

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

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



ORTING CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Meeting Minutes
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA
January 16th, 2019
6PM.

ORIGINAL

CHAIR, DEPUTY MAYOR GREG HOGAN

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Councilmember Kelly led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Scott Drennen, Michelle Gehring, and Joachim Pestinger.

Absent: Councilmember McDonald.

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, and Chris Gard, Chief of Police

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works

Councilmember Drennen briefed on topics from the last Public Works meeting:

- Whitehawk and SR 162 blind spots;
- Lack of signage coming off trails;
- Vegetation overgrowth- in relation to visibility;
- Sewer plant assessment;
- Communication plan- Succession plan;
- Public Works Building – going well;
- Legislative request for funding of Bridge over SR 162.

Public Safety

Councilmember Kelly and Chief Gard briefed on topics discussed at the last meeting:

- DUI emphasis patrol;
- Regional Tier 3 Swat group;
- School Resource Officer;
- Status of new Vehicles;

Community and Government Affair

- Parks will be bringing forth a list of priorities;
- Upgrade of fountain;
- Term Limits;
- Scholarship idea not moving forward;
- Tourism Video;
- Modifications to grant policy;
- Compassion policy.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Treasurer Larson stated that the auditor will be done within the next couple of weeks and hopes to bring the audit report to the next study session.

Administrator Bethune briefed on the following that he and staff are working on;

- RFP for website;
- Video for Tourism;

- Emergency Management;
- Coop;
- Succession Plan;
- Public Works Building;
- Timing for City Hall Construction- Possibly in May;

Scott Larson briefed on the new attorney, Alexandra Kenyon who was at the last Council meeting. She is filling in as our Acting City Attorney, due to Charlotte Archer leaving Kenyon Disend. Staff has been discussing options for legal services as this is the fourth time the City has had to change attorneys. It is difficult for staff who feels like they are starting over with each attorney bringing them up to speed on current issues. Staff is planning to go out for a Request for Proposal for legal services. Another issue briefed on was that the City has lost two attorneys who were involved in negotiators for the collective bargaining agreement with Police. To have continuity, Staff is proposing to enter into an agreement with the City of Auburn to allow Kendra Comeau, to assist with the negotiations. Prior to her leaving Kenyon Disend, she was involved with the negotiations.

City Clerk Montgomery, reminded council about City Action Days in February and that Oral Boards for the Promotion process will take place on the 23rd of January, 2019.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB19-04-Puyallup River Lift Station- Design- Scope and Budget.

Scott Drennen briefed on the need for an additional \$22,800 for this project. Public Works Committee is recommending that this be approved.

Action: Move to the next meeting on the consent agenda.

B. AB19-06- Modifications to Grant Policy.

Councilmember Gehring briefed on the proposed modifications to the policy, most of which are administrative in nature, with the exception of a request from the Treasurer to ask for “compiled statements” for those seeking \$5,000 and above in grant requests from the City.

Action: Move forward to the next meeting, to give grant recipients an opportunity to tell Council how this will affect them.

Karen Wilson a resident of Orting asked if she could speak to the Council. There is no item on a study session agendas to allow for public comments, but Deputy Mayor Hogan allowed Ms. Wilson to speak. Ms. Wilson brought up the issue of Fireworks in the City and the need to control what she stated had become out of hand. Discussion followed.

Action: Move to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

C. AB19-07-Code Smart- Court Document Indexing Software.

Action: Moved forward to the next meeting, as Court Administrator Woods could not attend the meeting.

D. AB19-08- Ordinance No. 2019-1040, Amending Sections of the Planned Unit Development Code (13-6-4 OMC) and the Mixed-Use Town Center Zoning Code.

Administrator Bethune briefed Council stating that the City’s current code requires Comp Plan Amendments for a PUD application. This is unnecessary and can push out PUD review and acceptance to almost 2 years, because the City’s comp plan can only be updated once a year. The code amendment allows for PUD application and review without comp plan amendments.

The Planning Commission is reviewing this with a proposed Ordinance.

Action: None at this time, for information only.

E. AB19-09- School Resource Officer Inter-Local Agreement.

Scott Larson briefed that the School District and the City have negotiated a new ILA for School Resource Officer services. There are a few minor changes to various sections including how overtime is administered, how reporting works in the event of an emergency, and the annual reimbursement rate for services provided.

Action: Move to the consent agenda of the January 30th, 2019 meeting.

F. AB19-10- Police Vehicles- Resolution No. 2019-03, Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Its Disposal.

Scott Larson briefed telling the Council that the provided Exhibit A lists several vehicles originally acquired for police use. The City has a policy of replacing police vehicles after 7 years or 80,000 miles. The council authorized purchase of the vehicles replacements in 2018, and these vehicles are no longer required to provide continued police service. The recommendation from the Police Chief and staff is to surplus these vehicles.

Action: Move to the consent agenda of the January 30th, 2019 meeting.

G. AB19-11-Surplus of Cemetery Property- Resolution No. 2019-02.

Administrator Bethune briefed and told the Council that the Cemetery owns a 10 acre parcel north of the cemetery and the cemetery fund is in need of some capital improvements. Revenue for the past few years has been very low. Staff recommends that council surplus the property. The City had an appraisal completed In October of 2018 which valued the property at \$95,000. Staff recommends that this price be our floor for the sale of this property. Discussion followed. **Action:** Staff will do a title search of the property to ensure it does not have to be used for cemetery land exclusively. Bring back to the next study session.

H. Discussion-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Mark Bethune briefed that the City needs to update the FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. The earliest one was approved in 2005. The City works with the County who has a grant for a regional plan and we do a City plan. There was another update in 2015 and now the County requires that we update the plan yearly. Our plan won't change much with the exception of adding new facilities and increases in population. There will be a briefing at the next Council meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, EMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor