

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
Public Safety Building
401 Washington Ave. S,
Orting, WA
August 28, 2019
7:00pm

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 Pestinger led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Rigley

Ms. Rigley reported on upcoming events at the library.

Chris Willis

Mr. Willis, Executive Director of Student Support Services for the Orting School District, reported that the Mayor and the City Council have opened their arms to people with disabilities. He stated that this support will provide individuals an opportunity to give back to the community. He supported the passage of the supported employment position that is on the agenda for Council consideration.

Nancy Fairchild

Ms. Fairchild addressed the Council regarding the SW connector. She stated that she does not support the PC recommendation that the SW Connector go through to Kansas Street. Ms. Fairchild supports a proposed extension which the City Council approved in 2008 which was called Alternative 3 (which connected at Skinner) at that time. She requested that the Council consider that option.

Richard Mordini

Mr. Mordini spoke about recent comments made by Councilmembers at the last study session in regard to comprehensive plan amendments, and specifically the zoning proposals relating to the Mixed Use Town Center North Zone. He liked the comments made by Councilmember Kelly regarding commercial development. He is opposed to increased residential development. And would like to see more commercial development.

Marvin Abbott

Mr. Abbott spoke about the Mixed Use Town Center North Zone proposals. His comments were related to the last study session meeting, and he stated that he feels overall; economics is the critical issue. He is also concerned about the relationship between development and taxation to the citizens. He feels The City has been overbuilt. Mr. Abbott does not want building heights to go higher than 35 feet and wants the density to be 12 units. He feels 12 is high density. Mr. Abbott thanked Councilmember Gehring and Gunther for their recent positions on height and density.

Jim Beall

Mr. Bell stated that he hears a lot about promoting tourism in the City of Orting, and he feels the best thing to do would be to promote music and entertainment. He feels that the City could become a destination and could attract big names and be a year round business. He is not in favor of apartments being built as he feels it will attract drug activity and crime. He thinks there is an opportunity for recreation. He also feels parking in the City is an issue. He would like the City to steer a developer in this direction. .

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Revenue Sources 2020.

Mayor Penner opened the hearing at 7:20pm. The Mayor announced the title and read the rules for the public hearing. Scott Larson, Treasurer, gave a briefing by power point which covered the following: *Revenue Sources Overview; Beginning Fund Balance; Total Revenue; General Fund Revenue Overview; General Fund Taxes-Property; Sales Tax; Utility Taxes; Streets and Parks; Cemetery; TBD.*

Public Comments

No comments were made.

Council comments/questions followed. Councilmember Drennen asked for confirmation that the two major capital projects for Public Works do not have any associated debts. Treasurer Larson confirmed that there was no associated debt. Councilmember Drennen also asked about fines and the amount of money recovered by the Court. Treasurer Larson stated that the revenues recovered by the Court do not go to the City but go back to the State. Funds are in a trust account and are remitted to the State on a monthly basis. Councilmember McDonald wanted citizens to know that last year the Council voted unanimously not to take a portion of the property tax that they were allowed to take. Councilmember Drennen summarized slide 10 of 18 which was a pie chart showing the breakout of Property Taxes.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:39pm.

Request For Consent Agenda Items To Be Pulled For Discussion.

Councilmember Gunther asked to pull item **#4E**. AB19-56- To Adopt Ordinance No 2019-1048 Amending Ordinance No. 2018-1037, Adopting The City Of Orting 2019 Budget; Providing For Appropriation And Expenditure Of Funds Received In Excess Of Estimated Revenues; Adding A New Classification Of Waste Water Operator In Training And Landscape Maintenance – Supported Employment, And Approve The Job Descriptions And Pay Ranges For Landscape Maintenance – Supported Employment, And Wastewater Operator In Training As Presented.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14th, 2019.
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants.
- C. AB19-53- To Approve The Scope Of Work, And Budget From Parametrix, To Complete Phase 1 Pre-Design For The WWTP In The Amount Of \$90,248.00.
- D. AB19-55- To Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1047, an Ordinance of the City Of Orting, Washington, Pertaining To Excavation Permits, Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 8. 5. 3, To Extend Time Period for Performance of Permitted Work.

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (7-0).

Councilmember Gunther stated he pulled item 4E out because he wanted to express compliments to The Mayor, for his work on the landscape position, which is a supported employment position. Mayor Penner stated that both Greg Reed and Scott Larson were champions for the creation of the position and working with Trillium.

4. E. AB19-56- To Adopt Ordinance No 2019-1048 Amending Ordinance No. 2018-1037, Adopting The City Of Orting 2019 Budget; Providing For Appropriation And Expenditure Of Funds Received In Excess Of Estimated Revenues; Adding A New Classification Of Waste Water Operator In Training And Landscape Maintenance – Supported Employment, And Approve The Job Descriptions And Pay Ranges For Landscape Maintenance – Supported Employment, And Wastewater Operator In Training As Presented.

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to approve AB19-56 to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-1047 An Ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, Pertaining to Excavating Permits, Amending Orting Municipal Code Section 8-5-3, To Extend Time Period for Performance of Permitted Work. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (7-0).

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB19-54-Mitel Telephone System Lease and Service Contract.

Treasurer Larson briefed that the City completed construction of the new Public Works shop, and needs to provide phones and service to that facility, as well as to the future City Hall. Mitel has provided the City with a global proposal to lease a new system for 36 months, which would allow the City to have unified communication. This solution will also be suitable for the new City Hall facility. Administration anticipated adding a new telephone system when the new City Hall was constructed, which is why this was not budgeted for 2019.

Councilmember Pestinger made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter in to a Lease with Mitel for a Telephone System and Service Contract. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (7-0).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City clerk announced that there would be an executive session with two sessions one is per RCW 42.30.110(1) (i),(3) to discuss with legal counsel Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

The second is covered under:

RCW 42.30 110. (1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

The Executive session will be or 20 minutes and there may be action after we return to open session. Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:47pm for a 3 minute break to be followed by the executive session.

The Executive Session started at 7:50pm for 20 minutes.

8:10pm- Extended for an additional 5 minutes.

8:15pm- Extended for an additional 2 minutes

8:17pm- Extended for an additional 2 minutes.

8:19pm – Session over.

Mayor Penner called the meeting back to order at 8:19pm.

Councilmember Drennen asked to be recused from the vote because he has a 2nd cousin who has an association with the Schoebachler family.

Councilmember Gehring made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Attorney to commence litigation against Patricia Schoenbachler, Melvin & Jean Schoenbachler, the Estate of Fred J. Schoenbachler, Billy Schoenbachler, and Jacob Schoenbachler, to recover civil penalties owed to the City, and to seek all other relief available to abate the chronic nuisances on the real property located at 303 Meadows Lane SE, in the City of Orting. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor