

ORTING CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2011

Mayor Cheryl Temple called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Orting Public Safety Building, with Boy Scouts from Dens 5 and 6 leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call found in attendance Councilmembers Graham Hunt, Stanley Holland, Ava Krogh, Scott Drennen, Rickord Fritz, David Inge and Guy S. Colorossi.

ATTENDANCE:

City Employees

Mark Bethune, City Administrator
Gwen Robson, Executive Assistant
Bill Drake, Police Chief

Ken Wolfe, Building Official
Kaaren Woods, Court Administrator

Professional Representatives

Chris Bacha, Attorney - Kenyon Disend
JC Hungerford, Engineer - Parametrix
Margaret O'Harra, Fire Commissioner
Paul Webb, Fire Chief

Visitors (signed in)

Josh Penner, Shirley Frasl Sigafos, Barbara Ford, Mary Inge, John Downs, Gina Maxfield, Ray Rosendale, Connie Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Minutes of November 9, 2011
Councilmember Fritz requested a correction to the minutes for Ordinance No. 915, to indicate his nay vote.
- B. Approval of Claims Warrants No. 17919 through No. 17977, in the amount of \$315,532.95 and Payroll Warrants No. 20756 through No. 20778 in the amount of \$141,552.78.
- C. November Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Councilmember Colorossi to approve the Consent Agenda for November 30, 2011 as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Inge, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Code Enforcement Issue

Brenda Bresnahan reported she is having a continuing problem with rats on her property, which she attributes to conditions on adjoining property. Mr. Bethune advised that Code Enforcement Officer Rick Kuss is working on the issue and is in the process of requiring appropriate measures be taken by the owners of the adjoining property. Mr. Wolfe reported that continued maintenance is needed and Mr. Kuss is following up on the issue.

Grant Request

Mr. Downs, representing the Opportunity Center of Orting, gave a brief description of the program and thanked the Council for its support. He requested a continuation of the \$500 grant for 2012 and invited everyone to a Christmas play at the Methodist Church on Friday, December 16th at 7pm or Saturday, December 17th at 2pm.

Orting Senior Center

Ms. Ford reported that the Senior Center held their annual Christmas party earlier in the day, and it was a big success. License plate holders and jars of honey are still being sold by the Center. Ms. Ford thanked the Council for their support.

Daffodil Princess

Mayor Temple reported that the Daffodil Princess for Orting, Morgan Butler-Koler, was unable to attend the meeting due to school commitments.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER:

Mayor Temple nominated Rick Biehl to be the new Planning Commissioner. A Motion was made by Councilmember Holland to approve Rick Biehl as Planning Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Inge, and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMEMBER RECOGNITION

Mayor Temple honored Councilmember Inge by providing a synopsis of his accomplishments over the last 23 years as this will be his last meeting as a Councilmember. Members of the Council individually thanked Councilmember Inge for his many contributions, assistance and guidance. Councilmember Inge thanked the citizens of Orting for their input and conversations, and thanked the staff for their support.

COUNCIL RECESS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Holland to recess Council, seconded by Councilmember Hunt, and passed unanimously. The Council recessed to honor Councilmember Inge and share refreshments.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT MEETING (TBD)

Councilmember Holland moved to open the newly created Transportation Benefit District Board (TBD) meeting. Councilmember Krogh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of Chair

Councilmember Holland nominated Councilmember Hunt as Chairperson of the Orting Transportation Benefit District Board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Krogh and carried unanimously. Councilmember Hunt called the meeting of the TBD to order.

Interlocal Agreement

City Attorney Chris Bacha explained the functions of the TBD and the process required to assess fees. The impact to the budget was discussed and Mr. Bethune indicated that the Six Year Transportation Plan is included in the budget.

**Resolution No. 2011-14:
Interlocal Agreement**

Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt a Resolution of the Orting Transportation Benefit District, adopting and authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Orting for the provision of services and insurance. Councilmember Holland seconded, with ayes from Councilmembers Krogh, Drennen, Fritz and Inge, with a nay vote from Councilmember Colorossi. The motion carried. The Board set the next meeting for the January 11, 2012.

Adjournment

Councilmember Hunt moved to adjourn the TBD meeting. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO COUNCIL MEETING:

Councilmember Hunt moved to reconvene the Council meeting. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Temple reconvened the Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 2011-13 Councilmember Hunt moved to adopt a Resolution of the City of Orting, Washington, adopting and authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Orting Transportation Benefit District. Councilmember Holland seconded, with ayes by Councilmembers Krogh, Drennen, Fritz and Inge, and a nay by Councilmember Colorossi.

Ordinance No. 918B: After a short presentation by Mr. Hungerford of Parametrix, Deputy Mayor Drennen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 918A, an Ordinance of the City of Orting, Washington, relating to utility rates; amending sections 9-1D-2, 9-1B-3.A.4, 9-2B-1, 9-2B-2.D, 9-5C-6, & 9-5C-9.C of the Orting Municipal Code relating to utility rates and charges; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland and carried, with ayes by Councilmembers Hunt, Krogh, Inge and Colorossi; with a nay vote from Councilmember Fritz.

Ordinance No. 921: Councilmember Inge moved to adopt Ordinance No. 921, adopting the City of Orting 2012 Budget. Councilmember Holland seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 922: Mr. Bethune, City Administrator, requested approval of amendments to the 2011 Budget. Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Ordinance No. 922 amending the 2011 Fiscal Budget, authorizing certain expenditures. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hunt and carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 923: Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Ordinance No. 923, eliminating the Anti-Recession Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland, and carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 924: Councilmember Colorossi moved to adopt Ordinance No: 924 eliminating the Equipment Reserve Fund. Councilmember Fritz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor Temple encouraged rotation of the Council committee assignments. She will form an ad hoc committee, which will accept requests from Councilmembers for preferred assignments. Mayor Temple requested volunteers and Councilmembers Hunt and Fritz agreed to serve on the committee. Mayor Temple requested Councilmembers forward their preferences to Gwen Robson within one week for review by the ad hoc committee.

CANCEL DECEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING:

Councilmember Hunt moved to cancel the December 28, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland and carried unanimously.

STANDING AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

River Management Mr. Wolfe, Building Official, reported that Pierce County is in the process of preparing billings for the Puyallup River general investigation by the Army Corp of Engineers. Orting's work-in-kind contribution (Calistoga Levee geotechnical study) exceeds the amount due and a credit will be applied with an additional amount rolled over into the

next billing cycle, for a net savings of \$2,900. On December 15, 2011 Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Bethune will meet with Senator Cantwell's staff to discuss identifying federal funding to help with construction costs of the levee setback project. A meeting with Senator Cantwell will be set for some time in January. The setback levee design is above 90%. We are awaiting permits at this time.

Parks The fencing is in place for the dog park with assistance from the City crew. In the next year landscaping will be done and a Grand Opening will be held. Gratzner Park will require additional American with Disabilities Act (ADA) work be done prior to finalization.

Utilities and Technology No report

Finance No report

Community Development Councilmember Krogh reported attending a Chamber of Commerce special presentation by Calvin Goings, Regional Administrator for the Small Business Administration. The 2012 Saturday Market was also discussed.

Governmental Affairs No report.

**Public Safety/
Fire District 18** Fire Chief Webb reported that it is expected that the department's 2012 Strategic Plan will be adopted by the board on December 20, 2011.

Transportation No report

Bridge For Kids No report

Pierce County Regional Council No report

ADJOURN:

Councilmember Inge moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Councilmember Fritz seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Administrator Mark Bethune

Mayor Cheryl M. Temple