

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2010

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 Stanley Holland, Tyler Coughlin, Nicola McDonald, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi, and Scott Drennen and Ex-Officio Officer Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmember Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Parks and Recreation Director Beckie Meek. Accounting Clerk I Jane Helgelien.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Hugh Spitzer, Lindsey Sovde.
Visitors (signed in)	Doug Schwarz, Margaret O'Harra, Leon Matz.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Pedestrian Safety and Trail Use: Bertha Valios	Bertha Valios, of 304 Hardefeldt Street Southeast suggested that the City install a system to alert drivers of the presence of pedestrians at the intersection of Washington Avenue South and Train Street. Ms. Valios reported that at several intersections in Puyallup they have a flag available for pedestrians to carry across the street, making them more visible. Mayor Temple referred the matter to the Public Safety Committee for further review.
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Ms. Valios also asked if she is permitted to use an electric scooter on the trail. Police Chief Drake reported that personal transportation scooter, sometimes known as Little Rascals, are allowed on the trail. Electric golf carts are not allowed on the trail.

Garbage Service: Brenda Bresnahan	Brenda Bresnahan, of 705 Washington Avenue Southeast, asked the Council to consider amending the City of Orting Garbage Collection Franchise to allow citizens to have smaller containers. Mayor Temple reported that the City Administrator is currently negotiating an updated contract.
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CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of January 27, 2010.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 15195 through No. 15245 in the amount of \$131,802.07 and Payroll Warrants No. 18998 through No. 19039 in the amount of \$79,535.23.
- C. January 2010 Treasurer's Report

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as

prepared. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

Communities in
Schools Youth Forum
Results

Jolie Moxley, After School Enrichment Coordinator, and a group of students representing grades five through twelve presented the results of a recent youth forum conducted by Communities in Schools. Many of the participants in the survey reported that drug use is a major problem in the Orting School and the City of Orting.

Leon Matz, High Guidance Counselor, commented that drug and alcohol abuse programs are not unique to Orting. The Orting School District has implemented several programs to help at risk students including hiring a part time drug and alcohol specialist.

8th Congressional
District Candidate:
Matthew Marquez

Matthew Marquez introduced himself to the Council and reported that he is interested in running for the United States Congress as an independent. Mr. Marquez reported that he is now collecting signatures to be eligible to run. People interested in supporting his campaign should contact him.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 883: Water
& Sewer Revenue
Refunding Bonds

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Ordinance 883, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to the waterworks utility of the City; providing for the issuance of Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2010, in the principal amount of \$2,185,000 to provide part of the funds with which to pay the cost of the current refunding of all of the City's outstanding Water and Sewer Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1998, and pay the administrative costs of such refunding and the costs of issuance and sale of such bonds; fixing the date, form, maturities, interest rates, terms and covenants of the bonds; establishing a bond redemption fund; providing for and authorizing the purchase of certain obligations out of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds herein authorized and for the use and application of the money derived from those investments; authorizing the execution of an agreement with U.S. Bank National Association of Seattle, Washington, as refunding trustee; providing for the call, payment and redemption of the outstanding bonds to be refunded; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation of Seattle, Washington. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The refund and reissuance of the 1998 bond will save the City over \$100,000 during the life of the bond.

NEW BUSINESS

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Land Acquisition Services. Councilmember Drennen reported that the City of Orting has secured a \$340,000 grant to acquire properties for the Calistoga Setback Levee. The City is required to provide match by funding the survey and appraisal of the property to be acquired. These services will cost \$51,500.

Councilmember Drennen moved to issue a notice to proceed with acquisition services for the Calistoga Setback Levee. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Utility Cost of Service Study Councilmember Drennen reported that the 2010 Budget includes a line item for completing a Utility Cost of Service Study. The goal of this study is to ensure that utility funds are both sustainable and legally defensible. The scope and budget was presented to the Utility Committee on February 3. The Council will be asked to issue a notice to proceed on February 24, 2010.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rivers Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi reported that the proposed legislation from the Pierce County River Revitalization Task Force did not make it out of committee at the state level.

He also reported that he attended the Town Hall sponsored by our legislators on February 6. There were 38 citizens in attendance and the main issues discussed were state spending and transportation.

Park Councilmember Inge reported that the Parks Commission is currently reviewing the parks priority list.

Utilities and Technology Councilmember Drennen reported that the Utility and Technology Committee discussed Well No. 4 in addition to the setback levee and cost of service study.

Public Safety Fire Chief Webb presented the Council with a report detailing average response times and current fire department projects. Response time in the City continues to average at about five minutes from the time the call is received. Current projects include recruitment of a Medical Service Officer and training programs.

Bridge for Kids Councilmember Drennen reported that the Planning Commission was presented with an updated design for the Carbon River Crossing. The new design does not have a pier in the River. The Planning Commission indicated that they like the new design.

Finance Councilmember Colorossi presented a report showing the need to have budget reserves. The reserves pay bills and payroll until the City begins to receive property taxes in May.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Holland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.
Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple