

COUNCILMEMBERS

Position No.

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



ORTING CITY COUNCIL

Study Session Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting -June 17, 2020
6PM.

ORIGINAL

Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Chair

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

Deputy Mayor Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Councilmember Gunther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Deputy Mayor Greg Hogan, Councilmembers Tod Gunther, Tony Belot, and Gregg Bradshaw.

Absent: Councilmember Kelly and Williams. (Councilmember Kelly joined at 6:02).

Staff Present: Mark Bethune, City Administrator, Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, Scott Larson, Treasurer/Assistant City Administrator, JC Hungerford, Engineer, Greg Reed, Public Works Director, Chris Gard, Chief of Police, Emily Adams, City Planner.

2. BRIEFING

Home Town Consulting-Joe Depinto.

Mr. Depinto went through a power point briefing titled 2020 Legislative Report- City of Orting. Mr. Depinto explained his role as lobbyist for the City of Orting. Mr. Depinto delivers professional advocacy on behalf of the City in the State Legislature. He spoke about the identified funding needs at the City and the outlook for the 2021 Legislative session. Councilmembers were provided an opportunity to ask Mr. Depinto questions.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works

Councilmember Drennen stated that the Committee meeting in June had been cancelled.

Public Safety

Councilmember Belot briefed on the topics from the Committee meeting in June.

- Physical testing for police recruits will be done in house
- Briefed on the Black Lives matter protest on Monday June 8th
- Completed the policy on drones
- There will be a demonstration of the drones soon
- Crime stats
- Status of recruits
- Reserve officer coming on board

Community and Government Affairs

Councilmember Gunther briefed on Challenge coins. He will bring a design to the next CGA meeting and then come back to Council.

4. STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

Greg Reed briefed on the following:

- Treatment Plant maintenance
- Spraying of noxious weeds
- Pond maintenance
- Vandalism of fountain
- Flower Baskets
- Activov was out at the plant and all components have been entered.

City Clerk

Jane Montgomery briefed on the following:

- Records requests
- Hanging baskets

Police Department

Chris Gard briefed on the following:

- Vandalism of fountain
- Big J's theft
- Advocacy program
- WSPC Committee meeting
- Lateral officer
- Reboot of Reserve program
- Status of Police vehicles

Finance

Scott Larson briefed on a request from Councilmember Gunther to create one email on the City website that would enable people to send one message to all the Councilmembers. Discussion followed related to the pros and cons of creating this, notably OPMA violations.

Action: This will go to the CGA Committee for further analysis.

Scott Larson also briefed on the status of the City Hall project. The project is on budget and on schedule. The building should be completed in August.

Mayor

Mayor Penner briefed on the following:

- Fire at the bike shop in town
- Extension of the OPMA
- Officer Defitt- Serving in Seattle for National Guard
- Budget
- Local Nuisance Properties
- Graffiti on Historic McMillan Bridge
- New City Wide Phone System.

5. **AGENDA ITEMS**

A. AB20-37- Comprehensive Plan Amendment Requests-Resolution No. 2020-11, To Proceed With Selected 2020 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Emily Adams briefed on six comprehensive plan requests. Council provided feedback on the requests. This will be moved to a future meeting for a hearing to vote on the proposed Resolution. The Council will then pass their requests over to the Planning Commission, who will explore each request, and then return to Council with a recommendation.

B. AB20-53- Surplus of City Hall-Resolution 2020-16, Declaring Property To Be Surplus, And Authorizing The Mayor To Dispose Of It In Accordance With Orting Municipal Code And State Law.

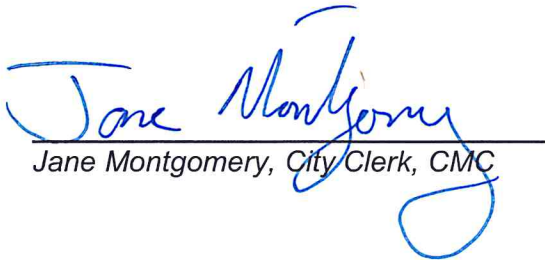
Mark Bethune asked the Council if they wanted to sell the old City Hall property on Train Street. This would require that the property go through the surplus process. The current City Hall will be empty likely in September of this year. If sold, it could make a significant improvement to the general fund reserves. The City would still need to get a commercial appraisal. The time to list the property would be in July/August with closing expected in September/October.

Council discussion followed and the pros and cons of selling versus leasing were discussed. Council was also briefed on the approximate expense required to clean up the brownfield under the property. **Action:** Bring back to study session in July after getting a commercial appraisal is completed.

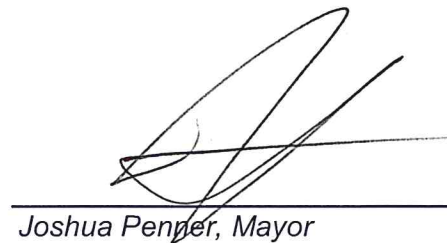
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Hogan adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor