

## 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 Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting  
Orting, WA  
April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7pm.

ORIGINAL

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

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. Deputy Mayor Hogan led the pledge of allegiance, and then 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, Emily Adams, City Planner, Kim Agfalvi, Executive Assistant/Records Clerk.

## REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Councilmember Gunther requested to pull consent agenda item 4E, AB-21-29 – Approving the Proposed Change to Council Rules, Section 4 Order of Business Section 4.4.1 (8), from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Mayor Penner read the following announcement:

**\*The City utilized remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space were suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was available to the public by a computer link or by phone.**

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Darlene Mead

Ms. Mead, submitted a comment to the City Clerk which was read in to the record. Ms. Mead addressed the Council and wanted to know when the Council would publicly recognize the Jones Setback Levee project. She would like to know the purpose, intent and impact of the project to Orting Valley residents. Administrator Larson will reach out to Ms. Mead to respond to her comment.

### Laura Latham

Ms. Latham submitted a comment to the City Clerk which was read in to the record. Ms. Latham expressed her concerns about the presence of dog feces on the trail. She also stated that dog owners are letting their dogs off leash which is a violation of leash laws. She would like to see more signage along the trails to address her concerns. Staff will reach out to Ms. Latham.

## 3. STAFF RECOGNITION

**Administration-** Freda Bingham, **Public Works-** Brett Spears, **Public Safety-** Devon Gabreluk.

Mayor Penner stated that he is incredibly proud of staff, and this quarterly recognition program highlights the great work being done by staff. The Mayor read each of the statements made by the supervisors of each employee that was recognized. Gretchen Russo, Finance Director, and Chris Gard, Chief of Police also made statements about their respective employees.

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA-

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants.

- C. **AB21-31- Adopting Resolution No. 2021-04, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Declaring A Public Purpose And Authorizing City Sponsorship Of The Orting Valley Farmer's Market.**
- D. **AB21-35- Adopting Resolution No. 2021-05, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting Establishing 2021 Goals.**

*Councilmember Kelly Made A Motion To Approve The Consent Agenda With The Exception of Agenda Item 4E, AB-21-29 - Approving The Proposed Change To Council Rules, Section 4 Order of Business Section 4. 4.1 (8). Second By Councilmember Drennan. Motion Passed (7-0)*

- E. **AB21-29- Approving The Proposed Change To Council Rules, Section 4 Order of Business Section 4. 4.1 (8) As Presented.**

Councilmember Gunther had asked to pull this from the consent agenda. He asked for clarification on the rule change proposed by Councilmember Kelly. Council discussion followed.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan Made A Motion To Approve Consent Agenda Item 4E. AB21-29 as presented. Second By Councilmember Belot. Motion Passed (6-1). Councilmember Gunther -Nay Vote.*

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **AB21-34-To Award Schedule 1 And Schedule 2 To Pape & Sons Construction Inc., The Low Bidder For Lift Station Projects, In The Amount Of \$1,444,088.**

Councilmember Drennan stated that this has been a much-needed project, and will reduce man hours repairing and unplugging valuable pumps. The low bidder was Pape & Sons Construction. Their bid was \$1,444,088 versus a City Budget of \$1,400,000. Given the current bidding climate, the Public Works Committee recommended issuing notice of award. The extra \$44,000 will be paid from the sewer fund.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to Award Schedule 1 And Schedule 2 To Pape & Sons Construction Inc., The Low Bidder For Lift Station Projects, In The Amount Of \$1,444,088. Second By Councilmember Belot. Motion passed (7-0)*

### B. Jones Levee Update.

City Administrator Larson briefed and stated that the County and the Corps of Engineers have pushed out public engagement of this project for two months. The City scheduled a meeting with Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier and other members of his staff on April 20, 2021, to discuss the Levy Project. Mayor Penner, Scott Larson, City Administrator, JC Hungerford, City Engineer, and Councilmember Kelly attended the meeting. They discussed the likely impacts on homes and parks in the area where the proposed levee work will take place. They also discussed a timeline for getting the information out to the public and those impacted, and the City's desire for the Levee to be built to the highest standard for accreditation consideration. Pierce County Executive Dammeier stated he will be working with his teams to address any concerns the City of Orting has on the project, and that he will bring forth that information to a future meeting.

## 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

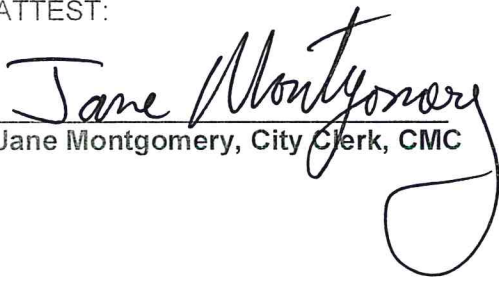
None.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan Made e A Motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion Passed (7-0).*

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:50pm.

ATTEST:

  
Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC

  
Joshua Fenner, Mayor