

## 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**  
Regular Business Meeting Minutes  
Orting Multi-Purpose Center  
202 Washington Ave. S, Orting, WA  
July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
7 p.m.

**ORIGINAL**

**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 Kelly led the pledge of allegiance.

**Councilmembers Present:** Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Nicola McDonald, Joachim Pestinger, and Scott Drennen.

**Absent:** Councilmember Michelle Gehring.

**Staff Present:** Mark Bethune Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer.

*Councilmember McDonald made a motion to excuse Councilmember Gehring. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (6-0).*

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

**No Requests.**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

#### **Corrine Reiquam**

Mrs. Reiquam wanted the Council to know that she loves the fireworks in the City of Orting and hopes Orting continues to be a "bright city".

#### **Scott Reiquam**

Mr. Reiquam stated that the fireworks have been an integral part of the community for many years. He stated that getting together with neighbors to enjoy fireworks created by the public is just as good as public shows in Seattle and Tacoma. He was told that someone built their house specifically so they could watch the fireworks in the Valley. He feels it would be a tragedy if they went away.

### **ANY CONSENT AGENDA ITEM TO BE PULLED FOR DISCUSSION?**

**No requests.**

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- B. Special Meeting Minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- C. Study Session Minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- D. Payroll and Claims Warrants June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- E. Payroll and Claims Warrants July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- F. AB19-40- To Approve Resolution No. 2019-14, a Resolution of the City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring a Public Purpose and Authorizing City Sponsorship of Pumpkin Fest.
- G. AB19-41-To Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Right of Entry Occupancy and Use Agreement with Pierce County.

- H. AB19-42- To Adopt Ordinance 2019-1046, Granting a Nonexclusive Master Use Permit to MCI Metro Access Transmission Services Corp.
- I. AB19-43- To Approve the Modifications to the Grant Policy As Presented.

*Councilmember Pestinger made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).*

#### 4. COMMISSION REPORTS

**Planning Commission-** Administrator Bethune informed the Council that the Planning Commission is sending their recommendation to the Council regarding Comprehensive Plan Updates, which will include zoning recommendations for the Mixed Used Town Center North Zone. The Council can expect to see their recommendations at their study session on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. AB19-31- Contract- Granicus-Website Design, Software Maintenance & Updating.

Treasurer Larson reminded Council that they previously approved Granicus as the award winner for the Request for Proposals for a new website. This agenda item is the contract for their services which specifies the cost for the five (5) year contract. The total cost is \$24,740.50.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve the Contract with Granicus for Website Design, Software Maintenance and updating in the amount of \$ 24,740.50. Second by Councilmember McDonald. Motion passed (6-0).*

##### B. AB19-44- A Resolution Commissioning an Advisory Vote on the Issue of the Sale and Discharge of Consumer Fireworks within City Limits. Resolution No. 2019-15, Fireworks Referendum.

Charlotte Archer briefed that this resolution triggers the process to conduct an advisory vote this fall as part of the general election. Under state law and current City regulations, fireworks are allowed during certain stated time periods. This advisory vote is asking whether or not citizens are interested in a prohibition to remove the current time periods. The results of the vote are not binding on the City Council. If passed the City Council authorizes the submission of the issue to the Pierce County Auditor for inclusion on the November 5, 2019, general election ballot. The deadline for the submission is August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The proposition would be phrased as a potential ban, i.e., a “yes” vote supports banning the discharge of all fireworks in Orting, except for permitted public displays. A “no” vote supports leaving the law as it is. Also by this Resolution, the City Council states an intent to appoint members to the Pro/Con Committees. Those Committees are staffed with persons in favor of and against a potential ban on fireworks within the City limits. Upon adoption of this Resolution, City Staff will solicit nominations for the Committees, and the Council will discuss and appoint members to the Committees at its Study Session on July 17 or its regular Council meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Council discussion followed regarding:

- Pros and cons;
- The possibility of an organized event like the City has had in the past;
- The success of increased enforcement activity over the fourth;
- Whether or not there is a need to spend money for an advisory vote; the Council can already tell by the activity that goes on how the citizens feel.

*Councilmember Drennen made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2019-15, calling for the submission to the voters of Orting an advisory proposition asking whether the voters of Orting recommend the Orting City Council pass an Ordinance prohibiting the sale and discharge of fireworks at all times within the Orting city limits. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (5-1), after a roll call vote was taken. The No vote was made by Councilmember McDonald.*



**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. AB19-45-New Police/Court/ City Hall Facility – Re-Bid Expense**

Mayor Penner stated that staff will brief on this agenda item and then the Council will recess to executive session for ten minutes, with potential action to follow and public comments.

Mark Bethune briefed the Council that the Architect had requested to be paid for additional work in the re-bid of the New City Hall facility. The proposed cost were provided to the City Council in their packets. There needs to be an executive session prior to any possible action.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting for a short break at 7:19pm prior to the executive session.

The Executive Session started at 7:20pm.

7:30pm- Extended for an additional 3 minutes.

7:33pm- Extended for an additional 3 minutes.

7:36pm- Session over.

Mayor Penner called the meeting back to order at 7:36pm.

Mayor Penner read the rules for public comments.

**Public Comments**

**John Williams**

Mr. Williams stated that the City Hall facility is almost at a cost of \$600 per square feet. He feels it is awful early in the project to acquire additional costs. He wants to know if this is a justified cost, and if not feels the Council should contest this additional expense. He stated he has done a project with this firm in the past, and been in construction for over 40 years. He has seen projects start at 7 and end up at 9 million. He feels this may be a start down a road that may one day get out of control based on his past experiences in construction. He encouraged Council to analyze this cost carefully.

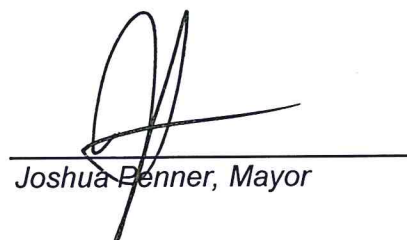
**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (6-0).*

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

  
Joshua Penner, Mayor