

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 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, Guy S. Colorossi, Nicola McDonald, and David Inge. Councilmember Joachim Pestinger arrived late.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees City Administrator Mark Bethune, Finance Director/City Clerk Susan Davis, Administrative Assistant Roxanne Pollard, Accountant II Freda Bingham, Police Chief Bill Drake, Accountant I Jane Helgelien, Police Officer Matt Hurley, Police Officer Brandon Porter.

Professional Parametrix Engineer Dave Roberts, Kenyon Disend Attorney
Representatives Chris Bacha.

Visitors Margaret O’Harra, Neil Guptill, Barbara Hansen, Lisa Belton, Susan Rigley, Rhonda Madison, Keith Kovelienko, Linda Kovelienko, Doug Schwarz, Lizzie Request, Keith Sutherland.

PAYROLL CLAIMS & WARRANTS:

Approval of Claims Warrants No. 13822 through No. 13873 in the amount of \$68,290.44 and Payroll Warrants No. 17864 through No. 17907 in the amount of \$83,799.59.

Councilmember Colorossi moved to approve the Payroll & Claims Warrants as prepared. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

DM Disposal Keith Kovelienko, of DM Disposal, presented the Council with
Garbage Rate information about a proposed rate increase by DM Disposal.
Increase The rate increase is based on an increase in fees to take garbage
to the land fill and the Consumer Price Index. The new rates
~~will~~would take effect on March 1, 2009.

City Administrator Bethune stated that he would determine who is responsible to notify customers of this rate increase.

Councilmember Colorossi expressed concern about a rate increase given the economic problems at the time.

Councilmember Inge moved to further discuss the franchise contract with DM Disposal and consider adding language to allow for an annual rate increase based on the Consumer Price Index. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

Pierce County Reads Program Susan Rigley, supervisor at the Pierce County Library Orting Branch, presented the Council with information about the 2009 Pierce County Reads Program.

Pierce County Reads is an annual program that encourages the entire community to read and discuss the same book at the same time. The book selected this year is *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

There will be free events related to the book through March. On March 14, the author of the book will be hosting an event.

Pierce County Reads Proclamation Councilmember Ford moved to adopt a Proclamation of the City of Orting, in recognition of Pierce County Library System and the News Tribune's Pierce County READS, sponsored by Key Foundation, a foundation funded by Key Bank. Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

Neighbor Watch Program Officers Hurley and Porter gave a presentation on a proposed Neighborhood Watch Program. The program is a low cost way to increase community safety and involvement.

Councilmember Pestinger moved to support the Police Department efforts to start a Block Watch program. Councilmember Inge seconded the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nestle Announcement Mayor Temple announced Nestle Waters has decided not to pursue constructing a bottled water facility in Orting.

Councilmember Drennen moved to cancel the Study Session

scheduled for February 4. Councilmember Ford seconded the motion and it carried.

Digital Television Switch City Administrator Bethune reported that Comcast ~~cable~~ is preparing to migrate its Expanded Basic channels, channels 30 through 69, to a digital format in our area. A free converter box is available. This switch is in addition to ~~National~~ national digital conversion that is scheduled to occur on February 17, 2009.

2009 Council Retreat Mayor Temple announced that it is time to start planning the 2009 Council retreat. At the next meeting, the Council will set a date. Potential topics for the retreat include:

- Goals
- Downtown Vision Project
- Open Public Meetings Act
- Public Disclosure
- Guest Speakers: County level elected officials and Rhonda Madison from the Orting Chamber of Commerce

Emergency Preparedness Fair City Administrator Bethune announced that the City would be holding its first Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Orting High School Gymnasium.

Transportation Project Updates Engineer Roberts reported that the State Route 162 rechannelization project will be ready to put out for bid in the next couple of months. The project is also on schedule A for economic stimulus funding.

The Southwest Connector is in the design phase and will be ready for bidding and construction next year.

Bridge for Kids Update Councilmember Inge reported that he and Councilmember Drennen had attending a Bridge for Kids Steering Committee meeting. Thirty percent design of the project has been completed.

Sand Bar Removal Councilmember Colorossi reported that he had recently met with Dan Haugness, an applicant to remove the sandbars in the rivers. His application had been denied based on a variety of reasons.

Councilmember Colorossi encourages the Council and staff to continue to support dredging of the rivers.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Pestinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm.
Councilmember Colorossi seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

Finance Director/City Clerk Susan J. Davis

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple