

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
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
August 11th, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

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

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Councilmember Kelly led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

Staff Present: Mayor Josh Penner, City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Acting City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Engineer JC Hungerford, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Planner Emily Adams

Mayor Penner read the following announcements:

You may attend this meeting virtually via the platform Blue Jeans by clicking the link on the City's website, by telephone, or in person at City Hall. Per the Governor's directives, all in person attendees shall comply with social distancing regulations and non-vaccinated attendees shall wear a face covering.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Comments may be sent to the City Clerk at clerk@cityoforting.org by 3pm on August 11, 2021, and will be read in to the record at the meeting. In person attendees may provide public comment at the meeting. In the case of a question, the chair will refer the matter to the appropriate administrative staff member or committee. Written comments that come in after the 3pm deadline will be read in to the record at the next Council meeting.

Alisha Rasmussen

Ms. Rasmussen commented on ordinance 2021-1080 – Vending in the Park. She stated that when walking by the vendors, she has had homophobic slurs yelled at her through a megaphone. She also stated that the vendors have walked down to in front of here house on Varner Ave SE with their merchandise, and she feels harassed. Ms. Rasmussen stated she does not feel the location in front of the fountain is a proper place for vending, as cars often stop and impede traffic. She is concerned the vendors are not following the rules for vending, and that these kinds of vendors should not represent our town.

3. PRESENTATION

A. United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Seth Moran from the USGA Cascades Volcano Observatory presented a power point presentation titled Mount Rainier: Volcano Hazards & Monitoring. He updated on the hazards Mt. Rainier imposes and what the USGS is doing to mitigate the hazards. Potential hazards include past eruptions, data on the most recent eruption, past large lahars, the most recent large lahar, and the amount of people that live in the Rainier lahar hazard zone. Mr. Moran presented the D-Claw model: Rainier Lahar hazards model run, which showed the modeled lahar flow coming off the mountain and also briefed on what is being done to help people that live in the downstream communities. He presented the 1998 warning system design, and the new system design with a history of buildout and a timeline for completion.

Deputy Mayor Hogan thanked Mr. Moran for his presentation. Councilmember Drennan thanked him for presenting and asked questions on how information is reported and facilitated for warning. Councilmember Gunther thanked Mr. Moran for presenting and asked questions about which side of the mountain is considered the weak side, and if there had been any indication that there could be a lahar event in the near future.

Mayor Penner thanked Mr. Moran for putting time in minutes on how long it will take a lahar flow to reach the City. He stated is incredibly helpful with planning for a lahar event. He asked questions about whether the USGS had ever recorded a false positive for a lahar, and whether we are relying on untested systems for warning. Mr. Moran stated the system has not been tested in this state, but the same system is being used elsewhere, and has been tested.

4. CLOSED RECORD HEARING

A. AB21-59 - Tahoma Valley Estates Final Plat

Mayor Penner read the rules for the closed record hearing and opened the hearing at 8:04pm. Mayor Penner admitted exhibits into the record and asked if staff or the applicant was speaking on the item.

Emily Adams, City Planner, briefed on the final plat for Tahoma Valley Estates. She stated the plat is for 32 single family residential lots, which includes lot 17, an existing house. She stated the Planning Commission approved the final plat on August 2, 2021.

Councilmember Drennan asked if all items have been addressed from the engineering plan development. Emily Adams, City Planner stated that there is one condition of approval added following the Planning Commission meeting, and that the City Engineer has been working with the developer to have the issue resolved.

Mayor Penner closed the closed record hearing at 8:08pm.

Councilmember Kelly asked about the landscape plan that will be adopted at a later date. Emily Adams, City Planner, briefed on trees and concerns with sight distance along lot 17.

Councilmember Williams asked if lot 17, the existing house would be able to access both SR 162 and the cul-de-sac. He asked if the barn were to be demolished, would it be possible for lot 17 to be subdivided. Emily stated that she would have to review the CC&R's for the plat, but typically subdivisions have restrictions in place for further subdividing.

Councilmember Belot made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-08, a resolution of the City of Orting, WA, approving the final plat for Tahoma Valley Estates. Seconded by Councilmember Kelly.

Motion passed (7-0).

5. CONSENT AGENDA- (Any request for items to be pulled for discussion?)

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21st and July 28th, 2021.

B. Payroll Claims and Warrants.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve the consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Drennan.

Motion passed (7-0).

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. **AB21-63** – Appointment of City Clerk

Mayor Penner briefed on the appointment of Kim Agfalvi to City Clerk. He outlined the process for evaluation of applicants and staff member. He stated that there were many applicants, and that there were 4 candidates interviewed. Mayor Penner stated that Kim Agfalvi rose above the other candidates with a tremendous amount of initiative, intelligence, and identified the trainings she had been to and that she plans to go to and laid out a process for self-improvement. He stated he is confident she will succeed at being a clerk. Deputy Mayor Hogan suggested to the council that they approve this item.

Deputy Mayor made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kim Agfalvi to City Clerk. Seconded by Councilmember Belot.

Motion passed (7-0).

B. **AB21-58** – Selling of Merchandise in the park

Scott Larson & Charlotte Archer

Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed the council on the current Orting Municipal Code in regards to vending in the park, and the changes the proposed ordinance would make to the code. She stated the proposed ordinance would allow for vending in the park only in the area north of the Orting Station.

Councilmember Kelly stated that the Community and Government Affairs Committee had been working for a few months on the new ordinance that would benefit the city and allow for some control over which areas vendors are allowed to vend.

Council discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-1080; amending Orting Municipal Code 8-6-3 pertaining to the sale of merchandise and refreshments in the park. Seconded by Councilmember Gunther.

Motion passed (7-0).

C. AB21-64 – Buttes Intertie

Scott Larson & Dave Roberts

Engineer Dave Roberts briefed on a potential project that would allow the Buttes neighborhood to intertie with City water sources for emergency purposes only. He explained how the Buttes community currently get their water, the problems they are facing in the event of an emergency, and how an intertie could be mutually beneficial.

Council discussion followed.

Action: Bring AB21-64, Buttes Intertie to the study session on August 18th, 2021 for more discussion.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

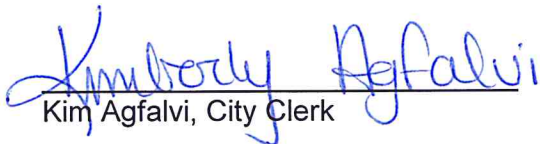
8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.


Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 9:07pm.

ATTEST:



Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk



Joshua Penner, Mayor