

## Councilmembers

Position No.

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

# ORIGINAL



**Orting City Council**  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Budget Workshop  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9:00am  
Orting Public Works Shop  
900 Rocky Road, Orting, WA

## **Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL.**

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**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, Chris Gard, Chief of Police.

### **2. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

#### **A. Discussion – 2020 Preliminary Budget.**

Treasurer Larson provided Council and staff the preliminary draft budget. The Mayor presented his letter to the Council and a balanced budget. The briefing began by reviewing new requests for funding for 2020. The requests were as follows:

*Assistant to the City Clerk- Increase from 20 hours to full time, Digitizing Records, Hazard Mitigation Equipment and supplies, Hazard Planning Services, City Wide WI Fi, Automated Phone Tree software, Tablets for Councilmembers Evacuation Drill, ADA Level 3 Spinner, Picnic Tables and Benches, Calistoga Park Phase II, Playground Mats and EWF chips for groundcover, Hanging Baskets, PD accreditation, Police Patrol Mountain Bicycles and equipment, City owned duty handguns and holsters, 1 year contract with Leads on line, Less than lethal equipment, Rifles and Suppressors, Police Vehicles, Asphalt Roller, Tow behind chipper, Outfitting of PW Maintenance Facility, Knuckle Boom, Commercial Mower, Pipe crawler Camera, Solar Powered Message Board, Puyallup River & Rainier Meadows Lift Station upgrades, I & I Projects, Solids Handling Design, Calistoga Storm water Conveyance and Kansas Outfall, Catch Basin Cleaning, SW Connector Row, 188<sup>th</sup> & 197<sup>th</sup> Crossing, Central Metering Technology, Pressure Valve, SCADA Upgrade, Well 1 Reservoir Cleaning and Liner Install, Well 1 Variable Drive Motors and Filter Sand Replacement, Well 3 Chlorine System Relocation.*

Treasurer Larson briefed on Appendix E: 2020 Revenue Detail line by line, and solicited feedback from Council. Discussion followed.

Treasurer Larson briefed on Appendix F: 2020 Expenses line by line, and solicited feedback from Council. Discussion followed.

Council, Staff and the Mayor then discussed some general items, some ideas expressed were:

- Priorities-the primary purpose of government is; public safety and health, and essential functions of the City;
- The Mayor stated that his philosophy is to have processes that work, and for them to work together to create a functionally balanced budget;
- Park priorities were discussed and the \$25,000 left over to spend. A list of options were presented;

- The idea of thinking outside the box was brought up and the desire to fund equipment at Calistoga Park. It was noted that if Council wanted to fund all the Calistoga Park equipment that they would need to take something else out of the current budget as an exchange.

Councilmembers talked about their occasional frustration with items that have been budgeted for yet are not accomplished from year to year. Staff commented that the budget is a policy document that the Council adopts, and that staff works on every year as they can. There is allot more policy than staff has time to accomplish. Discussion followed in regard to Gratzer ballfields.

One opinion expressed by staff was that it is wise to not spend too much money on flashy items, but to continue to be cautious and spend wisely. Council agreed that the City has made major improvements in last ten years. The consensus was to stay on budget, maintain core services, and to focus on the New City Hall project this year.

The topic shifted to grant requests. The Mayor proposed that 1% of the expected revenue or \$35,000 be dedicated to community grants. CGA Committee recommended \$40,000. Requests came in for \$59,500. Discussion followed.


Council will discuss the budget again on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

### 3. ADJOURN

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

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

  
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Joshua Penner, Mayor