

Councilmembers

Position No.

- 1. Tod Gunther
- 2. John Kelly
- 3. Tony Belot
- 4. John Williams
- 5. Gregg Bradshaw
- 6. Greg Hogan
- 7. Scott Drennen



Orting City Council

Regular Business Meeting Minutes
 Virtual, Orting, WA
 October 28, 2020
 7 p.m.

ORIGINAL

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL.
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Belot led the pledge of allegiance, and a roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, John Williams, Tony Belot, and Gregg Bradshaw.

Absent: Councilmember Drennen

Staff Present: Scott Larson, City Administrator (CA), Mark Bethune, City Administrator Emeritus, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Chris Gard, Chief of Police.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to excuse Councilmember Drennen. Second by Councilmember Belot. Motion passed (6-0)

REQUESTS FOR ANY ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

No Requests made.

Mayor Penner read the following statements:

The City is utilizing remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space have been suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting is however, available for the public. To join the meeting use the following information: To join the meeting on a computer or mobile phone: <https://bluejeans.com/168856033?src=calendarLink>--Phone Dial-in +1.408.419.1715
 Meeting ID: 168 856 033

***Public Service Announcement**

Pierce County Emergency Management skipped October's siren test and will resume Monday, November 2nd, 2020. They just completed a siren upgrade and want ample time to prepare residents for a change in what they will hear – chime and voice versus the “wail” sound. Be watching social media and other communication avenues for more information.

If you want to hear the updated sounds, check out this Page: <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/.../115310/Lahar-Warning-System>

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public Comments were submitted.

3. PRESENTATION

A. Rainier Communications Commission.

⚡ **Megan Hutton**

Megan Hutton gave a presentation outlining the changes for RCC from a per subscriber rate which has been the model for Orting for over 10 years, to a percentage of gross revenue model, which she

briefed was the industry standard and more reflective of cost needs. This change will have an impact for customers, but it was stated it would be minimal. She provided a brief history of RCC as well.

4. HEARING- Mayor Penner read the following hearing rules:

All members of the public were provided the opportunity to testify during the virtual public hearing via a call in number and meeting. Alternatively if they did not want to attend the meeting they were allowed to submit written comments prior to the public hearing no later than 3:00 pm. on October 28th, 2020; to Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, at jmontgomery@cityoforting.org.

A. AB20-83 -2021 Property Taxes- Resolution No. 2020-37, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Requesting the Highest Lawful Levy.

Mayor Penner opened the Hearing at 7:50pm, announced the Title, Read the Rules and asked for a briefing from staff. Scott Larson briefed on the proposed resolution. This resolution would raise the property tax cap by \$12,111.70 to \$1,347,915.06, which is an increase of less than 1% over the prior years' levy which was \$1,335,880.61. The actual rate paid by citizens goes down from \$1.53 per thousand assessed valuation to \$1.40. Due to the fact that house values rose there will be an increase to citizens but not because taxes increased. The increase in the total amount of property tax collections is driven by \$2 million in new construction, and assessed valuations from 2020 and 2021 which are an increase of 10.5%.

Public Comments

No comments were submitted. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 8:06pm

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 2020-37, a Resolution of the City Of Orting, Washington, Requesting the Highest Lawful Levy. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion failed (4-2) Nays: CM Gunther, CM Belot, CM Williams, and CM Bradshaw.

Action: Councilmembers will reach out to CA Larson and this will come back to a future agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of September 30th, 2020.
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants.
- C. **AB20-81**-Scope and Budget from Parametrix for Professional Services as described in The Attached Kansas Street SW Design and Permitting Documents in the Amount Of \$470,232.64.
- D. **AB20-84**- Resolution No. 2020-36, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Adopting The Region 5 All Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2020-2025 Edition And The City Of Orting Addendum To The Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a Motion: To approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Bradshaw. Motion passed (6-0)

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB20-76- CARES Small Business Grant Funds, Additional Applications.

CA Larson briefed on the additional applications for grants for small business grants. The Resolution approves the three additional and increases the allocation to \$145,000 from the original amount Council approved of \$100,000. The grant awards are identified in the Exhibit. The payment of these funds will come from the City's general fund, and the Mayor or designee will seek reimbursement from the CARES Act funding allocated to the City. The City has to have all funds out the door by November 30th, 2020.

Deputy Mayor Hogan Made a Motion To Approve Resolution No 2020-38, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring A Public Purpose And Authorizing A City Grant Of Funds To Small Businesses For Covid-19 Relief. Second by Councilmember Williams. Motion Passed (6-0)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB20-80- Carbon River Setback Feasibility Study- Resolution No. 2020-35, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Establishing Project Alternatives For Consideration During The Carbon River Setback Feasibility Study Performed By Pierce County.

JC Hungerford briefed that on August 19, 2020, Pierce County Surface Water Management presented to Orting City Council at a Study Session. In response, the Public Works Committee along with City Council has expressed a desire to encourage Pierce County to analyze additional project alternatives. The Public Works Committee has drafted the attached resolution for consideration by City Council which is a no build alternative.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a Motion: To Adopt Resolution 2020-35, A Resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, and Establishing Project Alternatives for Consideration during the Carbon River Setback Feasibility Study Performed by Pierce County. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (6-0).

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Archer briefed that there would be an Executive session per RCW 42.30.110 1 (g) Personnel Issue. They will recess for 10 minutes and no action is anticipated upon return to open session.

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting for a break at 8:30pm to be followed by an Executive session. Mayor Penner Recessed to Executive session at 8:35pm for 10 minutes.

8:45pm extended for 5 minutes

8:50pm extended for 5 minutes

8:55pm extended for 5 minutes

9:00pm extended for 5 minutes

9:05pm extended for 5 minutes

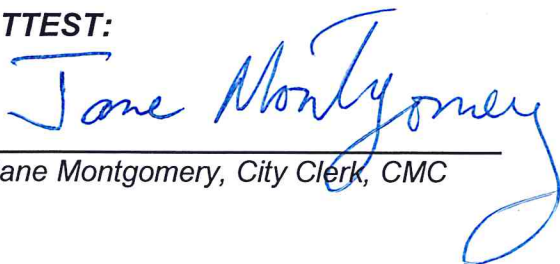
Mayor Penner called the meeting back to order at 9:10pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 9:10pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor