

Councilmembers

Position No.

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



Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

**Orting City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes**
Orting Multi-Purpose Center
202 Washington Ave. S,
Orting, WA
November 13th, 2019. **7pm.**

ORIGINAL

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

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A scout from Troop 560 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.

Councilmember McDonald asked to add AB19-80-Ordinance No 2019-1054, Term Limits. It was added as agenda item #6A.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS-No Comments.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. AB19-72- Adopting the 2020 Budget- Ordinance No. 2019-1052, An Ordinance of the City Of Orting, Washington Relating to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2020; Adopting the City of Orting 2020 Budget; Adopting The Job Classification And Pay Range For Employees.

Mayor Penner opened the hearing at 7:03pm. The Mayor announced the title and read the rules for the public hearing. Treasurer Larson led a general discussion on the 2020 draft budget. He stated that the budget is a policy document. He handed out a report titled 2020 Budget at a Glance. The budget will be discussed again at the workshop on the 20th.

Public Comments- No Comments. Council Comments followed.
Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:10pm.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Study Session Minutes of October 16th, 2019.
- B. Special Meeting Minutes of October 19th, 2019.
- C. Payroll and Claims Warrants

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

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB19-64-Selection of Deputy Mayor for 2020.

Deputy Mayor Hogan briefed on the process and stated that he would like to accept any nominations for Deputy Mayor. There was a tie vote at the October 30th, 2019 meeting. The Mayor opted not to break the tie at that time.

Councilmember McDonald made a motion to Appoint Greg Hogan as Deputy Mayor for the Year 2020, Effective January 1, 2020. Second by Councilmember Kelly.

Discussion followed. Councilmember Gunther expressed his disapproval of having the same person serve twice as Deputy Mayor.

After a roll call vote the Motion passed (6-1). The Nay vote was made by Councilmember Gunther.

B. AB19-65- Cemetery Land Surplus

Administrator Bethune briefed on this agenda item. Staff with support of Council looked in to the surplus of the 9.5 acres of land adjacent to the City Cemetery, to fund capital improvements to the cemetery and reduce labor costs. Cemetery revenue dropped in recent years. Initially the City looked in to the cost to do a boundary line adjustment to the property, but after Skilling's Connolly, submitted their cost for the service, that was determined not to be a feasible option. Then staff looked in to the option of logging the property, and found this was not feasible either. The CGA Committee discussed this again at their meeting on November 7th, 2019 and concluded along with staff that the best option would be to sell the property.

Councilmember McDonald made a motion To Authorize the Mayor to Put the Cemetery Property Up For Sale with the Closing Cost to Be No Greater Than \$4,999.99. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (7-0).

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB19-80- Ordinance No. 2019-1054, An Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Relating To Qualifications For Elected Officials; Adopting New OMC 1-6-4 And 1-6-5, Establishing Term Limits For City Council Members And Mayor.

Councilmember McDonald briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance which calls for term limits for Councilmembers and the Mayor. The CGA Committee recommended the enactment of term limits because they felt it would ensure that citizens have greater opportunity to serve on the City Council, bring new ideas and perspectives to the City, and ensure more equal opportunity of representation for all residents of the City of Orting. Council Discussion followed on the pros and cons of term limits.

Mayor Penner stated that he is not in favor of the council enacting term limits on the Executive. Council by consensus determined that they would like to have this go back to study session and then push this out to the meeting on December 11th for a hearing to allow the opportunity for citizens to weigh in on the proposed ordinance. Council also agreed to change the language in Section 1.A to the following: *"This limitation on terms shall not apply to any unexpired term to which a person is appointed to fill a vacancy in this office, if the remainder of the term is less than one-half of the full term of office"*

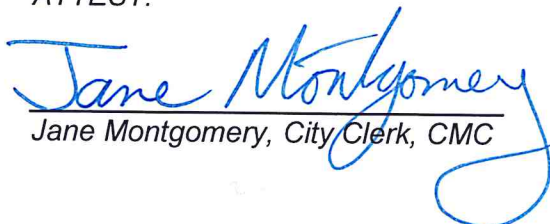
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No session.

8. ADJOURNMENT -Councilmember Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Pestinger. Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor