

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
August 30th, 2023
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 7:02pm. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Patricia Guynn spoke regarding her property at 311 Calistoga St E and briefed the Council on her history living in the City of Orting and work history. She spoke on various fundraising that she has done within the community and other volunteering she has completed. She spoke about obstacles she has faced with her property and letters of code violations she has received. She spoke about a lien that was assessed against her property.

Mr. Ed Torres spoke on behalf of his sister in law Patty Guynn. He highlighted her volunteering and her passion for making Orting a better place to live. He briefed on her family history and her home being burned to the ground. He stated squatters took over her property about 5 years ago and that the family asked Isaiah Torres to camp on her property to protect the area. He asked that the City please release the liens that are placed on her property.

Mr. Sam Webster commented on situation with Patricia Guynn's property and stated that he wanted to speak on ways to solve the issue. He briefed that Ms. Guynn has placed her lot for sale and stated that the high lien on the property is hindering the sale of the property. He stated City Administrator Scott Larson counter offered with a \$30,000.00 settlement and Ms. Guynn counter offered with a \$5,000.00 settlement. He briefed that by the sale of the property the City would the residual income from an active household in the City would benefit the City as a whole.

Mr. John Kelly commented on the water resource recovery facility scope and budget and stated Parametrix designed a building with a biosolid dryer and that he was asking why the City is moving away from that direction and why the City would spend additional money on a different design that is re-engineered when the process has already been completed by prior Council. He briefed that previous Councilmembers had toured facilities and were convinced that the design of those facilities was economically feasible. He asked why the current Council is changing the direction that the previous

Council decided on. He asked why the City would spend 1.6 million more dollars on design and reengineering the project when it has already been completed by Parametrix.

Pierce County Council member Dave Morell spoke and stated that it was his privilege to come before the Council. He stated that he appreciated coming down to Orting and participating in activities. He briefed that Pierce County is going through a Comprehensive Plan Amendment and a Flood Hazard Assessment update. He stated the core of engineers is working on the Jones levee project currently and he hopes to have new information on that project soon.

3. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Penner laid out the rules for the public hearings.

Mayor Penner opened the public hearing at 7:22pm.

A. AB23-83 – Revenue Sources 2024.

Finance Director Gretchen Russo briefed on City of Orting 2024 Revenue. She stated there are six different types of revenue; taxes, licenses and permits, intergovernmental, charges for good and services, fines and forfeits, and miscellaneous revenue. She commented on tax revenue including excise and property taxes. Finance Director Russo presented on utility tax, sales tax, property taxes, the history of the City's property tax rates, how property taxes will impact homeowners, and property tax collections. She briefed on different types of revenue such as total revenue, general fund revenue, streets and parks revenue, cemetery revenue, transportation benefit district revenue, utilities revenue, water revenue, stormwater revenue, and water resource recovery revenue. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Penner closed the public hearing at 7:45pm.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

- A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.
- B. Meeting Minutes of August 9th and August 16th, 2023.
- C. AB23-64 – Deputy Mayor Selection Process.
- D. AB23-72 – Facility Rental Policy.
- E. AB23-73 – Field Usage Policy.
- F. AB23-74 – Parks Advisory Board.
- G. AB23-76 – Utility Fee Waiver.

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

Motion passed (7-0).

5. NEW BUSINESS.

A. AB23-84 – Appointment of Public Works Director.

Mayor Penner briefed the Council on his appointment of Marshall Mauer to the position of Public Works Director and read a statement he prepared regarding his request for appointment. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Marshall Mauer to Public Works Director. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.

Motion passed (4-3). Yay – Gunther, Tracy, Hogan, Koenig. Nay – Moore, Williams, Bradshaw.

B. AB23-77 – Bridgewater Preliminary Plat Extension.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed on the Bridgewater plat extension and stated that additional items pulled together are the preliminary plat record as well as the conditions of approval. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1112B, authorizing an extension for final plat submittal for the Bridgewater project. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.

Motion passed (4-3). Yay – Moore, Tracy, Hogan, Koenig. Nay – Gunther, Williams, Bradshaw.

C. AB23-81 – Water Resource Recovery Facility Scope and Budget.

Councilmember Williams

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with Wilson Engineering to complete the attached Scope and Budget for the Water Resource Recovery Facility Biosolids and Headworks Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$1,647,487.00. No second.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

D. AB23-79 – General Facilities Charge (GFC) Update.

Councilmember Williams briefed on the GFC updates and stated the updates are minimal and they are within the realms of other cities.

Councilmember Koenig made a motion to adopt Resolution no. 2023-21, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to the general facility charges and setting charges for 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

Motion passed (7-0).

E. AB23-82 – Burn Ban Resolution.

Mayor Penner briefed that several months ago the City was notified that a burn ban was in place and that the City pushed back stating only the City can declare a burn ban within the City limits. To do so, the City has to declare a state of emergency and that emergency has to be ratified by the Council. He stated that several weeks ago he declared a burn ban within the City due to extreme fire danger due to weather conditions and high winds. Mayor Penner briefed that since then the burn ban was rescinded due to a change in weather conditions. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, ratifying proclamation of burn ban pursuant to Orting Municipal Code 1-8-4 and Chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.

Motion passed (7-0).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

City Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed that the meeting would be recessed to executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending or threatened litigation when public discussion of the item could have adverse legal or financial consequence for the agency to begin at 8:40pm for fifteen minutes with action to follow.

8:40pm executive session began for 15 minutes.

8:55pm executive session was extended for 25 minutes.

Executive session ended at 9:20pm.

Mayor Penner reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:21pm.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw briefed on the code enforcement action at 311 Calistoga.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the property owner of 311 Calistoga for the payment of \$20,000 in code enforcement costs and penalties. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

Motion passed (5-2). Nay – Williams and Tracy.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Moore.

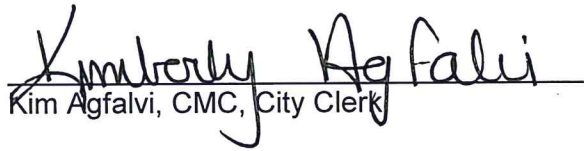
Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

ATTEST:



Joshua Penner, Mayor



Kim Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk