specifically purchase software that tracks the City's electronic accounts for archival purposes (email, Facebook and twitter accounts) for potential public records requests in the future.

Councilmember Birkes suggested an amendment to approve up to a maximum amount.

Councilmember Ford moved to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$600 for 2015 and \$120 in the following years to specifically to purchase software with Popular Networks, that tracks the City's electronic accounts for archival purposes (email, Facebook and twitter accounts) for potential public records requests in the future. Second by Penner. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING
2015 Comprehensive
Plan Amendments

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 8:06 pm.

Mr. Wagoner reported on the 2015 Comp Plan- this is not a complete rewrite, responded to the State changes to the Growth Management Act and the process of changes with Planning Commission. Discussed the schedule – he noted tonight’s public hearing and then June 24th Council meeting to adopt the ordinance. He noted that State law requires City to have the Comprehensive Plan done by June 30. He also noted the City received three State Agency comments with very little changes to be made. If Council has comments – please submit no later than the end of next week. A new document can be produced to Council at the next meeting on June 24th to adopt the plan. Discussed the Planning Commission’s Facts & Findings which was a summary of changes made to the document.

No public comment.

Mayor Pestinger closed the public hearing at 8:26 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING
Parks, Trails and
Open Space Plan
Update

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 8:26 pm.

Ms. Abby Weber reported on the Parks Plan that was started last Fall; she noted how it was critical for Parks funding and needed to be updated every 6 years. She discussed that the draft plan was submitted to the State, the Parks Commission recommended the Plan and the Planning Commission held the public hearing and recommended adoption of the proposed amendments. She discussed the Facts & Findings that were provided by the Planning Commission and reviewed the changes with Council.

No public comment.

Mayor Pestinger closed the public hearing at 8:34 pm.

Councilmember Gunther moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-8, adopting updates to the Orting Parks, Trails & Open Space Plan. Second by Councilmember Colorossi. Motion carried (7-0).

Chip Seal Bid
Approval

Deputy Mayor Penner reported on the Chip Seal project and this being on the 6 year TIP.

Deputy Mayor Penner moved to approve Santa Fe as low bidder for the Chip Seal project in the amount of \$65,656.61. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (7-0).

Kingsmen Event

Councilmember Colorossi reported on the Kingsmen event occurring on June 20th.

Red Hat Day

Councilmember Gunther reported on the Red Hat Day event and gave history of the event.

Introduced the President and Vice President of the event to discuss the project.

Mr. Rex Rodin addressed Council. He noted they are asking Council to allow them to bring the breakfast back in the Park; this year is the 40th Anniversary and they have come up with plans to get kids involved in the event; he noted they would like to run the breakfast pit for 24 hours - 72 hours total.

Councilmember Birkes discussed a situation that occurred last year, he noted he hoped that something like that does not occur again.

Councilmember Gunther moved to permit a food booth as a function of Red Hat Days to stay open from Friday, October 16th until Noon on Sunday, October 18th. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (7-0).

Backflow Testing

Councilmember Drennen reported on the testing of backflow assemblies; he noted this needed to be certified and done yearly.

Councilmember Drennen moved to approve Cross Connection Specialist, LLC as the low bidder for Backflow Testing in the amount of \$11,489.28. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).

CLOSED SESSION AND EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pestinger recessed to an Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i) regarding potential litigation and a Closed Session to discuss Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement, as authorized by RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). Council will reconvene at 9:30 pm. Possible action may follow the Closed and Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger called for a 15 minute extension to the Closed and Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger called for a 5 minute extension to the Closed and Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger called for a 3 minute extension to the Closed and Executive Session.

Mayor Pestinger reconvened the Council meeting at 9:53 pm.

Councilmember Gunther moved to allow Councilmember Ford to listen in to the Council meeting on June 24th while at the AWC Conference. Second by Harman. Motion carried (7-0).

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Gunther moved to adjourn. Second by Deputy Mayor Penner. Motion carried (7-0).

ATTEST:



Joachim Pestinger, Mayor



Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk