

Councilmembers

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Tony Belot
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen



ORTING CITY COUNCIL Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting, Orting, WA
January 13th, 2021
7pm.

ORIGINAL

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.**

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Councilmember Gunther led the pledge of allegiance and roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers John Kelly, Tod Gunther, John Williams, Scott Drennen, Tony Belot, and Gregg Bradshaw.

Staff Present: Scott Larson, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Gretchen Russo, Finance Director, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Greg Reed Public Works Director.

Mayor Penner read the following announcement:

The City is utilizing remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space have been suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting is however, available for the public by a computer or mobile phone.

2. **SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF POLICE OFFICER- Ashleigh Rose**

Mayor Penner introduced Ashleigh Rose and gave her the opportunity to speak to Council. Officer Rose was sworn in. Chief Gard made a statement regarding Ashleigh's performance at the academy and her dedication. Ashleigh's commanders at the academy routinely had exceptional things to say regarding her performance.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were made.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Special Meeting Minutes for November 24th, 2020
- Regular Meeting Minutes for December 9th, 2020
- 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. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. AB21-01- Appointment of Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Hogan chaired the process to appoint the Deputy Mayor, per Council Rules.

Deputy Mayor Hogan asked for nominations to the position in the following order:

Gunther-Nominated Kelly- Councilmember Kelly withdrew his name from consideration.
Kelly- Nominated Hogan

Deputy Mayor Hogan turned the chair over to the Mayor because he was nominated and accepted the nomination.

Belot- No nomination.
Williams-Nominated Drennen- Councilmember Drennen withdrew his name from consideration.
Bradshaw- No nomination.
Drennen- Nominated Gunther

Three minutes were allowed for each candidate to address the Council.
Councilmember Gunther made a statement of his qualifications.
Councilmember Hogan made a statement of his qualifications.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Belot	Hogan
Bradshaw	Hogan
Drennen	Gunther
Gunther	Gunther
Hogan	Hogan
Kelly	Hogan
Williams	Gunther

Councilmember Kelly Made A Motion To Appoint Deputy Mayor Hogan As Deputy Mayor For The 2021 Term. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion Passed (7-0).

B. AB21-02-Appointment of Alternate to Pierce County Regional Council.(PCRC)

Mayor Penner briefed that each year the City goes through approval of the Comprehensive Plan and is part of a bigger growth management strategy that the state has that is managed by PCRC. PCRC addresses zoning, annexation, and planning policies that affect all the City’s. Mayor Penner serves on PCRC and PCRC requires that each City designate an alternate. This year the appointment is particularly critical as Mayor Penner has been appointed as chair of the PCRC. The Mayor stressed the importance of the alternate’s ability to engage, be a vocal advocate and vote on behalf of the City, as the Mayor will be chairing the meeting and will abstain from debate and voting.

Mayor Penner opened the floor for discussion.

Councilmember Drennen self-nominated.
Councilmember Kelly hoped Councilmember Belot would be interested in the appointment.
Councilmember Belot expressed his interest in being considered for the appointment.
Councilmember Gunther hoped Councilmember Bradshaw could serve in this capacity.
Councilmember Bradshaw declined.

Councilmember Drennen suggested that the two candidates split the year. Mayor Penner stated that it is a challenge for someone to come in later in the year when the vote for county wide policies is eminent.

Both Councilmembers were asked by the Mayor to give up to a three minute brief on their qualifications.

Councilmember Drennen made a statement of his qualifications.
Councilmember Belot made a statement of his qualifications.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Williams	Drennen
Kelly	Drennen
Hogan	Drennen
Gunther	Drennen
Drennen	Drennen
Bradshaw	Drennen
Belot	Drennen

Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Appoint Councilmember Drennen As The Alternate To The Pierce County Regional Council. Second by Councilmember Williams. Motion Passed (7-0).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

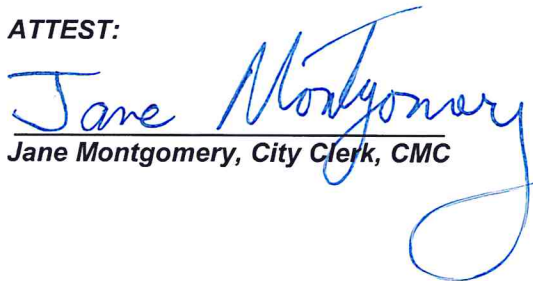
No session called.

7. ADJOURNMENT

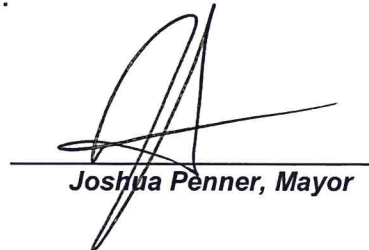
Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Bradshaw. Motion Passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:43pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor