

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Chris Moore
3. Don Tracy
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Melodi Koenig



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
November 9th, 2022
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 7:01pm. Councilmember Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Chris Moore, Don Tracy, John Williams, and Gregg Bradshaw.

Virtual: Deputy Mayor Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther and Melodi Koenig.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Administrative Assistant Danielle Charchenko, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka, Engineer JC Hungerford.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Vicki Williams from the Orting Senior Center Board of Directors commented and stated that no matter the amount of money that the Senior Center receives from the City that they are grateful but that they were shocked that the amount of money would be so much lower than in previous years. She stated she struggled because she does understand the City has responsibilities and commitments and wondered if the City knew how much the Senior Center does for the Orting Community and how much need there is for the seniors. She briefed a lot of seniors are low income and have no other place to go. She stated their volunteers put in endless hours to give the seniors what they need and they only have part time employees. She read a letter into the record from that was written by seniors that attend the senior center.

Staci Guirsch, director of the Orting Senior Center since September 2018 stated that they have grown in the past 3 years. They have outgrown their current rented space and have been gifted a building where they will complete an addition of a commercial kitchen, ADA compliant restrooms, and a food pantry. They will accomplish this with a community development block grant and two additional grants for the kitchen equipment. They hope to be in the new facility by January of 2024. She stated the new facility will allow them to remain open during emergent times like power outages and will also allow them to provide heating and cooling stations. She stated that this year in 2022 they have had 108 new seniors sign up at their center. She stated the majority of the seniors that attend the center are low income and that income does not cover their basic living needs. She stated the City grant of funds will allow them to continue to offer their services at the current level that every senior needs. She stated they have struggled with the loss of income from not being able to do in person fundraising or solicit in person donations from local businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Evan Davies stated he is an Orting resident and the Vice President on the Orting Senior Center Board of Advisors. He gave an overview of what the grant from the City will do for the senior center to support the community and stated that the grant will be applied to the 15% contractual match mandate requirement for Pierce County for the meal support the Orting Senior Center provides. He stated the grant amount covers 50% - 55% of the match amount and that reducing it will have a ripple effect on the senior center, as other funds received or raised will have to go the match requirement and not fund other programs as they have in the past. He stated half of their fitness classes offered would have to be cut, and impact to the food pantry would be substantial. They would reduce the hours, the frequency, and the number of seniors they could service. He stated last month 102 seniors visited the pantry. He briefed reducing the grant amount would affect their ability to purchase items for the pantry.

Kelly Hughes-Powell spoke and stated she is a member of the board of the Orting Senior Center. She stated that the center brings together citizens that rely on the center for meals, activities, and social opportunities. She stated many seniors have mobility issues and cannot walk or drive to seek interaction beyond what the senior center can offer them. She stated they have card games, quilting activities, and eat meals together as they can no longer cook for themselves. She briefed that seniors need human interaction and are grateful for the services the senior center can provide. She invited the Council to the senior center to join them on Friday, November 11th at the pancake breakfast and community food drive.

3. PRESENTATION

Executive Director Deborah Grady presented a power point presentation on South Sound 911. She briefed on who South Sound 911 is, what programs they provide, and gave an overview on records and technical services provided for partner agencies. She gave a brief history of South Sound 911 and an overview of the Board of Directors and their responsibilities. Ms. Grady briefed on South Sound 911 operations and presented chart on how a phone call to South Sound 911 is disseminated. She stated there had been an increase of calls from last year and briefed on support services offered. Ms. Grady gave a brief overview of the 2022 budget and revenue and briefed on the future of South Sound 911. She offered Council and staff a tour of the South Sound 911 operations building if they wanted to tour the facility. Council discussion followed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. Meeting Minutes of October 19th and October 26th, 2022.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.

Motion passed (7-0).

5. OLD BUSINESS.

A. AB22-85 – 2023 Property Taxes.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed that the Property Tax Resolution that was passed at the October 26, 2022 meeting had an incorrect amount on it and that the resolution that was being presented tonight had been amended to reflect the correct amount.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-26(A), a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, amending Resolution No. 2022-26, requesting the highest lawful levy. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.

Motion passed (6-1). Nay – Councilmember Bradshaw.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Attorney Charlotte Archer stated that the City will enter into an Executive Session, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel litigation the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by the agency, with action to follow. She stated that immediately following the Executive Session a Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), to discuss collective bargaining strategy with action to follow for a total of twenty minutes for both the Executive Session and Closed Session.

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 7:52pm, to begin executive session at 7:55pm.
7:55pm executive session started.
8:14pm executive session ended.

Mayor Penner closed the executive session at 8:14pm, to begin a closed session at 8:14pm.
8:14pm closed session started.
8:51pm closed session ended.

8:51pm return to regular session.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Bradshaw.

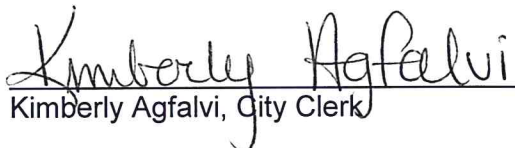
Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk