

Councilmembers

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Michelle Gehring
4. Vacant
5. Nicola McDonald
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA
January 9th, 2019
7 p.m.

MAYOR JOSHUA PENNER, CHAIR

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL.

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Gunther led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Scott Drennen, Nicola McDonald, Greg Hogan and Michelle Gehring.

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Alexandra Kenyon, City Attorney.

Request for Additions or Corrections to the Agenda.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to add a briefing by Pierce County Councilmember Dave Morell. Second by Councilmember Gehring. Motion passed (6-0).

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were made.

3. HEARING

A. AB19-01- Ordinance No. 2019-1039, Renewing The Interim Zoning Regulations For The RU-L Zone Set Out In Ordinance 2018-1033, Adopted July 25, 2018.

Mayor Penner opened the hearing at 7:02pm and announced the title and read the rules for audience comments. Emily Terrell, City Planner gave a staff report. In mid-July 2018, City staff discovered an error in the adopted Official Zoning Map and Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations, pertaining to the Residential Urban – Low zone ("RU-L zone"). On July 25, 2018, the City Council adopted an interim ordinance to temporarily correct the error, Ordinance No. 2018-1033. Staff recommends Council adopt Ord. 2019-1039 setting a further six-month interim period to allow the Planning Commission to complete work on the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket and adopt a new Zoning Map.

Public Comments None. **Council Comments or Questions**-None.

Councilmember Gehring made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-139, Renewing for Six-Months the Interim Development Regulations for the RU-L Zone Adopted in Ordinance No. 2018-1033. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0)

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:04pm.

Briefing by Dave Morell, Pierce County Councilmember.

Dave Morell introduced himself. He is the newly elected County Councilmember for District One. He stated he wanted to come introduce himself and plans to come again to future meetings to hear what is going on in Orting.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Discussion- Readiness Grant- City of Sumner Autonomous Rapid Transit.

Bill Pugh, Sumner Mayor was introduced by Mayor Penner. He briefed on the readiness grant that the City of Sumner is looking at in regard to autonomous trams. He is seeking a letter of support from the City of Orting as part of the grant process. Discussion followed.

Action: Mayor Penner stated that Mayor Pugh will hear back from the City soon.

B. DM Disposal- Proposed New Rates

Josh Metcalf briefed that Pierce County has increased their fees to D.M. Disposal Company; and D.M. Disposal is passing that increase on to the customers of Orting. Council was provided an Exhibit which reflected the dump fee and CPI increase by type of service.

D.M. Disposal Company must notify the City 60 days before the increase which is effective March 1, 2019. D.M. Disposal Company must also notify their customers 45 days before the increase, D.M. Disposal is in compliance with the City.

5. AB19-02- Interviews for Councilmember Position #4

Deputy Mayor Hogan led the Council thru the process to select a new Councilmember. He briefed on the steps in the process. Two candidates were present, Joachim Pestinger and Jeffrey Sproul. Joachim Pestinger was first to be interviewed based on drawing a card. Mr. Pestinger gave an introductory statement and was asked 6 questions by the Deputy Mayor. He then made a closing statement. Jeffrey Sproul was second and gave an introductory statement and was asked 6 questions by the Deputy Mayor. He then made a closing statement.

Executive Session.

Mayor Penner stated they would take a 2 minute break at 7:45pm.

Mayor Penner recessed to Executive Session at 7:47pm., Per RCW 42.30.110 (H), To Evaluate the Qualifications of a Candidate for Appointment to Elective Office, for ten minutes, and action is anticipated upon return to open session.

Recessed at 7:47pm.

Extended for 2 minutes at 7:57pm.

Mayor Penner called the meeting back to order at 7:59pm.

The Mayor stated he would entertain any motions on the floor.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to appoint Jeff Sproul to Council Position #4. Second by Councilmember Drennen.

A Roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers- Gunther- Yes, Kelly- No, Gehring-No, McDonald- No Hogan-No, Drennen- Yes. ***Motion failed (4-2)***

Councilmember Kelly then made a motion to appoint Joachim Pestinger to Council Position #4. Second by Councilmember McDonald.

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Councilmembers- Gunther- No, Kelly- Yes, Gehring-Yes, McDonald- Yes Hogan-Yes, Drennen- No. ***Motion passed (4-2)***

Mayor Penner swore in Joachim Pestinger and he took a seat at the podium for the remainder of the meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of December 12th , 2018

- Payroll and Claims Warrants

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as Prepared. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (7-0)

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

- Planning Commission- No Report was made.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB19-03- D.M. Disposal Company- Proposed Rate Increase.

Mark Bethune gave a staff report on the proposed rate increases. Which were presented earlier in the meeting by Josh Metcalf of DM Disposal. Rates were provided.

Councilmember McDonald recused herself from voting as her husband works for DM Disposal.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to Approve D.M. Disposal Company Proposed Rate Increase Effective March 1, 2019. Second by Councilmember Gehring.

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Nay vote by Councilmember Gunther. *Motion passed (6-1).*

B. AB19-05- Request for Qualifications- Contamination Work Plan.

Mayor Penner briefed that this item had not been discussed in study session. Administrator Bethune briefed that the City Council had approved of environmental engineering work to determine the extent of soil contamination at the new city hall site. The last phase is a work plan that includes instructions to the future builder in case they encounter contaminated soils. Staff went out for Request for Qualifications and five environmental engineering firms responded to the RFQ. A team of staff reviewed the applications and scored PBS as the best candidate.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to Approve PBS as the Winner of the RFQ for Environmental Services, And Authorize the Mayor to Negotiate a Contract with PBS, To Implement the Work Plan for Contaminated Soil Remediation at 102 Bridge Street SE. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (7-0)

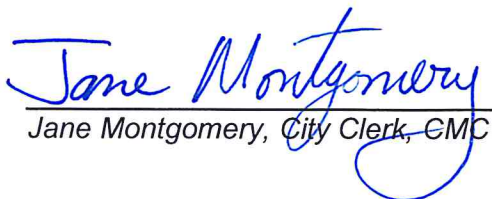
9. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Not called.

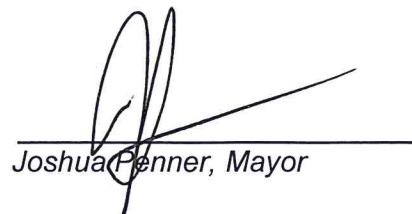
10. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, GMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor