

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

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



MAYOR JOSHUA PENNER, CHAIR

ORTING CITY COUNCIL Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting,
104 Bridge St. S., Orting, WA
February 10th, 2021, 7p.m.

ORIGINAL

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL. REQUESTS FOR MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Councilmember Williams 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public comments were made.

3. SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF POLICE OFFICER- Connor Powers-Hubbard

Mayor Penner introduced Connor Powers-Hubbard. The Mayor spoke of Orting's rich tradition of longevity within the Orting Police Department. He stated that Chief Gard began his career in Orting as a reserve officer. Connor introduced himself to the Council. Officer Powers-Hubbard was sworn in. Chief Gard stated that he met Connor years prior at Sumner High School where Connor was the swim team coach for Chief Gard's daughter. He had been very impressed with Connor as a coach. The Chief also relayed that Connors mother is a retired Chief of Police.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- Study Session Minutes of January 20th, 2021.
- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 27th, 2021.
- 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. AB21-15- Park Board Appointment

Mayor Penner introduced Trudee Barfield. He stated Trudee truly cares about the Orting Community, and she is invested in the Community. The Mayor stated the fundamental goal of Parks is to provide an open setting and access for everyone to recreate regardless of their age, who they are, or their abilities.

Councilmember Gunther Made A Motion: To Confirm The Mayor's Appointment Of Trudee Barfield To The Position Of Parks Board Member. Second By Councilmember Kelly. Motion Passed (7-0).

B. AB21-16-Open Public Meeting Act Training- (OPMA)

Charlotte Archer, City Attorney presented a power point presentation refresher training on the Open Public Meetings Act, Government Trainings Act, and the Public Records Act. Councilmembers were encouraged to ask any questions that they had.

C. AB21-17- Council Committee Selection For The Year 2021.

Mayor Penner stated that Council Rules state that the Council is to appoint councilmembers to committee's no later than the first regular meeting in February. The process states that a committee bring forward a recommendation. The committee is composed of the Deputy Mayor, one Councilmember, and the Mayor who bring their recommendation forward for Council Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs. This year the Committee consisted of Mayor Penner, Deputy Mayor Hogan and Councilmember Bradshaw. The Mayor pointed out that the City previously had eight committees. They combined committees when the study session was instituted which he believes has improved efficiency and promoted agreeable debate. The Mayor said he know that at times it is a challenge to be on the Committee you wish to be on. The Mayor pointed out that even if you are not assigned to a committee any Councilmember may still attend and give input to any other committee. The Mayor stated that they did take in to account the requests they received. The Deputy Mayor stated that he feels a previous Vice Chair has preference to move to Chair on a committee. The Committee recommended the following:

Community and Government Affairs: Chair- John Williams, Vice Chair- John Kelly

Public Works: Chair- Scott Drennen, Vice Chair -Gregg Bradshaw

Public Safety: Chair- Tony Belot, Vice Chair- Tod Gunther.

Council discussion followed and each Councilmember stated their individual preferences for which committee they preferred to be on. Debate ensued. A discussion came up regarding the performance of the CGA Committee which was redirected to a future study session meeting. Deputy Mayor Hogan changed his recommendation to John Kelly to be chair of CGA based on Councilmember Williams statement that this is not a good year for him to be chair of a committee.

Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Approve The Following Committee Assignments, Community And Government Affairs – CM Kelly, Chair, And CM Williams, Vice-Chair. Public Works, - CM Drennen, Chair, And CM Bradshaw, Vice-Chair. Public Safety – CM Belot, Chair, And CM Gunther, Vice –Chair. Second By Councilmember Belot.

A roll call vote was taken:

CM Williams- Nay, CM Bradshaw- Yay, DM Hogan- Yay, CM Drennen- Yay, CM Gunther- Nay Cm Kelly- Yay, CM Belot- Yay. Motion passed (5-2)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION


No session was called.


7. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Kelly made A Motion To Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Belot. Motion Passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:46pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor