

# ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 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, Scott Drennen, Rickord Fritz, Josh Penner and Guy S. Colorossi. Deputy Mayor Hunt moved to excuse Councilmembers Holland Krogh. Councilmember Colorossi seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ex-Officio Shawn Mahoney was not in attendance.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

### **City Employees**

Mark Bethune, City Administrator  
Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant  
Beckie Meek, Director, Parks & Rec.

Bill Drake, Police Chief  
Ken Wolfe, Building Official

### **Professional Representatives**

Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend  
JC Hungerford, Engineer – Parametrix  
Paul Webb, Fire Chief

### **Visitors (signed in)**

Ed Hatzenbeler, Kellie Graham, Steve Curney, Tony Ostlund, Karman Lundell, Dean Nicosia, Teresa Lewis

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of August 29, 2012 Council Meeting
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants
- C. August Treasurer's Report

Approval of Claims Warrants No. 18926 through No. 18979, in the amount of \$40,386.69 and Payroll Warrants No. 21082 through No. 21097 in the amount of \$136,172.42.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Barbara Ford, Director of the Orting Senior Center, reported that the Center will be honoring volunteers with a "What's Right About Orting" dinner on September 15, 2012; 4:30 at the Orting Eagles. She also reported that over 1600 summer lunches were served to school age children in need.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

### **Parks Commission**

Barbara Ford, Co-Chair of the Orting Parks Commission advised that the new park playground equipment (Big Toy) build will be held on September 29, 2012, and will rely on community members to volunteer. Salvageable parts from the old equipment will be moved to Calistoga Park. Gratzner Park has been completed. The Main Park sculpture has also been completed and the commission is looking at ways to keep it secure. The school district is interested in the possibility of a community garden. The Rock wall signage is almost complete. The commission is considering replacing the "Welcome to Orting" sign with a marble sign. An artist has provided some design elements for consideration.

**Planning Commission** As Councilmembers Krogh and Holland were absent, City Administrator Bethune reported that the commission held a Public Hearing regarding mobile vendors. There were no comments from community members, and the commission will be making a recommendation to the Council. The committee will also be addressing commercial signage issues and reviewing the code for possible revisions.

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:**

**Schools and Community Interests** Councilmember Fritz reminded the Council that the park will be closed for removal of the old park equipment in anticipation of installation of the new equipment. He reported that the “National Day of Service” on September 8<sup>th</sup> was a great success. He announced that on September 26, 2012, 2PM, at City Hall, the committee will discuss the possibility of bringing 4H or FFA to Orting, to encourage agriculture interests by students. Also, Rivers Edge Church holds a Youth Pizza Night after all home football games.

**Utilities and Technology** Councilmember Drennen reported that on August 1, 2012 the committee discussed plans the Public Works building, which are moving forward. He thanked Councilmember Colorossi for his assistance with the Orville Road project. The committee is working on an RFP for bulk mailing and internet payments. The Boundary Line Adjustment for Harman Springs is nearing completion.

**Finance & Budget** Councilmember Colorossi provided an overview of the budget status as of 8/31/12.

**Community Development** No Report

**Governmental Affairs** No Report

**Public Safety** Chief Drake provided handouts for a budget update. He reported that as of November 30, 2012 Buckley will be closing their jail services. They may also cease dispatch services next year.

**Fire District 18** Chief Webb announced that he will be retiring, effective November 1, 2012.

**Transportation** No Report.

**Pierce County Regional Council** No Report

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Flood Update** Ken Wolfe, Building Official provided a flood update. He met with members of the Pierce County Council, Councilmembers Fritz and Colorossi, and provided a power point presentation to review the Calistoga Setback Levee. The Army Corp of Engineers has advised that permits should be issued prior to the cutoff for grant funds. Next week he will be attending the Northwest Organization of Regional Floodplain Managers Association to present information regarding the Calistoga Setback Levee.

**Budget Retreat** Mayor Temple asked if the Council was agreeable to a budget retreat on October 20, 2012. Everyone agreed, and the meeting will be held from 8am-Noon at the Public Safety Building.

**Proclamation –  
October is Cardinal  
Month**

Mayor Temple proclaimed October to be Cardinal Month and presented certificates to Tony Ostlund of Project Graduation, Class of 2012 and Ed Hatzenbeler, Principal of Orting High School. Mr. Ostlund thanked the Council and described the banners which have been made for Washington Avenue. He invited everyone to wear red on Fridays to show support of the teams. Principal Hatzenbeler thanked Project Graduation for their recognition and support. Homecoming will be October 19, 2012.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Calistoga Street West  
Construction  
Services**

Councilmember Drennen reported a \$223,000 TIB Grant toward culmination of the project. Tucci and Sons was awarded the project. The Utilities Committee and Transportation Committee met to discuss additional Scope and Budget requirements, and Councilmember Drennen advised the construction costs will be broken down between three funds, Streets, Stormwater and Water.

Councilmember Fritz voiced concerns that the costs of the project have changed frequently. JC Hungerford, Parametrix Engineer reported that many of the changes were a result of how the grant process was done. Approval came late in 2011, then adjustments were required to the 2012 budget. The TIB has new regulations which caused unexpected impact on the grant funds and he was unable to add the construction services costs to the grant.

Councilmember Fritz stated that in the future he would prefer to see bids come to the Council complete with construction services costs. Councilmember Drennen stated that there will have more concise figures up front in the future.

Deputy Mayor Hunt moved to approve payment for professional services as described in the Calistoga Street West Grind and Overlay Design Construction Services Scope and Budget. Councilmember Penner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS COUNCIL MEETING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilmember Fritz moved to recess Council meeting and move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation until 8:15pm. Deputy Mayor Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council extended the Executive Session for five minutes and adjourned the Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Mayor Temple reconvened the City Council meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

Councilmember Fritz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Deputy Mayor Hunt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

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City Administrator Mark Bethune

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple