

Councilmembers

Position No.

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



**Mayor Joshua Penner,
Chair**

Orting City Council

Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Orting, WA
May 27, 2020
7 p.m.

ORIGINAL

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

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Deputy Mayor Hogan led the pledge of allegiance. **Councilmembers Present:** Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, John Kelly, Tony Belot, John Williams, and Gregg Bradshaw.

Absent: Councilmember Drennen (arrived at 7:02pm)

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

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to excuse Councilmember Drennen. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (6-0)

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Administrator Bethune asked to add the RCO Resolution which was added under new business 5.A.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to add the RCO grant as agenda item 1. Second by Councilmember Kelly.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS- (Verbatim comments are on the City website)

Comments were read in to the record by the City Clerk.

Britta Allerton-Do not enforce stay at home order. **Delane Hand**-Open Orting. **Autumn Heerspink**-Open Up Orting. **Crystal Irish**-Open our Park. **Jennifer Johansen**-Open Orting. **Kristina Linkem**-Open Orting. **Michele Nielson**-Open our City. **Rebekah Salmon**-Reopen our Town. **Elisa Shelton**-Vote to Open. **Matt Tasin**-Open Play Equipment at the park. **Brad Grasley**-Resume Church services. **Naomi Lundberg**-Open up the City. **Shane Fairbanks**-Open up the Park and Businesses. **Rich Harberg**-Open up City Parks. **Rick Nakagaki**-Open up Orting now. **Kim DeBruhl**-Open Orting. **Nathan Jowers**-Open Orting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13th, 2020.

B. Claims and Warrants.

C. AB20-32-To Approve Resolution No. 2020-09, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Amending The City Of Orting Personnel Policy And Setting An Effective Date.

D. AB20-43-To approve the attached scope and budget for professional services from Parametrix as described in the attached Puyallup River Outfall Scope of Work for Preliminary Permitting in the amount of \$22,930.

E. AB20-44-To Approve Tacoma Diesel as the low bidder and authorize the Mayor to sign a three year contract for generator maintenance services not to exceed \$64,688.

F. AB20-45-To approve Cross-Connection Control Services as the low bidder and authorize the Mayor to sign a three year contract for backflow assembly testing services not to exceed \$32,871.99.

G. AB20-46-To approve dB Audio as with the best proposal for the total amount of \$50,115 and to authorize the Mayor to enter in to a contract with dB Audio in a form approved by the City Attorney.

H. AB20-50-To Authorize the Mayor to contract with attorney Matt Cockrell for a 10% contingency fee.

Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as prepared. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (7-0).

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB20-42- Resolution No. 2020-13, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Setting Policy Pertaining To Covid-19 Pandemic And Requesting Mayor To Take Action Consistent Therewith.

Mayor Penner briefed that the proposed resolution is intended to reflect the general beliefs of the Council and requests that the Mayor to take action consistent with those beliefs, it is not a carte blanch saying the City is open. The City cannot tell businesses to open. This resolution reflects a City policy of nonintervention. Letters sent to the Governor have not been responded too. The Pierce County Council is also reaching out to the Governor relating to their request to move the cities in Pierce County to Phase II. They would like the Governor to understand that Counties are capable of making decisions based on their particular areas.

Councilmember Belot made a motion to To adopt Resolution No. 2020-13, Setting Policy Pertaining to COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting the Mayor Take Action Consistent Therewith. Second by Councilmember Gunther.

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Drennen made a motion to amend the original motion and change the two words "Carry out" in Section 1 to "pursue". Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (7-0)

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to amend the amended motion to add a therefore clause in section 2 of the Resolution that says, , "Now therefore the Council further instructs the Mayor to prepare and send the Governor a letter consistent with other letters from neighboring cities to request variances to allow Orting to begin to open up. Second by Councilmember Drennen. Motion passed (7-0)

Council discussion followed.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to amend the amendment to the amended motion by changing the caption of the resolution to say the following: A resolution of the City or Orting, Washington stating position pertaining to COVID19 Pandemic, and requesting Mayor to pursue action consistent therewith. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (7-0)

Councilmember Belot made a motion to adopt the amended Resolution No. 2020-13, Setting Policy Pertaining to COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting the Mayor Take Action Consistent Therewith. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (7-0)

The Mayor stated that he would like to work on opening the Parks and City hall and will work with the City attorney to accomplish that.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2020-14 for the Submittal of a WWRP Grant Application for the Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge System.

City Administrator Bethune briefed that In order to apply for funding through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), the attached proposed resolution is required and cannot be modified. The funding strategy for this project which is estimated at approximately \$5 Million is as follows:

- \$2 Million RCO
- \$2 Million WSDOT Safe Routes to School

Approximately \$1 million from state legislature

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 for the submittal of a WWRP grant application for the Orting Emergency Evacuation Bridge System. Second by Councilmember Williams. Motion passed (7-0)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

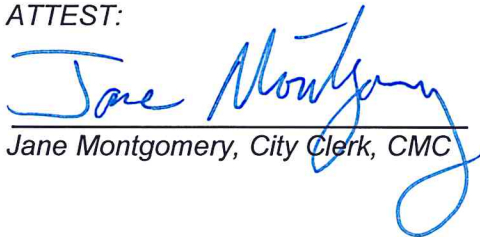
Not called for.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 8:44pm.

ATTEST:


Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC


Joshua Penner, Mayor