

## 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  
September 8, 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. Deputy Mayor Hogan led the pledge of allegiance, and then roll call was taken.

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

**Staff present:** Mayor Josh Penner, City Administrator Scott Larson, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, City Planner Emily Adams, City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski, Engineer JC Hungerford, Finance Director Gretchen Russo.

Mayor Penner read the following announcements:

You may attend this meeting virtually via the platform Blue Jeans by clicking on the link on the City's website, by telephone via the number available on the City's website, or in person at the Orting station. Per directives from the Governor and the State Secretary of Health, all in person attendees shall comply with social distancing and are encouraged to wear a face covering if distancing is not feasible.

### **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](mailto:clerk@cityoforting.org) by 3pm on September 8, 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.

#### **Terrance Young**

Mr. Young, a resident of the City of Orting commented on mask mandates and stated it was child abuse to force children to wear masks in school. He stated children are separated if they do not wear a mask during sports. He stated that the world is upside down, and that we are killing each other with the mask and vaccine mandates. Mr. Young stated that he will be getting more involved with the school board. He stated he believes America can show our force and fight back under the law. He stated we are dividing each other with mask mandates and other items, and that COVID-19 is 99% recoverable. Mr. Young stated that we are more worried about control, rather than healthcare and the mask mandate is tyrannical.

### **3. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION.**

#### **A. Cemetery Volunteer - Gary DuBois.**

Mayor Penner stated that the City received an email from a young man named Gary DuBois that reached out with an impassioned statement in regard to volunteering at the Orting Cemetery. Mayor Penner read statements that were written by Director of Public Works Greg Reed and thanked Gary

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for his volunteer service to the City of Orting. Greg Reed also thanked Gary for his dedication to cleaning headstones, pressure washing services, and picking up litter in the Orting Cemetery.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor Penner laid out the rules and procedural steps for the hearing.

##### **A. AB21-50 – Sign code and related ADR code.**

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:12pm and read the purpose of the public hearing. City Planner Emily Adams briefed on the proposed sign code and ADR related amendments that includes changes to temporary signage, flutter signs, and allows for changing message reader boards. Mayor Penner asked if there were any public comments on the hearing topic. No comments were made.

Mayor Penner opened the floor for Council comments, which followed. Comments were related to the following:

- Internally illuminated signs and the impacts to businesses using those types of signs currently.
- Language in the amendments that would allow for existing businesses to be grandfathered in.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:16pm.

*Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve ordinance no. 2021-1081; relating to signs and architectural design review requirements; amending Orting Municipal Code chapter 13-7 and section 13-6-7. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.*

*Motion passed (6-1). Councilmember Bradshaw - nay vote.*

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARING.**

##### **A. AB21-68 - Revenue Sources.**

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:18pm. Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed the Council on the following:

- Types of revenue.
- Tax revenue.
- Excise and utility taxes.
- Property taxes, property tax rates, and property tax collections.
- Total revenue – all funds.
- General fund revenue, streets and parks revenue, cemetery revenue, transportation benefit district revenue, utility revenue, water revenue, stormwater revenue and Water Resource Recovery revenue.

Mayor Penner asked if there were any public comments on the hearing topic. No comments were made. He opened the floor for Council comments, which followed: Comments were related to the following:

Deputy Mayor Hogan asked about the Ad Hoc committee for TBD Fees. City Administrator Scott Larson stated the committee has been reassigned to City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski, and that it will be pushed to next year.

Councilmember Drennan stated that we should have parallel concepts in place to begin the conversations about TBD fees while in the budget process.

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Mayor Penner stated the budget will assume no revenue from TBD fees.

Deputy Mayor Hogan stated he had asked staff to research some questions the Ad Hoc committee presented, and that staff is working on those questions now.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:36pm.

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

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- C. AB21-65 – Gratzner Park Phase 2 Construction Services Scope and Budget.
- D. AB21-67 – Renaming the Waste Water Treatment Plant the Water Resource Recovery Facility.

Councilmember Kelly asked that the meeting minutes from August 11, 2021 be pulled for clarification on an item.

*Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of meeting minutes from August 11, 2021. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.*

*Motion passed (7-0).*

**7. NEW BUSINESS.**

- A. **AB21-48** – Reducing Hwy 162 Speed Limit.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the request from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WA DOT) to reduce the speed limit from milepost 10.31 – 10.34 to 30 miles per hour. City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski stated she had received the traffic study from WA DOT and that the data does support the request for a speed limit reduction.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adopt ordinance No. 2021-1078, resetting the speed limit to 30 miles per hour between milepost 10.31 and 10.34. Seconded by Councilmember Drennan.*

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Kelly stated he wanted to move the item back to study session so the speed study could be reviewed by Council. Councilmember Belot agreed, and stated the presentation by Sarah Ott from WA DOT did not make the need for the reduction clear.

Councilmember Drennan stated he believed the extension of the 30 miles per hour limit through the end of the city limits would address some of the issues raised by citizens living in Mountain View Estates.

Councilmember Bradshaw also expressed his desire to see the item move back to study session so the WA DOT traffic study could be evaluated.

Councilmember Williams stated he would like to see the item approved because the benefits outweigh the negatives.

*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to amend the original motion, to move ordinance no. 2021-1078; resetting the speed limit to 30 miles per hour between milepost 10.31 and 10.34 back to study session in September. Seconded by Councilmember Kelly.*

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*Motion to amend was approved (4-3). Councilmembers Gunther, Kelly, Belot, and Bradshaw – yay. Councilmembers Williams, Drennan, and Deputy Mayor Hogan – nay.*

*Amended motion to send ordinance no. 2021-1078; resetting the speed limit to 30 miles per hour between milepost 10.31 and 10.34 back to study session in September made by Councilmember Gunther. Seconded by Councilmember Kelly.*

*Motion approved (4-3). Councilmembers Gunther, Kelly, Belot, and Bradshaw – yay. Councilmembers Williams, Drennan, and Deputy Mayor Hogan – nay*

**B. AB21-69 – Water Resource Recovery Facility Valve Replacement.**

City Engineer Maryanne Zukowski briefed on the plug valve and replacement of the valve. She explained the need and the function of the valves. Council discussion followed. City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the 18-inch valve had already been purchased, and this new purchase would be for additional valves.

*Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve purchase of one 16-inch plug valve and installation of two plug valves by Bay Valve for a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Kelly.*

*Motion passed (7-0).*

**C. AB21-66– Police Reform Bill.**

Councilmember Belot briefed on police reform measures passed by the State of Washington in 2021. He stated some of these measures severely restrict the City’s ability to provide effective public safety including the ability to make reasonable suspicion detentions and the use of less lethal force like “bean bag” shot guns. He stated this resolution is a statement of the City Council that the State legislature reconsider some of the reforms to allow police departments to continue providing effective and timely policing to communities.

Councilmember Bradshaw, Kelly, and Deputy Mayor Hogan thanked Councilmember Belot for drafting the resolution. Councilmember Gunther talked about living in a police family, and that changes were needed.

*Councilmember Belot made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, a Resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, establishing and recommending legislative amendments to state law affecting policing in our community. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.*

*Motion passed (7-0).*

**D. Future meetings location discussion.**

Mayor Penner briefed on staff time and pros and cons of meeting in open bays. Council discussion followed.

*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to hold the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 study session at the Orting Station. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hogan.*

*Motion passed (6-1). Deputy Mayor Hogan – nay.*

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

No executive session.

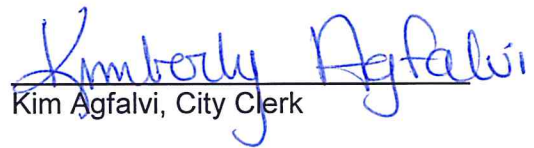
**9. ADJOURNMENT.**

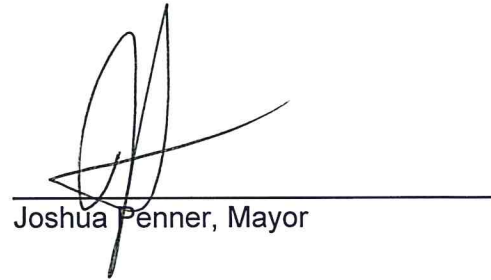
*Councilmember Gunther made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Belot.*

*Motion passed (7-0).*

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 8:18pm.

ATTEST:

  
Kim Agfalvi, City Clerk

  
Joshua Penner, Mayor