

Councilmembers

Position No.

1. Tod Gunther
2. John Kelly
3. Tony Belot
4. John Williams
5. Gregg Bradshaw
6. Greg Hogan
7. Scott Drennen

ORIGINAL



Orting City Council

Regular Business Meeting
Minutes
Virtual Meeting
110 Train St. SE, Orting, WA
April 8th, 2020, 7pm

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: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, John Williams, Gregg Bradshaw, and Scott Drennen.

Absent: Tony Belot (**Councilmember Belot arrived at 7:32pm**)

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer/Assistant City Administrator, Charlotte Archer, City Attorney, JC Hungerford, Engineer.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to excuse Councilmember Belot. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0)

2. PROCLAMATION

A. AB20-41- Resolution No. 2020-12, Ratifying Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency Proclamation of Emergency.

Charlotte Archer briefed on the Proclamation that the Mayor issued on March 13th, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 public health pandemic. The proposed resolution would ratify the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency, confirming the existence of this emergency, and authorizing the Mayor to take the actions authorized under state statute in response to the emergency.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2020-12, Ratifying the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency dated March 13, 2020. Second By Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

3. DISCUSSION

A. COVID19 Updates.

Mayor Penner briefed the City Council on updates since the last briefing:

- To date, there had not been any COVID19 related deaths in Orting. There was one death in Buckley.
- The Mayor spoke to citizens who reached out to him about access to internet out on Patterson Road. A meeting was set up with Comcast, Century link, and the School District to discuss the issue for those in the Orting Community that do not live in City limits.
- Council iPads were ordered, and should be here prior to the next meeting;
- The Mayor asked the Public Works crew to put up holiday lights to provide relief to citizens giving them something to smile about;
- The Governor currently has set May 4th, 2020 as the day that social isolation is supposed to end. The Mayor suspects that that date may be pushed out well in to the summer.

Council questions followed relating to issues arising from COVID19.

4. DEPARTMENT UPDATES.

The following staff members provided updates: Treasurer Larson, and Mark Bethune.
(Verbatim tape may be accessed on the City website).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS- *No comments were sent to the City Clerk.*

Deputy Mayor Hogan asked to make a change to the March 11th, 2020, minutes to change Melody Koenig from the President of the SR162 group to the President of the Whitehawk group.

Councilmember Belot joined the meeting at 7:32pm.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2020.
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2020.
- C. Special Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2020.
- D. Payroll and Claims Warrants

Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve Consent Agenda with the change of Melody Koenig to President of the Whitehawk group. Second By Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (7-0).

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB20-39- Ordinance No. 2020-1060 Pertaining to Enforcement of Emergency Orders.

City Attorney Archer briefed that he proposed Ordinance was drafted by her and Aaron Walls the City Prosecutor and would :

- Adopt by reference RCW 4306.220, which makes the violation of any proclamation by the governor during a state of emergency a misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor in Orting;
- Adopt by reference RCW 70.05.120, which makes the violation of any rule or order of the Tacoma/Pierce Public Health Official (or any local health officer set out in the RCW) a misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor;
- Codify the Mayor's authority under state law to proclaim an emergency, and makes the violation of the Mayor's proclamation or any emergency management regulation adopted a misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor.

Council discussion followed. Main objections were centered on whether or not the Council wanted to follow state law relating to any violation of the governor's order, and in effect create a criminal record for a citizen. Council determined that they would like the ordinance to be reviewed at a future study session. Council would like to see if there is something that can be done to respect the Emergency order, yet not criminalize violations of the orders.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to move this to a study session. Second By Councilmember Williams. Motion passed (7-0).

B. AB20-40- PBS Engineering and Environmental Amendment No. 1.

Administrator Bethune briefed that the Council approved PBS Engineering as the most qualified vendor per an RFP, to handle contamination issues at the new City Hall site. Those duties were performed and they developed a plan to handle future issues. They are at the final stage now and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department determined that a groundwater monitoring program is necessary to achieve site closure for the contaminated soil on the new municipal facility property. Under the attached scope of work, PBS would install three groundwater wells and provide four quarterly Groundwater Monitoring Events. This is a step necessary to enter in to the voluntary closure program with the Department of Ecology.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$16,260 for the installation and monitoring of Ground water wells at the new City Hall site. Second By Councilmember Bradshaw. Motion passed (7-0).

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to Adjourn. Second by Councilmember Kelly Motion passed (7-0).

Mayor Penner adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor