

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2007
AT 7:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Flag Salute

Call to Order

Mayor Scott Burge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

The meeting of the City of Scappoose was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers; 33568 East Columbia Avenue; Scappoose, Oregon with the following present:

City Council Members:

Scott Burge	Mayor
Judie Ingham	Council President
Lisa Smith	Councilor
Jeff Bernhard	Councilor
Larry Meres	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Pentecost	City Recorder

Press:

Darryl Swan, Spotlight

Excused: Councilor Donna Gedlich, Councilor Chuck Judd and Legal Counsel

Approval of Agenda

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Smith seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2007 Council meeting. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Proclamation

Mayor Burge read the VFW Buddy Poppy Proclamation. In a section of the Proclamation Mayor Burge read "I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens."

Frank Weber, Clifford Kuhl and Jerry Peal honored us with their presence. Mr. Kuhl, Mr. Weber and Mr. Peal went around the Council Chambers and handed out VFW Buddy Poppies.

New Business

Scappoose Community Club Gazebo Request

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the requested dates are July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, and August 3, 2007.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion that Council grant the Scappoose Community Club's request for the "Gathering at the Gazebo" concert series. Motion passed (4-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Smith abstained due to being the President of the Community Club.

Scappoose Community Club Farmer's Market Request

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the dates requested are every Saturday from May 19 through September 15, 2007. The Community Club is also requesting the ability to place sandwich boards signs in the park strip along Highway 30, and a waiver from the City's Temporary Use Permit.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion that Council grant the Scappoose Community Club's request to use city leased railroad right-of-way adjacent to First Street for the location of the Scappoose Farmer's Market. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Presentation from Scappoose Bay Watershed Council

Janelle St. Pierre and Rita Beaston, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and Jeff Foisy, Columbia Land Trust are here tonight for an informational opportunity. They gave some handouts to the Council. Janelle St. Pierre explained they would like to talk to the City Council a little bit about what the Watershed Council has been doing and a new direction they are moving in to. She also wanted to explain something the Watershed Council is interested in working on with the City. She explained this is their 10th anniversary and they have been working on a lot of different kind of projects. She explained they have done number of projects with the City in the past and some of those are reflected in the color photo flyer they handed out. She explained a lot of the projects are really successful and the City is getting fish moving up right through the middle of town up South Scappoose Creek. She explained it is still the healthiest Salmon creek in the watershed. She explained they are seeing Salmon farther up in the water shed then they have before. She explained the Watershed Council has been thinking about where the next step is that they want to go. She stated one of the things they are thinking about is what is the condition of South Scappoose Creek; long term what does the health look

like for the creek, what does the flood plain look like, what does the fish population look like. She explained about a year ago City Manager Hanken came to them and said the City would be interested in working more with the Watershed Council to try and figure out how to improve the health of Scappoose Creek and look at some of the pretty significant erosion problems.

Council President Ingham wondered how the improvements are funded. Janelle St. Pierre replied they are mostly grant funded. She stated she writes a lot of grants and they had 13 grants last year. She explained they are interested in looking in Scappoose Creek in a different way because it has come to the Watersheds attention that the kind of problems that are happening are not things that they can fix one little culvert project at a time. She explained they have done two things; they have funds from the Jubitz Family Foundation with match funds actually from local match (Columbia River PUD, Scappoose Sand and Gravel, a total of \$2,500.00 in local sources). She explained in order to identify the projects that would need to be done in town they really need to do a comprehensive survey with the idea that you kind of need to understand what is happening with the creek and what its potential is to change. She explained you don't want to put a \$500,000.00 project in and then two years down the road have high water wipe it out. She explained there is infrastructure that is being exposed in town and she knows that City staff and the Watershed is concerned about how much erosion and sediment is ending up in the creek because this is our Salmon corridor. She explained the Watershed Council did apply for about \$50,000.000 in technical assistance funds to be able to do a study with the idea that they look at opportunities and identify potential restoration projects. She stated that basically builds a frame with for her to be able to start to put together restoration grants and look for money for engineering and design. She feels this is a process that will probably take five, ten, maybe even fifteen years because the scope of doing restoration has an impact on 4 miles of creek and that is a lot larger than a culvert under the road. She stated the Watershed Council is interested in trying to help the City and trying to do something that is pretty innovated.

City Manager Hanken explained part of his long term goal as we start looking at what is happening in this park is to be able to do some of the bio-engineering on the property. He wants the public to be able to see how that works and what a better place to do that then on City property so they can see what steps are involved. He explained this is part of an educational process that we can look at the before and after as to what was done. He stated the potential of grant opportunities through working with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council may help property owners to say this is something that I really wish to look at on my property.

Jeff Foisy, Columbia Land Trust, explained the concept behind land trust is essentially they fill the gap between government and land owners. He explained he would work specially with private land owners who are interested in conserving their land either through selling it to a land trusts who can steward it forever by a conservation easement on their land. They have negotiators and transaction people that will negotiate those deals then they have a stewardship staff that will basically take care of the land and then we work with partners to enhance or restore the habitat. He went over some of the tools they use. He explained some of the projects that they have done are in the hand outs that were passed out to Council.

Councilor Smith stated she knows the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council has a presence at the Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival. She asked that information on the Land Trust be available for people who attend the Festival this year.

Councilor Bernhard is really looking forward to how Scappoose Bay Watershed works with the City on the Connelly property. He thinks it is an exciting piece. He stated the City of Scappoose is really unique to have a large park area with such a beautiful creek frontage that goes through the park. He is looking forward to what we come up.

Council President Ingham likes the idea about signage about the area.

City Council thanked Janelle St. Pierre, Rita Beaston and Jeff Foisy for their time.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar for the month of May.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken discussed the leak in the Judges chambers. He explained the roof is done. He explained labor negotiations will be happening again at the end of this week or beginning of next week. He explained they are trying to get this wrapped up by the end of the physical year.

Police Chief

Chief Greisen explained next week is National Police Officer week. He went over death statistics and explained the death rate in 2006 was down.

Councilors

Councilor Meres asked Police Chief Greisen how the Varsity event went. Police Chief Greisen explained on Saturday night there were no noise complaints. He explained there were two complaints regarding parking issues. He stated in the police aspect it went very well.

Councilor Bernhard thanked the Budget Committee members for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and do the budget. He thought the process went smooth and it is nice to see the volunteers come out and be part of the process. He thanked City Manager Hanken for a good budget.

Council President Ingham wondered if the school has an issue with people parking in their lot (after hours) who are attending the Varsity events. Police Chief Greisen replied he is not the person to actually ask, that would be the school district. He stated the school district does allow people to use their parking lot when they get permission from them. He explained about a week ago the City had mediation with the business owners surrounding the school district. He explained after the mediation the school district realized that during all the school activities a lot of their over flow goes into the surrounding businesses parking lots.

Council President Ingham spoke about cross walks and stop signs. She would like the Police Chief to be able to have the ability to do his job. Councilor Smith stated it is already in the code. City Manager Hanken replied it is not the Police Chiefs job it is the public works director. Council President Ingham stated her question was why do the stop signs come in front of Council? City Manager Hanken explained if it comes before Council it gives the public a chance to give input. Councilor Meres feels it is important to have more input.

Council President Ingham stated the budget process went very smoothly and it was an enjoyable process to go through. She thanked City Manager Hanken for his hard work.

Councilor Smith wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the Coast River Business Journal that is located at the front counter in the lobby at City Hall. She explained one of the interesting articles that is listed in there is on the farmers market and spin off businesses. She explained in Scappoose our Farmer's Market has generated two or three spin off businesses.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Pentecost, City Recorder