

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
Study Session Meeting Minutes
Orting Station, Orting, WA
September 15th, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Hogan, Chair

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan made the following statement:

**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.*

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Bradshaw led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

Elected Official: Mayor Josh Penner.

Staff Present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Engineer JC Hungerford, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, City Planner Emily Adams, Police Chief Chris Gard, City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski. **Virtual:** Attorney Charlotte Archer.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works - CM Drennan & CM Bradshaw

Councilmembers Drennan and Bradshaw briefed on the following topics discussed at the last public works meeting:

- No report.

Public Safety - CM Belot & CM Gunther

Councilmembers Belot and Gunther briefed on the following topics discussed at the last public safety meeting:

- No report.

Community and Government Affairs - CM Kelly & CM Williams

Councilmembers Kelly and Williams briefed on the following topics discussed at the last Community and Government Affairs meeting:

- Parks report that Planner Emily Adams presented at the last meeting.
- Parks Advisory Board update – Planner Emily Adams presented the Parks Advisory Board with the Parks Level of service plan update. Also discussed was the BMX/skate park/pump track, paving the parking lots at the main City park, fountain upgrades to the fountain at the North Park, and a possible sign for the ADA spinner.
- Clock tower update.
- Cemetery update from Greg Reed and possibility of working with Parametrix on cemetery improvements.

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Next Regular Meeting: September 29th, 2021, 7:00pm

- Fee Schedule – Councilmember Kelly met with City Administrator Larson on the fee schedule and discussed changes. The proposed fee schedule will be presented back to the CGA committee at their October meeting.
- Grant applications for the 2022 year.
- Bids for new swing sets.

3. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- Two new work trucks have been received and are being outfitted.
- Street striping and crack sealing.
- Cleaning of outfall and storm ponds in preparation for the rainy season.
- Installation of water services at Gratzler Park expansion for irrigation.
- Annual tree evaluations being done along the levee.
- Interviews for new Water Resource Recovery Facility Manager.

Finance

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on the following:

- Reposting of payroll/human resource position.
- Utility shutoffs and penalties.
- Draft budget – will be out for review no later than Monday, September 20, 2021.
- Budget retreat is on September 25, 2021 at 9:00am.

City Planner

City Planner Emily Adams briefed on the following:

- Current work on Parks Level of Service Plan which will focus on changing the level of service standards to better respond to and service the citizens of Orting.
- Inconsistencies in daycare codes and also tree codes where trees are planted close to the sidewalks. She stated these codes will need updating.

Engineering

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the following:

- Update on Gratzler Park expansion – irrigation is up and running.
- Update on lift stations – construction has begun and there will be a construction meeting next week to introduce Engineer Maryanne Zukowski to the team.

City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski briefed on the following:

- Timeline for valve replacement has been extended as the City is working to find new vendor.

City Clerk

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi briefed on the following:

- Parks and Recreation programs – Fall tot soccer has begun and update on dance registrations.
- Parks and Recreation website for online registration.
- Closing of Activities and Events Coordinator position.
- Ordered new name badges for all employees.
- Ordered new code book that is completely up to date.

City Administrator

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- Update on meeting with Pierce County in regards to the Jones Levee.
- Bargaining is continuing with police union for new contract.
- Ongoing maintenance obligations on levy for invasive species and managing those.

Executive – Mayor

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- No update

Police

Chief of Police Chris Gard briefed on the following:

- Conducted police interviews and one candidate will be moving forward.
- Civil Service Commission aiming to have entry level police officer interviews in October.
- Less lethal police items have been received and training on the items has begun.
- East Pierce County Emergency Management Coalition shelter in place exercise will be held on October 12, 2021.

4. Orting Fire Department Update

Chief Zane Gibson briefed on the following topics:

- Amount of calls received in 2020 versus other years and types of calls received.
- New equipment put into use.
- Mission statement, leadership with other departments, and fire service priorities.
- Cardiac arrest management and how it has changed in the past ten years.
- Orting Valley Fire and Rescue 2018 elections, levies in place and expiring levies, and a plan for hiring new staff.
- Deployment to help with wildfires.
- Launching new long-range master plan in 2022.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. AB 21-74 – No Sit, No Lie Ordinance.

Councilmembers Belot and Gunther briefed on the No Sit, No Lie Ordinance that the Public Safety Committee brought forward to study session. The committee took a look at camping laws that are being proposed in some areas, and stated they are committed to further shared goals to provide a safe City while combatting homelessness.

Council discussion included the following:

- The need to get ahead of problems with homeless persons that may arise.
- Looking at specific actions without impacting homeless persons civil liberties.
- City specific issues with homeless persons.
- Costs for drafting potential ordinance for No Sit, No Lie ordinance.
- Specifying no camping in City right of way.
- Alternative housing accommodations that would need to be made.
- Offering of services before acting.
- Specific ways an ordinance could help Police when dealing with homeless issues.

Action Item: Move forward to October 20th, 2021 study session.

B. AB 21-60 – Deck Code Amendments.

City Planner Emily Adams briefed on deck code amendments that would allow uncovered porches and decks which do not exceed thirty inches (30”) from finished lot grade may project into any setback, provided such projections do not extend more than six feet (6’) into a front yard setback or no closer than five feet (5’) to the side lot line.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting with no public hearing as a standalone item.

C. AB 21-77 – E2SHB 1220 – Supportive and Transitional Housing Code Amendments.

City Planner Emily Adams briefed that the City shall not permit prohibit transitional housing or permanent supportive housing in any zones in which residential dwelling units or hotels are allowed and a City shall not prohibit indoor emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing in any zones in which hotels are allowed. Staff is proposing zoning regulations, which would expire in 6 months if not renewed. These regulations would adopt definitions for emergency shelters, emergency housing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Hotel and Motel would be removed as a permitted use, and therefore emergency shelters and housing would not be permitted, as part of interim regulations to give staff time to research and create permanent regulations for each of the uses.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a standalone agenda item.

D. AB 21-76 – Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge System Aesthetic Design (OEEBS).

Engineer JC Hungerford briefed on the desired aesthetic design elements for the Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge System. This includes lighting, rail design, and façade treatments and presented a picture of the design for council to review. Consensus from council is the design is fantastic looking.

Action Item: Move forward to October 4, 2021 Planning Commission meeting for approval.

E. AB 21-48 – Speed Limit Ordinance.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the speed limit ordinance, and the WA DOT memo that had been received. City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski briefed on the memo and stated that it is a standard memo completed for a speed study, where measurements of traffic speed patterns are studied. The next criteria studied was crash history, and WA DOT noted some serious instances in the corridor. Other elements measured were no transit stops, pedestrians and bicyclists. The recommendation from traffic engineers was to reduce the speed limit from 50 to 45, to be consistent in the corridor. The recommendation from WA DOT was for the City of Orting to lower the speed limit to 30MPH for 158 feet within the City limits.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a standalone agenda item.

F. AB 21-72 – Body Worn Cameras.

Chief of Police Chris Gard briefed on body worn cameras and tasers. He stated body worn cameras are something that has caught the eye of police agencies across the country. He stated public trust is important and body worn cameras have the capability to enhance the trust. These items increase public perception and positive impacts because of that perception. He stated that level of trust is especially important in certain circumstances and that these items will decrease the anxiety for the citizen being stopped or apprehended. Body worn cameras also increase officer safety, can change confrontational behavior and can be used as a training tool. He stated they would provide safeguards from criminal and civil liability. Body worn cameras would help with public records requests as well, as information can be easily obtained.

Chief Gard stated that by purchasing new tasers, the officers would have access to tasers with advanced performance, which would increase confidence of officers. He stated the new tasers dramatically improve performance and would allow for full incapacitation at a close range. The darts fly straighter and can penetrate layers because they are better equipped and better built.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a standalone agenda item.

G. AB21-73 – Harman Tank Demolition.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the demolition of the Harman Tank Demolition. The bid from Dirty Deeds, LLC included hauling off the woody debris, and demolishing the tank. They will leave the backside that is working as a retaining wall, and punch holes in it for drainage. There will also be dirt hauled from Gratzer ballfield to cap off the site. He stated the bid is \$22,000 under the budget for this item.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a consent agenda item.

H. AB21-70 – Sponsorship Resolution.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the City of Orting grant policy that provides grants to organizations which the City Council determines brings significant value to the citizens of Orting and which serve valid municipal services. The 2021 budget includes council discretionary funds that are available for councilmembers to use in any way that has a valid municipal purpose. The Orting Historical Society is raising funds to install two clocks in the City Hall clock tower. The CGA committee would like to grant council discretionary funds to this community project, and the Orting Historical Society agrees the City funds granted will be used to install the clocks. Councilmember Drennan, Bradshaw, Hogan, Kelly, and Belot stated they would like to use \$3,000.00 each of their discretionary funds for the purpose of installing the clocks.

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a consent agenda item.

I. AB21-71 – Whitehawk Blvd. Extension Project.

City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski briefed on the request for authorization of the consultant, Epic Land Solutions, to offer the relocation costs of \$30,000.00 for the right of way remediation required for the project. The summary of the report shows comparable homes and cost difference of up to \$30,000.00 to be offered to the previous owners for assistance in purchasing new comparable property. The cost difference is a federal requirement when a City purchases right of way under the Relocation Assistance Program (Replacement Housing Payment-Price Differential Entitlement).

Action Item: Move forward to September 29th, 2021 meeting as a consent agenda item.

J. AB21-75 – Memorial Wall Refresh

Councilmember Kelly briefed on the memorial wall refresh. He stated the white background would be repainted, and a flag would be added on the front face of the wall. The cost range for the project is \$1875-\$2750. Councilmember Drennan stated he was concerned that there might be problems with veterans' volunteers that have maintained the wall previously and Councilmember Bradshaw asked about a protective covering or coat that will help with vandalism. Mayor Penner asked about some sort of coating or special paint might make the refresh last longer.

Action Item: No action needed. Staff will get cost on anti-graffiti coating and will proceed with project.

K. Meeting location for next meeting.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on staff perspective for the upcoming budget meeting, and that meeting in person is better for this meeting than meeting virtually. Council discussion followed and it was decided to hold the upcoming budget meeting on September 25, 2021 and the next regular council meeting on September 29, 2021 at Orting City Hall in the council chambers.

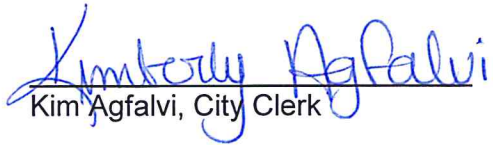
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm.

ATTEST:


Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk


Joshua Penner, Mayor