



# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave. SE

JULY 8, 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:

<b>City Employees</b>	Mark Bethune, City Administrator Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk	Bill Drake, Police Chief Stephen Vincenti, Treasurer
<b>Professional Representatives</b>	Jay Long, Attorney – Kenyon Disend JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix Roger Wagoner, City Planner – BHC Consultants	
<b>Visitors (signed in)</b>	Howard Robson Mary Walsh Margaret Ryals	Gwen Robson Steven Nielson

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Colorossi requested to add an item under the Finance Report regarding the purchase of a utilities pickup truck.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

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

## COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Gwen Robson	Reported on the US Army 62nd Brigade – “give back to soldiers” program, which asks families to host Soldiers for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinners. She encouraged volunteers to come forward and to get in touch with her if people are interested.
Mary Walsh	Commented on the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System. Encouraged Council to build a pedestrian bridge for the City; wanted to encourage Council to take Lead Agency on the project and protect the route.
Margaret Ryals	Commented on the evacuation concerns and feels the bridge should be top priority of the city residents. She noted dedicating the variance on Rocky Road being essential to the evacuation project.

Steven Nielson Discussed the value of human life and the evacuation plan and preparedness; discussed the failure of the evacuation of the school during the evacuation drill. He stated the need for a Carbon River evacuation plan; discussed environmental statistics.

**PRESENTATIONS:** (7:13)

Rainier Lane SE 100 Block Utility Improvements Construction Completion JC Hungerford gave an update of Rainier Lane - he presented Council with a slide show that displayed pictures of previous conditions - sewer installation; water line installation; storm sewer installation; showed the finished projects- thanked the business owners for their patience during this project.

Councilmember Drennen- discussed the infrastructure needs and economic benefits for the downtown district that was all addressed on this project.

Deputy Mayor Penner- expressed his excitement in the project completion; he noted this was the first project he had input on.

Councilmember Colorossi noted that the reason there are still overhead wires was because there was not enough ROW for the PSE and CenturyLink wires.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:** (7:20)

**Parks Commission** Commissioner Nielson, Parks Commission Chair – reported on the Rainier Meadows Playground bids and discussed the Splash Park.

**Planning Commission** Commissioner Hoyt - reported on the approval of paint color for the Public Safety Building; discussed agriculture in the Comprehensive Plan 2016 update; discussed importance of citizens being able to provide locally grown food for themselves if they wanted.

Mayor Pestinger discussed how important the Agriculture Zoning is within the city.

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:** (7:32)

**Public Works** Councilmember Drennen reported on being capital base oriented; discussed level of service with current model of Public Works and Utilities.

**Finance & Cemetery** Councilmember Colorossi reported on the draft Finance Committee minutes and Committee report; discussed the cemetery vault set up and that they are currently working on a revised ordinance for cemetery. He noted that there was a utility request for a new pickup - he handed out a utility committee request report which described and outlined funds.

Councilmember Birkes questioned if it should be a heavier duty truck for utility needs.

Councilmember Drennen moved to have this item brought back before the Public Works Committee.

Councilmember Drennen withdrew his motion.

*Councilmember Birkes moved to approve the purchase of a Ford F250 extended cab utility pick-up truck with 4-wheel drive optional. Second by Councilmember Colorossi. Motion carried (7-0).*

Deputy Mayor Penner asked to go back to cemetery report and wondered if the gates can be removed.

Mayor Pestinger noted they have been discussing that issue currently and asked if Council was okay with that.

There was no comment from Council regarding removing the gates.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Mayor Pestinger reported that he attended the AWC Conference in Wenatchee, he noted that Ken Wolfe submitted the Levee project to AWC and the City of Orting was awarded the Municipal Small City Successes Excellence Award; Mayor Pestinger stated Ken Wolfe was able to attend and accept the award.

Councilmember Ford reported she attended the AWC Conference as well and it was a great opportunity to network and discuss the issues we face as small cities and how to be successful. She noted she appreciated the opportunity to attend. Discussed Emergency Management Plan; Social Media and Policies, and the level of staff time it takes to maintain social sites for the city.

Finance Director, Steve Vincenti- discussed the July utility billing and reminded folks the due date is on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month – 15 days after that shut off begins.

Mayor Pestinger reported on the “mini train station” at McMillin Park, he stated he hand delivered a petition in support of the ST3 project to Sound Transit.

#### **OLD BUSINESS: (7:55)**

Emergency  
Evacuation Bridge  
Lead Agency  
Agreement

Councilmember Drennen reported this has been a long process and finally at a point to move forward. Discussed the project and the importance of it. He discussed the agreement and what being a Lead Agency means.

Emergency  
Evacuation Bridge

Councilmember Drennen reported on the Scope and Budget and how it was needed to start moving forward on this project.

System Scope and Budget

JC Hungerford explained that he met with Neil Campbell and the Scope and Budget is for the Washington Avenue "over crossing". He noted before going into the agreement, the Scope and Budget needed to be provided and then the agreement would come back before Council for approval as Lead Agency. He noted the "over crossing" is a reimbursable cost, which means it is all grant funded.

Mayor Pestinger asked about a ROW acquisition for the project.

JC Hungerford noted that the footing of the bridge is as far as the grant.

CM Drennen discussed the Rocky Road easement.

***Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the Scope and Budget Engineering for Professional Services regarding the Emergency Evacuation Bridge System in the amount of \$82,621 provided by grant funding. Second by Councilmember Colorossi.***

Deputy Mayor Penner asked when the agreement will occur.

JC Hungerford noted this is the first step and the agreement will come back to Council.

***Motion carried (7-0).***

Street Lighting Request Policy

Councilmember Drennen reported this policy was presented at the last Council meeting, this policy includes the policy for Private Security Lighting; he discussed the policy and why it was created.

***Councilmember Drennen moved to approve the Street Lighting Policy & Procedure as written. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).***

Rezone- 801 Calistoga St. W. – Ordinance No. 2015-968

City Planner, Roger Wagoner reported at the last meeting Council held a closed record hearing; he noted this ordinance is brought forward to Council due to that meeting.

***Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve Ordinance No. 2015-968, relating to Land Use and Zoning; rezoning Parcel No. 0519311093; amending Orting Municipal Code Section 13-3-4; Zoning Map. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).***

2015 Comprehensive Plan– Ordinance No. 2015-967

City Planner, Roger Wagoner reported on the 2015 Comp Plan – he discussed that the same material that Council has seen is included tonight, but in addition is the map that shows the rezone from the closed record hearing decision of the Calistoga Rezone.

**Councilmember Birkes moved to approve the Ordinance No. 2015-967, relating to Land Use and Zoning; adopting amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Second by Councilmember Harman. Motion carried (7-0).**

Financing Strategies  
for Additional Police  
Officers

Deputy Mayor Penner reported the packet provided Council with good information on rates and asked Council to take a look at those. Discussed level of service and his "Timeline for Funding Strategies for PD" that he handed out to Council. He discussed an Advisory Vote.

Councilmember Colorossi- asked if the cost of vehicles for the officers were included in the \$350k.

Deputy Mayor Penner stated - yes, the vehicles are included in total.

**NEW BUSINESS: (8:20)**

Catch Basin Cleaning

Councilmember Drennen discussed the NPDES permit and the requirements cities have to meet; he noted how many catch basins the city has.

Councilmember Birkes asked about the video portion and if it was part of this project.

Councilmember Drennen stated no, that video is not going to be a part of the catch basin project.

**Councilmember Drennen moved to approve Pipe Line Video & Cleaning as low bidder for catch basin cleaning in the amount of \$24,979.17. Second by Councilmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).**

DM Franchise  
Agreement –  
**Resolution No.  
2015-9**

Councilmember Drennen reported on the service agreement with DM Disposal Co.

City Administrator Bethune discussed DM moving in a new direction with trucks and garbage cans; he noted it is a relatively small increase in rates but better service. He then asked Mark Gingrich from DM to speak to Council regarding the service changes.

Mark Gingrich, DM spokesperson - discussed collection times and service remaining the same; rate increase which would be very minimal; types of cans that are available; and the extra charges that will decrease considerably because of the overweight cans going away because of the new cans which citizens can choose from will allow them to fit their needs better and stay within a weight limit for hose specific cans.

**Councilmember Drennen moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-9, entering into the first amendment to the franchise**

**agreement between the City of Orting and D.M. Disposal Co., Inc. for waste collection services and the proposed rate increase effective November 1, 2015. Second by Councilmember Birkes. Motion carried (7-0).**

**RECESS COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pestinger recessed the regular Council meeting at 8:35 p.m. until the conclusion of the Transportation Benefit District Board meeting

**TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT BOARD: (8:35)**

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| <b>Call the Meeting to Order and Roll Call</b> | Chairman Drennen called to order the meeting of the Transportation Benefit District Board. All members were present.  |
| <b>Update</b>                                  | Chairman Drennen turned the meeting over to City Administrator Bethune who discussed the Annual Report; he noted the formal report will come before Council at the July 29 <sup>th</sup> meeting. |
| <b>Move to Adjourn</b>                         | <b><i>Boardmember Birkes moved to adjourn the meeting of the Transportation Benefit District Board. Second by Boardmember Ford. Motion carried (7-0).</i></b>                                     |

**RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor Pestinger reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:37 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Cancelled

**ADJOURN:**

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

**ATTEST:**

  
Joachim Pestinger, Mayor

  
Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk