

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 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, Nicola McDonald, Joachim Pestinger, David Inge, Guy S. Colorossi, Scott Drennen, and Ex-Officio Officer Shawn Mahoney. Councilmember Tyler Coughlin arrived late.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Police Chief Bill Drake, Accountant I Jane Helgelien, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Cashier Margaret O'Harra.
Professional Representatives	Kenyon Disend Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts.
Visitors (signed in)	Shirley Sigafos, Doug Schwarz, Roslyn Albert, Ric Fritz.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Fire Chief Paul Webb: Paul Webb, Orting Valley Fire and Rescue (Pierce County Fire District 18) Chief reported that the annexation vote appears to be passing in both the City and the District. Chief Webb thanked the Mayor, Council and City Administration for their support. On behalf of the District Board of Commissioners and staff he stated that he hopes that this vote improves an already good relationship.

Councilmember Drennen stated that he is disappointed in the outcome of the vote. Orting is losing part of it's independence and pride. He stated that he wished the City and the District had pursued a regional fire authority. He hoped that police service was not headed that same way.

Councilmember Pestinger stated that he sees the annexation into the fire district as a sign that Orting has grown and that a regional cooperative service is now needed to best serve the community.

Councilmember Inge stated that he has great optimism for the future of Orting Valley Fire and Rescue.

Councilmember Drennen added that in less than a year's time the City has given away the entire Fire Department and all of its rolling stock.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of April 10, 2010.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 15556 through No. 15594 in the amount of \$35,973.37 and Payroll Warrants No. 19271 through No. 19313 in the amount of \$85,053.40.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Pierce County Library
2030 System Facilities
Master Plan

Neel Parikh, Pierce County Library Executive Director, presented the results of the Pierce County Library 2030 Facilities' Master Planning process to the Council.

Pierce County Library 2030 charts course for future building, expansions, or replacements of library buildings, and alternative ways to access services. Currently the Orting Library is 2,700 square feet with 9,078 items for check out, seating for 18 people, and 10 computers. To meet community needs in 2030 the library should be at least 10,400 square feet with 33,000 items for check out, seating for 45 to 60 people, and 30 to 40 computers. Pierce County Library 2030 calls for upgrades like this to most of the libraries in Pierce County.

In order to make the needed improvements the Library will most likely run a bond election.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pierce Transit De-
Annexation Update

Councilmember Pestinger announced that there will be a meeting with Pierce Transit on May 5 at 7:00 pm.

He also reported that in order to partner with a School District and use buses for public transportation there will need to be a change in state law.

He also noted that he has seen several small buses at the Soldier's Home that he would like to look into using for public transit.

Councilmember Drennen commented that the City should approach Sound Transit to see if they can offer any service to Orting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2010-5:
Kinship Caregiver Day

Mayor Temple introduced a resolution in support of Kinship Caregiver Day. The resolution recognizes people that care for children of relatives, keeping them out of the foster care system.

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adopt Resolution 2010-5, a resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, declaring May 19, 2010 to be Kinship Caregiver Day. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Introduction of New City Employee Mayor Temple announced that Margaret O’Harra is the new City of Orting Cashier. Prior to being employed by the City Ms. O’Harra has served as chair of the Planning Commission and volunteered in the Building Department.
- 2010 First Quarter Treasurer’s Report Councilmember Colorossi moved that the Treasurer’s Report be postponed to the to the May 12 meeting to allow the report to be televised. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Parks Councilmember Inge reported that parks staff have been working on lettering for the fountain and getting bids to complete the fountain.
- Governmental Affairs Councilmember Pestinger reported that the Puget Sound Regional Council will hold the General Assembly meeting on May 20.
- Transportation Councilmember Pestinger reported that the Transportation Committee discussed street repairs and a request to make the temporary stop signs at the intersection of Varner and Calistoga permanent.
- Councilmember Inge asked about the difference between chip-seal and overlay. Engineer Roberts explained that chip seal is cheaper and extends the life of the roadway. Overlay is more expensive and is more like rebuilding the roadway.
- Public Safety & Fire District 18 City Administrator Bethune reported that there will be an Ad Hoc Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm on May 11 to discuss trail and roadway safety.
- Police Chief Drake reported that there will be a lahar siren test on May 4 at 10:00 am.
- He also reported that the Orting Police Department has received a grant to send an officer to school resources officer training.
- The Orting Police Department and Officer Brandon Porter will be the lead agency on a process to write a model ordinance for DUIs.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Councilmember Holland seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple