

## ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 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, Nicola McDonald, Dick Ford, Guy S. Colorossi, David Inge and Joachim Pestinger.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accounting Clerk II Freda Bingham, Police Chief Bill Drake, Building Official Ken Wolfe..
Professional Representatives	City Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Devin Wolf, Prosecuting Attorney Virginia Amato, Fire Chief Randy Shelton.
Visitors	Christine and Brian Tillett, Virginia Amato, Doug Schwarz, Barbara Hansen, Rhonda Madison, Barbara Solberg, Carl Thompson, K. Vodarski, B. Vodarski.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Minutes of April 29, 2009.
- B. April 2009 Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No.14225 through No. 14276 in the amount of \$368,576.37 and Payroll Warrants No. 18192 through No. 18243 in the amount of \$114,476.48.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as prepared. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion. Councilmember Colorossi announced that prior to the meeting he requested changes to the minutes: 1) that a comment about his questions regarding the accuracy of the 2010 census be added and 2) that a statement that the meeting about river bar removal was held at the home of Shelly Butterfield. Councilmember Inge asked that a statement be added to the minutes that indicates that Chief Drake commented that his department will not be writing tickets for inattentive driving.

Councilmember Colorossi amended his motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Orting Senior Center: Barbara Hansen  
Barbara Hansen, Executive Director of the Orting Senior Center, reported that the center will host a meeting where citizens over the age of 60 can receive vouchers for free produce at local farmers markets. To receive the vouchers seniors must attend a workshop on June 24. To sign-up for the workshop citizens can call the Senior Center.

River Clean-up: Ken Wolfe  
Ken Wolfe, Orting Building Official and Stormwater Permit Coordinator, reported that the City organized river clean-up on May 9 was a success. 34 volunteers collected over 3,500 pounds of debris and garbage was collected.

Volunteers are also needed for a rain garden installation scheduled for June 6 and 7. Work will start at 9:30 am in the North City Park.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Orting Chamber of Commerce  
Rhonda Madison, Executive Director of the Orting Chamber of Commerce, gave a report about recent and upcoming events in Orting.

The Circus will be in Orting on May 30. Tickets are available at the Chamber Office and select local businesses.

In celebration of Kim Whitlock’s recent weight loss. The Chamber is hosting a “Get Fit Orting” support group. Meeting will take place every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The library is also holding a get fit summer reading challenge.

The Wild Rose Quilt Shop will be part of a Quilt Shop Hop on June 24 through 28. Up to 3,500 will visit the shop and Orting during the weekend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ordinance No. 876: Inattentive Driving  
Mayor Temple took a moment to set the record straight on the proposed inattentive driving ordinance. Inattentive Driving is a tool for the City Prosecutor. It allows the Prosecutor plea down more serious infractions. It is a tool that can also reduce jury trials, saving the City money. The Orting Police Department will not be writing tickets for inattentive driving infractions. The fines collected from inattentive driving will be distributed as

other traffic fines are with a portion going to the State.

Prosecuting Attorney Virginia Amato added that this ordinance if adopted will allow more logical plea offers to deserving citizens as it allows pleas for reckless driving to stay in the same category. Inattentive driving will go on a offenders criminal history but it will not go on their driving record.

Mayor Temple asked the audience for questions.

Christine Tillett asked if there could be a change in policy if there is a change in personnel and tickets could be written then. Chief Drake commented that the Police will continue to write the same ticket they have always written for Negligent driving in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.

Barbara Solberg asked if it is possible to write the ordinance to include language that would prohibit the police from writing tickets for inattentive driving.

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adopt Ordinance No 876, an ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington; relating to traffic safety; creating new Chapter 7 of Title & of the Orting Municipal Code; establishing the violation of inattentive driving; establishing penalties; establishing an effective date and providing for severability with an amendment to add “section D” as follows:

“D. Enforcement of this section by law enforcement officers may be accomplished only as a secondary action when a driver of a motor vehicle has been detained for a suspect violation of this title or an equivalent local ordinance or some other offense.”

Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2009-3: Councilmember Pestinger moved to adopt resolution 2009-3, a Urban Growth Area Joint Planning Agreement resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to sign a joint planning agreement with Pierce County for the Development of an Urban Growth Area. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

**COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:**

Parks Councilmember Ford reported that Parks Commission would

like to investigate the possibility of allowing river access on the west side of the Puyallup River. The matter was referred to City Staff for research.

Utilities and  
Technology: Well  
No 1. Emergency

Based on a staff report from Parametrix Councilmember Drennen moved to declare the restoration of Well No. 1 an emergency to waive the competitive bidding process in accordance with RCW 39.04.280. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

During a video inspection last year the City discovered they could not advance the camera past a depth of 160' and the existing well is approximately 220' deep. The City budgeted funds to remove the sediment and/or obstruction and rehabilitate the Well. Timing and scheduling of the work is critical given Well No. 1 is the City's primary water facility.

The City completed video inspection and removal of sediment within the well casing and discovered the existing well screen has developed holes and is deteriorating. The hydrogeologist completing the video inspection recommended installation of a new well screen inside the existing well screen, and recommended Well No. 1 remain offline until a rehab has been completed. Running the well without rehabilitation could result in a well failure that would require drilling a new well.

Utilities and  
Technology  
Committee

Councilmember Drennen reported on the following projects:

- The Orville Road Water line replacement: meeting with property owners have occurred. The City Staff is still working to obtain easements for all affected properties
- Wingate generator: Project is ongoing and should be complete by October.
- Well No. 3 Filtration: Project will be complete by Memorial Day weekend.
- City Sewer Line Repair: Bids are being gathered and work should start soon.
- Puyallup River Stormwater Check Valves: no grants are available this year
- Well No. 4: Scope and Budget will come to the Council for review and approval soon.
- Bridge for Kids Route: the Committee recommends using a route to the north of the Wastewater Treatment Plant with a low bridge option. The Council agreed.

Finance

Councilmember Colorossi reported that the City has a balanced

budget and it not running at a deficit.

Community  
Development

Councilmember Inge reported that the Public is invited to a Memorial Day celebration at the Soldier's Home, 2 pm on Memorial Day.

Public Safety

Councilmember Wilson reported that a report about police activity numbers will be in Council mailboxes on Thursday May 14.

Fire District 18

Chief Shelton reported that the Fire Department is healthy.

Recently long time Orting Fire volunteer and Volunteer Chief Victor Bud McMahan passed away his service will be May 14 at 1pm at the Orting Cemetery.

Transportation

Councilmember Pestinger reported that at the next meeting he will have a request from some residents of Hardtke Avenue for traffic calming devices

Mayor

Mayor Temple reported that filing for Mayoral and Council elections will be June 1 through June 5.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Ford moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

**ATTEST:**

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Finance Director/City Clerk Susan J. Davis

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Mayor Cheryl M. Temple