

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2009

Mayor Cheryl Temple called the meeting to order with the flag salute at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building. Roll call found in attendance Councilmembers Scott Drennen, George Wilson, Dick Ford, David Inge, and Guy S. Colorossi. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmembers Nicola McDonald and Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Municipal Court Judge John F. Curry, Court Administrator Judy Cawley.
Professional Representatives	Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha.
Visitors (signed in)	Charlotte Stielow, Margaret O’Harra, Lisa Littleton, Deborah Downs, Michael Littleton, Dave Wakefield, Sandie Hughes, Barbara Hansen, Joe Stanifer, Kathleen Heckman, Chris Heckman, Shawn Mahoney, Ray Tucker, Kizziah Tucker.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of October 28, 2009.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 14893 through No. 14950 in the amount of \$571,197.13 and Payroll Warrants No. 18757 through No. 18807 in the amount of \$113,816.08.
- C. October 2009 Treasurer’s Report

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS & OLD BUSINESS:

Work Force Central Recognition: Ken Wolfe	Building Official Ken Wolfe presented letters of recommendation to five workers from Work Force Central. Patricia Gonsalves, Eric Kelly, Rick Walker, Henry Martin, and David Hudson have been working for the City as part of a grant to clean up damage from the January 2009 flood. As a group they logged more than 2,000 hours cleaning and repairing damage to the City’s stormwater infrastructure.
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Public Hearing: 2010 EMS Levy	City Administrator Bethune reviewed the proposed resolution to decrease the EMS levy by approximately \$18,000. The decrease is due to the decreased property valuation and the 2009 levy lid.
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Mayor Temple opened the public hearing on the 2010 EMS Levy at 7:12 pm. Hearing no comments she closed the hearing at 7:13 pm.

Resolution 2009-8:
2010 EMS Levy

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Resolution 2009-8, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, requesting the highest lawful Emergency Medical Services Levy. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: 2010
Property Tax Levy

City Administrator Bethune reviewed the proposed resolution to increase the property tax levy by the statutory limit of one-percent over the previous year. This proposal will increase the average Orting homeowner's taxes \$4.50 per year.

Mayor Temple opened the public hearing on the 2010 Property Tax Levy at 7:15 pm. Hearing no comments she closed the hearing at 7:16 pm.

Resolution 2009-9:
2010 Property Tax
Levy

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Resolution 2009-9, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, requesting the highest lawful Property Tax Levy. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:
Fishing Season
Parking Restrictions

Councilmember Wilson introduced the proposed ordinance for fishing season parking restrictions. During the fishing season, the City Council and the Transportation Committee have received numerous complaints about non-residents parking in the parking strips in front of homes. Complaints have also included noise and other disruptive behavior in the early morning hours. The Transportation Committee has recommended an ordinance that would prohibit parking on the streets near the Carbon River, including Daffodil Avenue Northeast, Bridge Street Southeast, Mill Avenue Southeast, and Washington Avenue Southeast, during fishing season, September 1 to November 30. Under the proposed ordinance residents could park on the street within 300 feet of their home.

Councilmember Colorossi asked if the City has received any complaints from residents on Daffodil Avenue. City Administrator Bethune commented that the City has not received many complaints from that area but anticipates similar complaints when more people purchase the new homes in the area because of its proximity to the Carbon River.

Mayor Temple opened the public hearing on the Fishing Season Parking Restrictions at 7:18 pm.

Lisa Littleton, a resident of a street included in the proposed ordinance, stated that she has been personally affected by fishermen using her neighborhood as a parking lot. Disruptive behavior such as doors slamming in early morning hours, blocked sidewalks and littering are a problem for most of the fall season for her. She also reported that many times anglers will park on the streets even if there

is room in the parking lots.

Deborah Downs, of 608 Washington Avenue Southeast, stated that she is worried about the safety of children playing in the area. She urged the Council to adopt the ordinance.

Joe Stanifer, of 318 Mill Avenue Southeast, said that he has lived in the neighborhood for almost 30 years. The area has been used as an access to the river for sometime. He requested that the City place a permanent dead end sign at the corner of Bridge Street Southeast and Mill Avenue Southeast.

James Beall, of 312 Bridge Street Southeast, commented that at one time the State Department of Fish and Wildlife had a publication directing people to access the Carbon River at the end of Bridge Street Southeast. He complained that he has had fishermen stop at his home selling fish eggs and asking to use the phone. He stated that his neighborhood should not be a park or a trailhead for access to the Carbon River.

Chris Heckman, of 313 Bridge Street Southeast, stated that he supports the proposed ordinance. He also asked if there are plans for more parking areas and suggested more signs to direct people to the designated parking lots.

Hearing no further comments Mayor Temple closed the hearing at 7:32 pm.

Ordinance 879:
Fishing Season
Parking Restrictions

Councilmember Wilson commented that previous Councils have dealt with the same issue. Many of them did not realize the impact that this problem has had on the neighborhood. He commended the rest of the Council for developing a thoughtful solution.

Councilmember Wilson moved to adopt Ordinance 879, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to parking; prohibiting non-resident parking upon designated residential streets; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ford stated that he recognizes that there is a problem. However, this year there was a record salmon run which may have amplified the problem. He stated that he is concerned that this ordinance will create an enforcement problem and extra work for the police department. He also stated that the problem will simply move to other places in town.

Councilmember Drennen said that he would like to see signs erected to educate people about the existing parking options.

Councilmember Ford reported that at a recent Parks Commission Open House the most common request from citizens was for more river

access. Three years ago, the City created the Charter Park Parking Lot; he hoped projects like this will continue.

James Beall stated that he and his neighbors are not concerned about access to the rivers. For them this issue is about privacy and maintaining the quality of life existing neighborhoods.

Mayor Temple called for a vote on the motion to adopt the parking restrictions. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappointment of
Municipal Court Judge

Mayor Temple asked the Council to approve her reappointment of John F. Curry as Municipal Court Judge. Judge Curry has served the City for over a year. Mayor Temple commented that he has been an asset to the City.

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the reappointment of John F. Curry as Orting Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term to expire on December 1, 2013. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Judge Curry took a moment to thank Court Administrator Judy Cawley for encouraging him to apply for the position.

General Facility
Charge Payment
Timing

Councilmember Inge requested that the Utility and Technology Committee discuss the issue of General Facility Charge Payment Timing and make a recommendation before the Council studies the issue.

Councilmember Inge moved to table the issue to the Utility and Technology Committee. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1998 Sewer Bond
Re-issue

Councilmember Colorossi reported that municipal bond markets have improved and the City now has the option to redeem the 1998 Sewer Bond. Redeeming the bond could save the City approximately \$95,000 dependant upon interest rates and bond insurance.

Councilmember Colorossi expressed his concern at the high cost associated with redeeming the bond.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to authorize the Mayor to pursue the redemption and reissue of the 1998 Sewer Bond. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

City Administrator Bethune reported that the bond counsel will present the redemption and reissue to the Council within 30 days for final approval.

Resolution 2009-10: Councilmember Inge moved to adopt resolution 2009-10, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington authorizing location of a Chamber of Commerce Readerboard sign by the Orting Chamber of Commerce within the public right-of-way. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS

River Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi reported that State Representative Tom Campbell has created the Washington State Legislative Task Force for Rivers. They have invited Matt Richardson to participate. They plan to have legislation ready in January to ease the restrictions placed on river maintenance.

Parks Councilmember Ford reported that at their recent meeting the Parks Commission discussed results of the Open House. The Commission also recommended placement of *No Skateboarding* signs in the North Park. The Commission plans to review the Charter Park Plan at their next meeting on December 2, 2009.

Utilities & Technology Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utilities & Technology Committee discussed the evacuation route for the Bridge for Kids project. The route will travel along Rocky Road then move north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the levee.

Building Official Wolfe reported that all stormwater projects have been completed for the year, including construction of the 42 inch Puyallup River Outfall and Tide Flex Valve, placement of sandbags on low sections of the Puyallup River and filling of 10,000 additional sandbags for residents.

Councilmember Drennen reported that the utility rate study is underway and that Councilmember Colorossi is making progress collecting easements for the replacement of the Orville Road water main.

Governmental Affairs City Administrator Bethune reported that the T-6 amendment relating to urban growth areas was vetoed by the County Executive, however the County Council may override the veto.

Public Safety Councilmember Wilson acknowledged Orting Valley Fire Interim Chief Dave Wakefield and Commissioner Shawn Mahoney in the audience. Mayor Temple reported that the City and the District met earlier that day to discuss the contract and the meeting went very well.

Transportation Engineer Roberts gave a brief progress report on the State Route 162 rechannelization. Phase I Work will be complete in the next few weeks. The crew will return in February to install the new lights and landscaping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Colorossi moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 8:27 pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(i). Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Temple reconvened the meeting at 8:45 pm

ADJOURN

Councilmember Inge moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple