

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. Chris Moore
3. Don Tracy
4. Jeff Sproul
5. Stanley Holland
6. Greg Hogan
7. Melodi Koenig



ORTING CITY COUNCIL
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
January 10th, 2024
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 7:00pm. Deputy Mayor Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Don Tracy, Jeffery Sproul, Stanley Holland, Greg Hogan, Melodi Koenig, and Deputy Mayor Gunther.

Virtual: Councilmember Chris Moore.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson, Finance Director Gretchen Russo, City Attorney Charlotte Archer, Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko, Public Works Director Marshall Maurer.

Virtual: City Clerk Kim Agfalvi

2. SWEARING IN OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND POLICE SERGEANT.

Judge Curry administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Jeffery Sproul, Stanley Holland, and Gregory Hogan.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No requests were made.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Executive Assistant Danielle Charchenko read two comments into the record. The first comment was received on December 13th, 2024 from concernedsocialworker2023@gmail.com and the second comment was received on December 14th, 2023 from Melinda.knobe@gmail.com.

4. CONSENT AGENDA.

A. Payroll Claims and Warrants.

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

Motion passed (7-0).

5. NEW BUSINESS.

A. AB24-03– Proposed Amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure for Hearings.

City Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed on amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure and stated that the proposed amendments add clarity such as the procedures for a hearing that are followed (including the order of proceedings and associated timelines), and add language taken from state law regarding the appearance of fairness doctrine. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Moore made a motion to move the proposed amendments to the City Council Rules of Procedure for Hearings to the Study Session on January 17th, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.

Council discussion followed.

Motion passed (5-2). Yay – Moore, Tracy, Sproul, Holland, Koenig. Nay – Gunther and Hogan.

B. AB24-04 - Hearing Examiner Appointment.

City Attorney Charlotte Archer briefed that the current City of Orting Hearing Examiner has indicated he would like to retire in the near future and that staff prepared and executed a Request for Proposals from qualified individuals and received no responses. She stated that due to no responses received to the request for proposals, staff reached out to Mr. Olbrichts who provides Hearing Examiner services to a number of other local jurisdictions. She stated that staff is recommending entering into a professional services contract with Mr. Olbrichts and that total compensation over the contract period of three years shall not exceed \$75,000.00. Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to confirm Phil Olbrichts as the City of Orting Hearing Examiner and authorize the Mayor to negotiate a consultant contract in a form approved by the City Attorney. Total compensation over the contract period shall not exceed \$75,000.00. Seconded by Councilmember Sproul.

Council discussion followed.

Motion passed (7-0).

C. AB23-91 – Murrey’s Franchise Agreement.

Councilmember Koenig briefed on the proposed Murrey’s franchise agreement and briefed on the proposed annual rate increase based on the 80% of the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the increase in the Pierce County Landfill dump fee. Staff is recommending approval of the increase as presented, and stated that staff is recommending Council deny the proposed carbon tax that Murrey’s is proposing.

Councilmember Hogan made a motion to approve Murrey’s rates as shown in Exhibit A, effective March 1st, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Koenig.

Council discussion followed.

Steven Hopkins from Murrey’s Disposal presented a power point on what a Consumer Price Index (CPI) is, briefed on increased costs that Murrey’s disposal has faced, and briefed on the new laws passed by the State of Washington and briefed on section of contract titled 8.3.4 – Change in Law.

Motion passed (6-1). Nay – Holland.

D. AB24-05 – Deputy Mayor Appointment.

Mayor Penner briefed on the position of Deputy Mayor and outlined the process for voting on a Deputy Mayor for the 2024 year. He briefed that he will not be making a tie maker vote this evening and that selection process would be moved to another day when seven councilmembers were present. Council discussion followed.

Deputy Mayor Gunther called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Gunther – no nomination.
Councilmember Moore – no nomination.
Councilmember Tracy – Councilmember Moore.
Councilmember Sproul – Councilmember Gunther.
Deputy Mayor Holland – no nomination.
Councilmember Hogan – no nomination.
Councilmember Koenig – Councilmember Hogan.

Council discussion followed and nomination statements for those seeking the position of Deputy Mayor followed.

Mayor Penner called for a roll call vote of the Council on the nominations.

Gunther - Gunther
Moore – Moore
Tracy – Moore
Sproul – Gunther
Holland – Gunther
Hogan – Hogan
Koenig – Gunther

4 votes – Gunther
2 votes – Moore
1 vote – Hogan

Councilmember Moore made a motion to appoint Councilmember Gunther as Deputy Mayor for the year 2024 effective February 1st, 2024. Seconded by Councilmember Hogan.

Motion passed (7-0).

E. AB24-06 – Council Committee Assignments.

Mayor Penner briefed on the selection process of Council Committees. He stated tonight is the first step and that Council will select a committee to discuss and recommend members to serve respectively on the Public Works, Public Safety, and Community and Government Affairs Committee. Deputy Mayor Gunther and Councilmember Koenig volunteered to be on the committee.

Action: Informational item only.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Deputy Mayor Gunther made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Tracy.

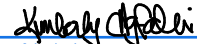
Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.

ATTEST:


Joshua Penner (Feb 1, 2024 16:48 PST)

Joshua Penner, Mayor


Kim Agfalvi (Feb 1, 2024 19:41 PST)

Kimberly Agfalvi, CMC, City Clerk

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