

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 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, Nicola McDonald, Guy S. Colorossi and Joachim Pestinger. Mayor Temple introduced Ian Henry, an Orting High School student who had spent the day with the Mayor for a school project.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees	City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Building Official Ken Wolfe, Accounting Clerk II Freda Bingham, Accounting Clerk I Jane Hegelian, Police Chief Bill Drake.
Professional Representatives	City Attorney Chris Bacha, Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Fire Chief Randy Shelton
Visitors	Rhonda Madison, Margaret O'Harra, Mary Anderson, Kim Beeson, Andy Zaborski, Mike Peacock, Lizzie Beauquist, Rueben Josinster, Jeannie Pestinger, Ken Moorhouse, Tom Keiser, Nikolay Kvansyuak, Leema Singh, Mary Ann Cruz, Steve Rodriguez, Neil Guptil.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of December 10, 2008
- B. Approval of December 2008 Treasurer's Report
- C. Approval of Claims Warrants No.13725 through No. 13821 in the amount of \$553,497.61 and Payroll Warrants No. 17764 trough No. 17864 in the amount of \$215,494.00.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Former State Senator Marilyn Rasmussen	Mayor Temple introduced Former Washington State Senator Marilyn Rasmussen. Senator Rasmussen served the 2 nd District including Orting for 22 years as legislator. Some of her accomplishments include securing dedicated funding for replacement of the McMillin Bridge on State Route 162, the graduated drivers license, support of the Bridge for Kids and securing funding for the Orting Public Safety Building.
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Senator Rasmussen said a few words and thanked the Orting community for the opportunity to serve.

Flood Event: Police
Chief Drake & Fire
Chief Shelton

Chief Drake presented a recap of the recent flood including some background on the decision to recommend evacuation was made.

Chief Shelton added that at one point there were over 400 first responders in the Orting area assisting the public. The Intellicast, reverse 911 system was also a big help during the event

Flood Assistance

Mayor Temple thanked the following individuals, businesses and groups for their assistance to the Orting community during the flood:

- Many public safety jurisdictions
- Route 66 Pizza
- McDonald's
- Starbucks
- The Orting Eagles
- Rhonda Madison
- Renee, Emily and Jennifer Bethune
- The Pestinger Family
- Mountain Mist bottled water
- Orting Valley Senior Organization

Flood Related Issues

Councilmember Ford commented that he would like to see the City seriously pursue dredging the rivers to prevent debris build-up and alleviate some flooding concerns in the future.

Councilmember Drennen commented that flood events like this continue to underscore the need to support a setback levee on both rivers.

City Administrator Bethune reported that the City is applying for grants to design and build a setback levee along the Puyallup River, north of the Calistoga Street Bridge. The Mayor has also written a letter of support for an applicant to dredge the rivers.

Coalition for a Drug
Free Orting

Kim Beeson, of the Puget Sound Education Service District, presented the Council with the results of a study that Orting Communities in Schools had conducted about drug and alcohol abuse in Orting. The group plans to have a community forum on the same topic on April 9, with time and location to be determined.

United States Census:
Nikolay Kvansyuk

Nikolay Kvansyuk, of the US Census Bureau gave the Council information about the upcoming census and jobs that will be available to citizens who would like to help with the census.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Drainage and
Flooding: Mike
Peacock

Mike Peacock, of 413 Train Street Southeast, thanked everyone for their assistance during the flood. He suggested the placement of a drainage pipe on Calistoga Street East to alleviate some flooding.

Bridge Street
Southeast: Ken
Moorhouse

Ken Moorhouse, of 408 Bridge Street Southeast, presented the Council with a request to improve the road in the last block of Bridge Street Southeast.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gratzer Park:
Planning Commission
Recommendation

Margaret O’Harra, Planning Commission Chair, reported that the Planning Commission had reviewed the layout options for Gratzer Park and recommends option 4 to the Council.

Councilmember Inge moved to approve option no.4 for the Gratzer Park layout. Councilmember Drennen seconded the motion and it carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chamber of
Commerce Rental
Agreement

Councilmember Colorossi requested to table the contract with the Chamber of Commerce to allow the Finance Committee more time to review it.

Emergency
Preparedness Fair

City Administrator Bethune announced that the City would be holding an Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, January 31 at 10 in the Orting High School Gym.

Council Committees

Councilmember Pestinger moved to approve the Council Committee assignments as presented. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

Council Committee Assignments are now as follows:

Parks & Schools
Chair: Dick Ford
Co-Chair: Scott Drennen

Public Safety
Chair: George Wilson
Co-Chairs: David Inge, Joachim Pestinger

Utilities & Technology
Chair: Scott Drennen
Co-Chair: Dick Ford

Transportation
Chair: Joachim Pestinger
Co-Chair: Guy S. Colorossi, George Wilson

Finance & Budget
Chair: Guy S. Colorossi
Co-Chair: Dick Ford

Community Development
Chair: David Inge
Co-Chair: Guy S. Colorossi, Nicola McDonald

Government Affairs
Chair: Nicola McDonald
Co-Chair: Joachim Pestinger, David Inge

Bridge for Kids
Chair: Scott Drennen
Co-Chair: Guy S. Colorossi, David Inge

Mayor Pro-Tem
Election

Councilmember Inge moved to appoint Councilmember Ford as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2009. Councilmember Pestinger seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilmember Pestinger moved to rename Mayor Pro-Tem, Deputy Mayor. The motion died for lack of a second.

Nestle Update

Councilmember Drennen reported that he believes that the issue of Nestle locating a bottled water plant in Orting has gone as far as it can go at the committee level. He recommends a Council Study Session to brief the entire Council on the topic.

A study session was set for Wednesday, February 4.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Colorossi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

Finance Director/City Clerk Susan J. Davis

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple