

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

Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
Orting, WA

August 26, 2020, 7:00pm

ORIGINAL

Mayor Joshua Penner, Chair

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

**The City utilized remote attendance for Councilmembers and City employees. Please note: OPMA rules regarding provision for the public in a space was suspended by proclamation of the Governor. The meeting was however, available for the public, by a call in number.*

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and Councilmember Drennen led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilmember Belot

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

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

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

None Requested.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were submitted.

3. AB20-68-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER

Mayor Penner briefed on the process to appoint a Planning Commissioner. He asked the Council to confirm his candidate Mr. Lloyd Hartman. Mr. Hartman joined the meeting and the Mayor asked him to introduce himself to Council. Mr. Hartman introduced himself and Councilmembers had the opportunity to ask Mr. Hartman questions.

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a Motion to Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lloyd Hartman to the position of Planning Commissioner. Second by Councilmember Gunther. Motion passed (6-0)

4. PUBLIC HEARING- (Access to the meeting was made available to the public by a call in number or by submitting comments to the City Clerk.)

A. Revenue Sources 2020.

Mayor Penner opened the hearing at 7:17pm and read the rules for the hearing. He asked Assistant City Administrator/Treasurer Larson to give his staff report. Asst. City Administrator Larson went through a power point presentation which covered Revenue Sources.

Mayor Penner asked for any public comments. No comments were made.
Council comments and questions followed.

Mayor Penner closed the hearing at 7:37pm.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 12th, 2020.
- B. Payroll and Claims Warrants.
- C. **AB20-58**–To Approve the Inter Local Agreement for School Resource Officer Services with the Orting School District as Prepared.
- D. **AB20-67**- To Adopt Ordinance No. 2020-1065, An Ordinance Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Relating To Appointive Officers; Amending Orting Municipal Code Sections 1-7-1, 1-7-2, And 1-7-3; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date, **and** To Approve Resolution No 2020-21, A Resolution Of The City Of Orting, Washington, Adopting Duties And Qualifications Of Appointive Officers.

Councilmember Kelly made a motion to approve consent agenda as prepared, Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (6-0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. AB20-64- CARES Fund Allocations.

Scott Larson gave his staff brief. There are two buckets of grants, one for non-profit entities and the other for business entities. Grants for non-profits were proposed as follows:

- ★ Orting Senior Center for \$10,000.
- ★ St. Vincent DePaul
- ★ Orting Recovery Café, for substance abuse for \$20,000.
- ★ Orting Teen Center for \$10,000.

Grants for businesses have been set at a maximum of \$5,000 per business. There is a \$100,000 maximum. The criteria were explained. Mayor Penner stated that if an executive session is needed the attorney will let Council know.

Councilmember Gunther briefed and thanked Treasurer Larson and the Mayor for their contributions and support to the committee. Councilmember Gunther stated that some changes have been made and he briefed on those changes to the types of groups which he stated were as follows:

- ★Mental Health Services- Recovery Café- \$20,000
- ★Youth and Social Services- \$20,000
- ★Low Income Services- \$10,000

He stated the Committee wanted to amend the \$5,000 cap to \$15,000 for businesses. He stated that the Committee does not want a lottery system, as someone may draw a short stick. He will propose new language for the resolution in that regard.

Councilmember Drennen said they would like this process to be equitable and defensible. He stated Council is being asked to be stewards of a federal program. He spoke of the categories/groups that the committee reviewed, How to break the money up are they eligible, the application process. The Committee considered forming a committee to review business applications in the future, and they differed on how to distribute small business money. He stated after thinking about it further he wants to be sure that if this committee is formed, that they will be in a position to defend what may be seen as arbitrary allotments. He said they might consider instead coming up with a flat rate for businesses.

Councilmember Drennen said that in regard to Nonprofits; the goal is to see agency's such as the Haven, the Senior Center, and entities providing mental health services, survive the pandemic. He also suggested that they include the Food Bank as we are not done with the Pandemic, and there may be future demand on the food bank for support.

One thing that supports that this is a defensible process is that these groups are already know to the City by yearly grants that are submitted, and have been vetted by the City each year. The same is true

with our local businesses. St. Vincent DePaul may be able to provide services such as rent relief, utility support and mortgage relief that cannot be supplied by the other entities.

Councilmember Williams briefed that the Committee came up with the following:

\$ 10,000 to St. Vincent DePaul for Orting residents only. Issue \$5,000 at a time

\$ 20,000 to Recovery Café- only give them \$5,000 at a time.

\$ 20,000 Combined for social services and youth services- includes early childhood learning centers, and youth sports.

He stated that the committee would like nonprofit entity applications to be reviewed by a committee composed of council, staff, and residents. The goal being that they survive the pandemic.

Councilmember Williams reviewed the Committees thought on the \$100,000 to be distributed to businesses. He said that the Committee does not want the distribution of funds to businesses to be done by a lottery system. He also proposed that the City only utilize 20% of the funds rather than 40% of the funds.

Mayor Penner responded to the Committee members brief, and said that he anticipates that the City may not spend the entire 40% (or re-compensate itself for that amount), and feels that right now the numbers are less important than the policy that needs to be set on how to distribute those numbers. He hopes Council can work through some basic policy so they can negotiate contracts with entities and then later likely in October the City will know how much money they have that is unexpended. At that point the City can work with Council on unexpended amounts and reshuffle those funds.

Attorney Archer asked that they recess to executive session prior to Council discussion.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor announced that there would be an executive session per RCW 42.30.110.1.(i) , legal risk associated with a proposed action, for 10 minutes with possible action to follow after return to open session.

Recessed to Executive session at 8:06pm for ten minutes

8:16pm-Extended for 10 minutes

8:26pm-Extended for 10 minutes

8:36pm-Extended for 10 minutes

8:46pm-Extended for 10 minutes

8:56pm-Extended for 10 minutes

9:06pm- Extended for 10 minutes

Mayor Penner called the meeting back to open session at 9:16pm

Attorney Archer briefed the Council on proposed modifications based on conversations in the meeting prior to the executive session: The first modification is to revise the grant program so it focuses on buckets of funding as opposed to particular agencies. She described the buckets as spoken about by Council as follows:

\$ 20,000-To nonprofits that aid youth and social services- first come first serve, and needs based.

\$ 10,000-To nonprofits that provide low oncome residents housing and utility relief

\$ 20,000-To non-profits that provide mental health aid to residents of Orting.

All of these are responsive to needs identified due to COVID19. The Resolution as revised would allow the Mayor to advertise for eligible nonprofit organizations based on an application from and then the Council would award a contract to those selected organizations; a portion of the funds within each bucket.

The Mayor entertained a discussion or a motion.

Councilmember Kelly made a Motion: To Approve Resolution 2020-24 establishing the Orting Cares Act Non-Profit Grant Program, Declaring a Public Purpose and Authorizing City Grants of Funds to Non-Profit Organizations for Covid-19 Relief as amended. Second by Councilmember Williams. Motion Passed (6-0)

Attorney archer briefed on Resolution 2020-23, which is related to establishing grants to eligible small businesses. Based on earlier conversations in the meeting it appears that the Council desires to utilize an upfront cash grant model based on eligibility criteria. Based on that she proposed the following modifications to the Resolution:

- ★ Grants amount based on documented need and not capped at \$5,000.
- ★ Applicants shall identify the amount they are seeking and awards based on documented business loss.
- ★ Grant amounts not to exceed \$15,000.
- ★ If grant amount exceeds \$100,000 would be awarded on first come first serve basis.

Councilmember Bradshaw made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-23 establishing The Orting Cares Act Grant Program, Declaring a Public Purpose and Authorizing a City Grant of Funds to Orting Businesses for Covid-19 Relief, as modified by the attorney. Second by Deputy Mayor Hogan. Motion passed (6-0).

Councilmember Gunther made a motion to amend the motion to add to the eligible business criteria "to include only those businesses that were closed in the second quarter of 2020 due to COVID19". No Second. Motion failed.

Mayor Penner informed the Council that there will be a celebration ride on Sunday the 30th, 2020, starting at 817 Old Pioneer to celebrate WWII nurse Elizabeth Harman whose family has lived and served in the Orting Community for many years. The Mayor read the entire flyer to the Council. This event was coordinated by the Soldiers Home in Orting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hogan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Kelly. Motion passed (6-0).

Mayor Penner recessed the meeting at 9:32pm.

ATTEST:



Jane Montgomery, City Clerk, CMC



Joshua Penner, Mayor