

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 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 George Wilson, Guy S. Colorossi, David Inge and Joachim Pestinger. Councilmember Inge moved to excuse Councilmembers Scott Drennen, Nicola McDonald and Dick Ford. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees City Administrator Mark Bethune, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accounting II Freda Bingham, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Denis Rundle, Public Works Director Dean Kaelin, Wastewater Treatment Operator II Pete Ewing, Wastewater Treatment Operator I Ed Huffman, Police Chief Bill Drake, Reserve Police Officer Nicole Lay, Reserve Police Officer Steven VanZanten.

Professional
Representatives City Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts.

Visitors **Marlene** Lay, Pat Bailey, Margaret O’Harra, Doug Schwarz, Bob Myrick, Terry VanZanten, Barbara Hansen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of May 27, 2009.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No.14334 through No. 14378 in the amount of \$131,098.85 and Payroll Warrants No. 18286 through No. 18337 in the amount of \$121,549.82.

Councilmember Inge reported that he had contacted to staff to correct the spelling of the last name “Hobert” in the minutes. Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Saturday Market
Vouchers: Barbara
Hansen Barbara Hansen, Executive Director of the Orting Senior Center, reported that the center would host a meeting for senior citizens to register to receive voucher for fresh produce. Several vendors

at the Orting Saturday Market will accept the vouchers. Seniors must attend this meeting to be eligible for the vouchers.

Golf Cart Use: Bob Myrick

Bob Myrick, of 107 Lane Boulevard Northwest, commented regarding the proposed use of golf carts on City streets.

Mr. Myrick is member of the Tacoma Wheelmen' Bicycle Club and has worked with the Sierra Club. As a cyclist, he is concerned about the safety issues, especially if the City allows golf carts on the trail. He also appreciates the environmentally friend aspects of the proposal.

Mr. Myrick suggested that for the pilot program golf carts use could be limited to weekday use.

Councilmember Inge clarified that his proposal continues to prohibit use of golf carts on the trail. Under the pilot program golf carts use would be allowed on the streets.

Councilmember Inge provided the Council with proposed language for a golf cart use policy or ordinance. The Public Safety Committee and the Transportation Committee will review the proposal and make recommendations to the Council.

US Representative Dave Reichert: Zach Guill

Zach Guill, Constituent Service Liaison for US Representative David Reichert, introduced himself to the Council and audience. Mr. Guill stated that he wanted to remind the Council and community that it they have concerns or problems Congressman Reichert and his staff are available.

PRESENTATIONS:

Wastewater Treatment Plan Outstanding Performance Award

Pat Bailey, Department of Ecology Compliance Specialist, presented the City with an award for One hundred percent compliance with the state Wastewater Permit in 2008.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Supervisor Denis Rundle accepted the award. The WWTP staff performs 60 required tests and submits 20 require reports. In 2008, the City of Orting submitted all tests and reports on time and within acceptable levels. The staff is also responsible for operating the plant. Ms. Bailey thanked Mr. Rundle for working so hard to protect the waters of Washington.

Oath of Office Nicole Lay, Reserve Police Officer Nicole Lay Orting Reserve Police Officer was sworn into office by City Administrator Mark Bethune.

Oath of Office Steven VanZanten, Reserve Police Officer Steven VanZanten Orting Reserve Police Officer was sworn into office by City Administrator Mark Bethune.

Crime Trends Police Chief Bill Drake presented the Council with statistic and data about crime rates in the City.

Calls for service have increased by 19 percent for year so far.

Chief Drake also provided the Council with a brief report on traffic emphasis detail conducted with the assistant of the Washington State Patrol on May 29.

OLD BUSINESS:

Proposed Park Facility Rental Priority Ordinance City Administrator Mark Bethune re-introduced an ordinance to formalize the priority list for parks facility use rentals. He also reported that the City Attorney requested that the Council table consideration of the ordinance to allow legal revisions.

Councilmember Inge moved to table the propose park facility rental priority ordinance to the June 24 meeting. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Parks Streets Banners City Administrator Bethune presented the Council with the proposed Fall Parks Streets Banners. The Parks Commission has designed banner for each season. The last banners to purchase are the Fall banners. The banners are 30 inches by 96 inches and will be displayed on the street posts downtown.

Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Fall Parks Street Banners. Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

Farm Vehicle Use on City Streets Mayor Temple suggested that the Council table discussion of Farm Vehicle use on City Streets to the next meeting. The Council agreed.

COMMITTEE AND STANDING REPORTS:

- River Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi provided the Council with a packet of updated information about the Pierce County River Revitalization Task Force.
- Utilities and Technology Public Works Director Dean Kaelin reported that the Well No. 3 filter project is completed.
- Governmental Affairs Councilmember Pestinger reported that the Pierce County Regional Council has approved a new affordable housing policy. The new policy sets goal for affordable housing in Pierce County but it does not require individual jurisdictions to provide a certain number of affordable housing units. The City will be asked to ratify the policy later in 2009.
- Public Safety Police Chief Bill Drake reminded that audience to be safe during Fourth of July celebrations. The Lion’s Club will host a fireworks show at their fields. The show is a safe alternative to home fireworks shows.
- Bridge for Kids Councilmember Colorossi reported that Bridge for Kids is conducting core sampling this month. Core sampling will include drilling near the trail and helicopter use near the rivers.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple