



ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

July 29, 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
Professional Representatives	Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix	
Visitors (signed in)	Corey Thomas Sandi Young Doug Bishop Steve & Heather Konwent Susan Rigley	Tim Tallon Gwen Robson Chris Hopfauf Dan Waite Frank Clinc

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Mayor Pestinger announced he would like to add Mr. Bethune under Committee Reports; add an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Dwight Dixon	Two questions- 1) Village Green - generates income, wonder why requesting property tax increase; 2) what is his legality on paying taxes.
Corey Thomas	Read a statement regarding Deputy Mayor Penner's election tactics.
Susan Rigley – Library Representative	Thanked the City for fixing front door; reported on the happenings of the library.

Doug Bishop Requested additional agendas at the sign in table; asked for clarification on signage regarding election signs.

Mayor Pestinger discussed the election signs and noted Council will have to rewrite the sign ordinance which has some confusion.

Dan Waite and Son Discussed the ordinance regarding the use of the Multi-purpose room, stated it being difficult to pay the fee weekly for the use of the facility and would like a variance to continue to use it and relinquish it if anyone else needed the room for that particular weekend, but the Church would continue to pay what they are currently paying.

PRESENTATIONS: (7:21)

JC Hungerford – Water Use Efficiency Goals Mr. Hungerford presented Council with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Water System Plan - discussed the goals. Mayor Pestinger also read a letter from the Department of Ecology congratulating the City on their Wastewater plant.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS: (7:31)

Community & Government Affairs Councilmember Ford reported on Tourism and Agricultural business goals; Farmers Market; Council Rules and Procedures; Sponsorship Policy; formalize procedures on giving out Grants; public comment policy - new statement and proper way to address Council.

Public Safety Deputy Mayor Penner reported the opportunity for public education.

Transportation No report.

Technology/Land Use Councilmember Harmon reported on QR Codes, working with Boy Scouts to get this project started; Councilmember Gunther reported looking in to getting a new electronic reader board; noted the police survey being successful.

Tax advisory Councilmember Birkes discussed the tax that comes in from the Quilt Shop and using the funds for advertising, he noted they will be discussing that at their next meeting in October.

Miscellaneous Deputy Mayor Penner asked about the cemetery and if the gate has been left open. Mayor Pestinger responded, yes and there has been no sign of vandalism as of yet.

Mayor Pestinger reported he attended a County Executive and Mayors meeting, discussed the US Open; Health Department and discussion on what you do with unused medications- the Health

Department is working with the Association of Police Chiefs and having a transfer of the pills done every quarter. Mayor Pestinger discussed the Sound Transit long range project.

City Administrator Bethune reported on a budget building process, he is looking to send out a survey asking citizens if they had \$1 how they would spend it. He provided Council a copy of what the survey looks like and stated it will go out in the utility bills in August.

Councilmember Drennen suggested adding a spot under Committee and Standing Reports for the Mayor. It was agreed to have that added to future agendas.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (7:47)

Resolution No. 2015-7 •
2015 Hazard Mitigation
Plan

City Administrator Bethune introduced Debbie Bailey from the County to discuss the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Bailey discussed the plan and the grant awarded, she noted it was sent to the state which had 30 days to approve, then FEMA and now it is back to the jurisdiction to adopt by Resolution. She explained the main reason for having this plan was it opened Hazard Mitigation funds if a disaster is declared.

Councilmember Colorossi discussed some language that should be corrected and asked how to get that done.

Councilmember Drennen discussed the mapping and the Lahar; discussed this plan vs. a resiliency plan.

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 7:59 pm.

No public comment.

Mayor Pestinger closed the public hearing at 8:00 pm.

No action was taken, it was stated it will be back at the next Council meeting to adopt the Resolution.

Removal of Planning
Commission Member

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 8:00 pm.

City Administrator Bethune reported on the attempts to reach Commissioner Moeller with no response. He stated the Planning Commission felt like it was time to remove her from the Planning Commission.

No public comment.

Mayor Pestinger closed the public hearing at 8:01 pm.

Councilmember Birkes moved to approve the removal of Planning Commissioner Moeller and to begin the process of seeking new applicants for Position No. 3 with term ending December 31, 2018. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).

Resolution No. 2015-10
(11 or 12) • Financing
Strategies for Additional
Police Officers

Mayor Pestinger opened the public hearing at 8:20 pm.

Deputy Mayor Penner reported on the options with the upcoming general election as far as a funding strategy for additional officers; discussed options on sending something to voters. He noted the option to do a property tax lift is not possible and it is no longer on the table for review. He stated as far as an advisory vote, the two options are: a) the third option in the packet material, the utility tax or, b) B&O tax on power, communications, etc.

Councilmember Birkes discussed talking with citizens for an opinion. He stated 90% would prefer the option on the value of their home. He noted he would like it to be on the ballot and says he supports the B&O option.

Councilmember Ford discussed the research done regarding the property tax option, she reminded everyone on why this is being discussed as the deadline to submit a resolution in Tuesday. She discussed the difference between the utility taxes vs. the property tax.

Councilmember Drennen asked City Administrator Bethune regarding Fire Department, Schools and City taxes.

CA Bethune discussed the "Taxing District".

Councilmember Ford noted a pie chart regarding the city/school/ fire would be nice to show for every \$1 only .16 cents goes to the City.

Deputy Mayor Penner asked Council if they are available to meet Friday or Monday regarding the B&O Tax, for a resolution to be written on the ballot.

Council called for a special meeting for Friday, July 31, 2015 at 7 pm in the Public Safety Building.

Mayor Pestinger closed the public hearing at 8:20pm.

OLD BUSINESS: (8:20)

Orting Emergency
Evacuation Bridge Lead
Agency Agreement

Councilmember Drennen stated the agreement is still with the State; nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS: (8:21)

High Cedars Force Main
& Lift Station
Replacement

Councilmember Drennen reported on the bid and discussed Northwest Cascade, Inc. was the low bidder.

Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the low bid of \$1,067,905.73 from Northwest Cascade, Inc. for the High Cedars Force Main & Lift Station Replacement. Second by Councilmember Colorossi. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Birkes asked about recouping the money and the time frame.

Customer Bill of Rights

Councilmember Ford reported on a high level of customer service from city staff; she noted looking at making processes for citizens easier and becoming more customer friendly.

City Administrator Bethune read the Customer Bill of Rights. Discussed adding contact information to the bill of rights.

Councilmember Ford moved to approve the Customer Bill of Rights as written. Second by Councilmember Birkes with amendment to add #13 "if your rights have been infringed upon, call the City Administrator". Motion carried (7-0).

Ordinance No. 2015-
969 • Repealing &
Reenacting OMC – 2-4,
Cemetery Board

Councilmember Colorossi reported on the packet material put together regarding the Cemetery Board; he noted the draft came before the Committee 3 times and it has been read and re-worked.

Councilmember Ford discussed page 10, 2-4-20 Enforcement- she asked, what exactly does that mean.

Discussion ensued regarding enforcement and that Council can enforce the code and regulations.

City Attorney Long clarified that Council has authority to enforce the codes to the Police, Code Enforcement and Administration.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-969, repealing and reenacting Title 2, and Chapter 4 of the Orting Municipal Code concerning Cemetery Board. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (7-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pestinger recessed to Executive Session at 8:47 pm to discuss potential litigation, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(i). He announced action may be taken after Executive Session which will last 15 minutes.

Mayor Pestinger reconvened the Council meeting at 9:02 pm.

Councilmember Ford moved to approve the Contract for Services for City Treasurer Consultation with Bev Emmons until a replacement is hired 3 months not to exceed 80 hours. Second by Councilmember Colorossi.

Councilmember Birkes asked if Council wanted to limit the contract to only 80 hours.

City Administrator Bethune noted if more hours are needed, it will come back before Council to review.

Motion carried (7-0).

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Birkes moved to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion carried (6-1, Penner).

ATTEST:


Joachim Pestinger, Mayor


Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk