

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
Study Session Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
March 15th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Gregg Bradshaw, Chair

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

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

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Chris Moore, John Williams, Greg Hogan, Melodi Koenig, and Deputy Mayor Bradshaw.

Virtual: Councilmember Tod Gunther.

Absent: Councilmember Tracy.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to approve the absence of Councilmember Tracy. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.

Motion passed (6-0).

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, Capital Projects Manager John Bielka, Wastewater Supervisor Steve Daskam, Police Chief Devon Gabreluk.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. Public Works - CM Williams & CM Moore.

- No update to report.

B. Public Safety - CM Gunther & CM Tracy.

- Update on crime statistics.
- Update on officers that were being recognized by the Fire Department.
- Expanding mental health services for officers.
- Annual Police Department report update.

C. Community and Government Affairs - CM Hogan & CM Koenig.

- Orting Valley Farmers Market Sponsorship update.
- Grant policy update.
- Railroad switch installation.

3. STAFF REPORTS.

Public Works

Wastewater Supervisor Steve Daskam briefed on the following:

- Maintenance staff is completing Daffodil parade preparations.
- Stormwater is completing pond inspections and monitoring outfalls.

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- Water department is installing new chlorine analyzers and writing SOP's.

Capital Projects

Capital Projects Manager Jon Bielka briefed on the following:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant construction update and update RFQ or RFP for contractors.
- Grant update for pedestrian bridge.
- Grant update for Kansas Street bypass project.
- Grant update for sidewalks in front of the Eagles building.
- Grant update through Kim Schrier's office.
- RFP update on well one filter media replacement.
- AC watermain replacement.
- Sewer line relining update.
- LAG agreement for Whitehawk bypass.
- NEPA process is starting.
- Kansas Street design is at seventy five percent design.
- Flood district update and nomination of Councilmember Moore as vice chair.
- Flood hazard plan update.
- Hiring update for intern for summer work.

City Clerk

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- City Clerk Kim Agfalvi and Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko are at annual clerk's conference in Stevenson, Washington.

Activities & Events

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- Dance class, soccer, and fitness class registrations.
- Daffodil Parade and festival update.

Administration

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the following:

- New hire in water department starting tomorrow and update on other open position.
- Completed stormwater interviews and an offer has been made.
- Public Works Director hiring update.
- Code enforcement update.
- Municipal bank deposit update and informational session on City funds.

Finance

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on the following:

- Emergency Management update on meeting with East Pierce Interlocal Coalition – Emergency Management (EPIC-EM).
- April 19th, 2023 will be first table top emergency operations activity with staff.
- Implementation of new online payment system.

Police

Police Chief Devon Gabreluk briefed on the following:

- Hiring update.
- Evaluation electronic scheduling systems for police schedules.
- Daffodil Parade festival and parade preparation.

- Equipment inventory and surplus of non-used equipment.

Executive

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- Legislative updates.
- Real Estate Excise Tax legislative update.
- Councilmember Moore appointed as vice chair of the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Board.
- Councilmember Koenig appointed to the Pierce County Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board.

4. AGENDA ITEMS.

A. AB23-26 – Mini Excavator with Brush Cutter Purchase.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the purchase of a mini excavator purchase and that quotes were obtained through the state bid list. He stated the budget is \$95,000.00 and that the winning bid was for a Kubota with a base bid of \$86,000.00. He stated staff and the Public Works committee is recommending purchase of the mini excavator with brush cutter and drop hammer from Jennings equipment in the amount of \$94,162.80.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on March 29th, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

B. AB23-29 – Well #1 Filter Media Replacement Purchase.

Capital Projects Manager John Bielka briefed on the purchase of new media for well #1 as the current media is not working. An RFP has been put out for bids and the City has already received a couple of bids. Public works will install the new media filter and the expected cost is to not exceed \$40,000.00. City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that the media from one of the vessels has been removed and that the buttons, or stainless-steel screen look to be in good shape and that the City does not anticipate any other costs to be incurred.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on March 29th, 2023 as a stand-alone item.

C. AB22-27 – Train Switch Installation.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed that staff have been working with the Orting Historical Society on the train switch that was installed near the horse shoe pits and that it was removed and restored and is ready for installation near the Foothills trail outside the fence that is outside City Hall. He briefed that this resolution being presented is to accept the donation from the Orting Historical Society.

Action: Move forward to regular business meeting on March 29th, 2023 as a consent agenda item.

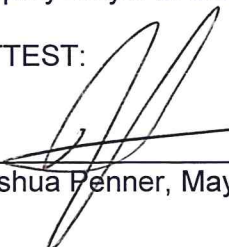
5. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session.

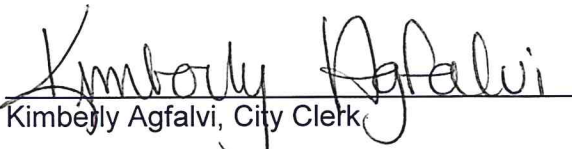
6. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 6:48pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk