

CITY OF ORTING
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 11, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Councilmember Gehring called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.,
in the Meeting Room at MPC/Library, 202 Washington Ave. S

ATTENDANCE:

Elected Officials: Present, Councilmember Drennen and Councilmember Gehring

City Employees: Present City Treasurer Scott Larson, PW Director Greg Reed and Secretary Laura Hinds; City Administrator Mark Bethune and Police Chief Gard were Excused.

Professional Representatives: Parametrix Engineer JC Hungerford

Guests: Resident Sam Colorossi

Approval of Minutes:

Councilmember (CM) Drennen moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018 as prepared.

TRANSPORTATION:

Facilitator: Councilmember Drennen

1. Guests & Policy Issues:

Environmental Safety Policy: CM Drennen is requesting to include the Orting Police Department to have greater involvement when reviewing development plans for concerns of public safety. This item will remain on this agenda for further discussion.

2. Phase 1 – SR 162 Bridge

- A. State DOT Funding Status:** JC commented that funding for design is \$489,000. The Commerce Grant is pending approval for \$500,000.
- B. Phase 1 SR 162 Bridge Crossing, Scope of Work Proposal 90% design:** Parametrix can move towards 90% design now that the design funds are available. JC will bring to Council tonight a Scope and Budget for review and approval.
- C. Rocky Road NE Easement Status:** Scott Larson commented that SH&H will be doing the commercial appraisal and results should be available at this meeting August 1st.
- D. Treasurer Report:** Scott commented that there would be a budgeted amendment if 2.C is approved by Council; pending tonight's Council meeting.

2. **Transportation Benefit District (TBD):**

The TBD is a funding mechanism designed to tax City of Orting Residents \$20 per vehicle at time of renewing vehicle licensing tabs. 100% of this tax is returned to the City of Orting where 100% of the funds is used only for streets and pedestrian pathways for maintenance.

A. Sidewalk Improvement Plan: PW Director Greg Reed shared that only one bid was received for remove and replacement of old failing sidewalks. As a result, this bid was \$350,000 higher than the engineers estimate. Greg suggests reassessing the sidewalks and look for blocks that have greater stretches of failing panels and rebidding per 1 block sections (ex: 100') rather than 10' sections here and there. This probably drove the cost and raised the amount of mobilization as well. The public works staff will work on this before the end of the year and have a new bid document ready for January 2019.

4. **Capital Improvement**

A. Whitehawk South-West Connector ROW:

B. Kansas St SW Upgrade Scope and Budget Proposal 30% Pre-Design:

The above topics were a combined discussion. Per Engineer JC Hungerford, he, City Administrator Bethune, and Greg met with Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) officials to discuss potential projects the City is working towards. In short, they learned that Kansas Ave SW was in 'too' good of shape for the TIB to consider and wouldn't even look at the Whitehawk SW Connector until all property acquisitions are in full control by the City. With that said, Kansas Ave SW project will not score well with TIB until it receives a higher traffic count, which will come after the Whitehawk SW Connector is complete.

C. Washington Ave N Two-Way Left-Turn Lane: JC states this project is expected to close this week.

Greg mentioned that public works crew have found & repaired several broken sprinkler heads in the rain garden area in front of the Pioneer Village (Safeway) complex (at SR 162 E & corner of Whitesell St N). Since the project's completion, semi-truck drivers have pulled off to the side of the road, on SR 162 E utilizing the ROW where the rain garden sits open to do so. JC will check with the State to see if flexible markers can be put along the edge of the asphalt, along the planter, before the project closes out.

5. **Operations and Maintenance – Greg Reed**

A. Sidewalk grinding is complete.

B. WSDOT - SR 162 Hwy overlay project to occur in 2019. State officials informed Greg that they will be going out for bid in December. Areas of overlay will include sections within Orting City Limits. A meeting with the State is set for July 24, 2018 to discuss the project.

C. SR 162 E & 178th St E water main crossing: Options are still being reviewed for meter banks, additional letters to property owners to site the codes and possibly sending complaints to City Attorney to address.

6. **Chiefs Report**

NO REPORT

JC requested to add the Orting Transportation Plan and the Six-Year TIP to next month's agenda. They both need to go to Council's Study Session on July 18th, then move to Council for approval in August. JC provided these documents at this meeting for review.

UTILITIES

Facilitator: Councilmember Gehring

7. Guests & Policy Issues

- A. **Master Use Permit, Verizon** – The master use permit ordinance was reviewed at Council’s study session in June and is on tonight’s Council agenda for approval. City Attorney Charlotte Archer will give background information regarding this item at tonight’s meeting.
- B. **Utility Rate Update** – Scott Larson will give a presentation of Utility rates & updates at a Council meeting in August.
- D. **Water OIT** - Scott commented that the Water Operator in Training position is on Council’s agenda for approval at tonight’s meeting.

8. WATER NO REPORT

9. WASTEWATER

- A. **Rainier Meadows Sewer Lift Station:** Bid opening occurred on June 13, 2018. JC recommended rejecting the bid and rebid with the Puyallup River Sewer Lift Station in 2019. This should provide more favorable bid results.
- B. **Puyallup River Sewer Lift Station:** Parametrix is finalizing design and will bid with Rainier Meadows Sewer Lift Station in 2019.
- C. **WWTP Electrical Audit for Facility Electrical Systems:** Parametrix staff are expected to meet with WWTP Supervisor Denis Rundle this week to obtain final data in order to complete the Audit.

10. STORMWATER

- A. **Calistoga Setback Levee Updates:**
 - o LAMP Process – Ongoing – JC heard back from the STAR Team in Ohio regarding the Certification Process. The Team found that when the model included a partial of the Jones levee with topping improvements by Pierce County, that the model actually showed favorable results and essentially removed a majority of the flood risk. JC will continue to work with Pierce County to come up with a plan for improving the Jones Levee.
- B. **Village Green Outfall @ High Cedars** – JC commented that the design phase is almost complete.

11. Operations and Maintenance – Greg Reed

- A. **Water Main Flushing** – Water main flushing is about 2/3 complete. There were 6 water leaks as a result of the flushing due to increasing the pressure to flush the mains.
- B. **Galvanized Water Services** – Greg is requesting the crew to start documenting the services that have galvanized connections in order to start replacing those sections.
- C. **Sewer CCTV/Cleaning** – This project is complete. Greg is currently reviewing the data, flagging areas of concern for potential repairs or reline.

- D. **NPDES Stormwater Permit** – Ecology has contact Greg & Laura to discuss non-compliance issues and what the City needs to do to remain in compliance. Ecology officials will be sending information regarding stormwater plan & requirements.
- C. **Cemetery Tree /Property Damage** – An at risk tree has fallen on private property near the cemetery. The tree is scheduled to be removed on July 16th. After the removal, an arborist will be hired to assess the surrounding trees for potential risk.

12. **Capital Facilities Update**

- A. **New Public Works Shop Update:** Patriot signed the contract this week and have started on design. There's a good chance that construction could start this fall.

13. **Technologies**

- A. **Asset Management & Scheduling:** The vendor picked for building the City's Asset Management & Scheduling program is Aakas; they are on Councils agenda tonight for approval.
- B. **GIS Progress** – CAD is complete and GIS will be complete by end of July.

14. **Round Table**

Add to Transportation Agenda – Reverse parking on City corridor streets.
Add to Utilities – Broadband in our community

15. **Meeting Summary/Action Items / Set Next Agenda**

Move to Study Session: Orting Transportation Plan & Six Year-TIP

16. **Meeting Adjourn:**

CM Gehring motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Secretary Laura Hinds

Councilmember Drennen

Councilmember Gehring