

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007
AT 7:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Call to Order

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

Flag Salute

Mayor Burge asked for a moment of silence in honor of Judge Don Jimerson who passed away on September 19, 2007. He served the City for many years very well.

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
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Lisa Smith	Councilor
Jeff Bernhard	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Susan Pentecost	City Recorder
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Shaun Barrett	Police Officer
Terry Andrews	Field Services Supervisor

Excused: Councilor Judd and Legal Counsel

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Burge added 8.3 A Proclamation "Statement of support for the Guard and Reserve".

Council President Ingham moved, and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Public Comments

Dave Weber, Scappoose, explained he is concerned with some things in town like the recreational vehicles on the streets. He explained he would certainly like to see an ordinance that addresses that situation, due to the narrow streets.

Council President Ingham would like to review any related ordinances as far as parking on the street, moving your vehicle one inch issue.

Mrs. Weber stated she filed a complaint three months ago and nothing has happened. Mr. Weber stated since then they have filed another complaint.

Councilor Gedlich stated maybe what Council can do is discuss this at the next meeting when they are going to be discussing other nuisance issues.

Consent Agenda

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2007 Council meeting. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Old Business

Review of Nuisance Ordinance

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

There was discussion on the Police Department having to get a search warrant to go into some ones house to find out what they were burning.

Councilor Smith moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance that addresses burning out of fire places of obnoxious materials and make sure it is enforceable. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

Councilor Bernhard explained one of the concerns he has about this is all the sudden we are taking our Police Officers and turning them into trash burning officers. He feels the department is busy enough as it is dealing with serious crimes instead of dealing with burning issues in people's fire places. He feels there are other pieces to the nuisance ordinance that we can tighten up on and those people need to be punished accordantly.

Council President Ingham explained there was an issue on the news channel regarding limiting the number of animals in your home. She would like to see an ordinance that limits the number of cats and dogs.

Chief Greisen explained here with him tonight is Officer Barrett. Officer Barrett has been with the City of Scappoose for almost 1 year. He explained Officer Barrett has over 12 years of law enforcement experience. He explained during his career he also did another 5 years with Columbia County Animal Control.

Officer Barrett explained currently the City does not license dogs that is done through Columbia County. He explained does have the ability to put a kennel ordinance out that would limit the amount of dogs. He explained if the City starts the business of licensing dogs the City will have to have a facility to maintain the dogs. He explained Columbia County takes care of the strays now because they license the dogs.

Councilor Smith read from the municipal code book section 8.20.030 regarding animals at large. She explained the City does use the phrase animals so she assumes that includes cats wondering around the neighborhood.

Teresa Keller explained Columbia County told her if she had more than 5 dogs she would have to get a kennel license.

Mayor Burge would like to have a workshop on November 5, 2007 on these issues.

Councilor Smith explained she made a summary of the current nuisance enforcement and what it looks like the City of Scappoose's law requires: If the Police believe a nuisance exists they issue a citation, court declares it a nuisance if the Police have presented them with enough evidence to do that, the City abates it, the City bills the property owner, the Council places a lien on the property. She explained those are all items gathered from our current existing nuisance abatement process. She stated we need to look at that process. She stated what we are talking about here is repeat offenders.

Chief Greisen explained first thing after the meeting he is going to checking in to Mr. Weber's complaint. He explained through the last couple of years the complaint process has gotten better and better. The Police Department has cited individuals who actually gone to court and it is in the courts hands.

City Manager Hanken replied he has looked at the cases that have gone through court in the past two years and Judge Taylor attempts to get resolution to the problem.

Council President Ingham asked City Manager Hanken if he called Waste Management regarding helping families in need. City Manager Hanken replied Waste Management doesn't have a program to assist families in need.

Councilor Bernhard wants to make sure that if the Council comes up with new ordinances he wants it to be enforced.

Councilor Gedlich asked City Manager Hanken to write Mr. Larson a letter regarding this issue making sure he is aware that the City is moving forward as quickly as we can.

Automated Meter Reading System

Terry Andrews, Field Services Supervisor, went over the staff report.

Councilor Bernhard asked about the increased revenue section on the spread sheet. Terry Andrews explained that would be an increase in labor savings. City Manager Hanken explained it should be labeled "labor savings" not increased revenue. He explained it would be from the reduction of staff reading meters.

Councilor Smith moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion that Council authorize the installation of wireless radio read meters in all new development from this point forward. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Smith, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; and Councilor Meres, aye.

New Business

LOC report on Stipends for Councilors

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

Councilor Smith stated no thank you.

Councilor Bernhard explained he also is not in favor of this. He feels once you get in to the paid aspect you lose the volunteer aspect. He explained the City is not large enough at this time.

Councilor Gedlich explained she has been volunteering in this community for 25 years or more. She doesn't want to see any more of this information coming before her.

Council President Ingham explained she asked for the stipend information. She agrees with Councilor Bernhard that the size of Scappoose doesn't warrant stipends for right now. She explained with the growth in this community it might be something to look at down the road.

Estimate of Scappoose Municipal Park Time Frame

City Manager Hanken went over the park time frame.

Councilor Bernhard wanted to know if there is any way possible to push this up. City Manager Hanken explained there is a process that we need to follow.

Mayor Burge asked about the play structures in the park. City Manager Hanken explained he will be bringing ideas to the Council.

Councilor Bernhard thanked City Manager Hanken for knowing what needs to be done.

Proclamation Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

Mayor Burge read the Proclamation Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the Calendar. The next meeting will be on October 15, 2007 and there will be a workshop on November 5, 2007

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained Judge MacLean was the City of Scappoose's Judge Pro Tem and due to Judge MacLean passing away the City needs to find another Judge Pro Tem. He explained there is a legal procedure that Judge Taylor will have to step down from so the City will need to handle this soon and he will have something on the agenda at the next meeting.

He is leaving for LGPI tomorrow and will be gone the rest of the week.

Police Chief

Chief Greisen explained starting October 15 -25, 2007 there will be the TOPOFF exercise. He explained Council is invited to go watch the exercise. He will forward the email to the Council.

Councilors

Councilor Bernhard thanked Police Chief Greisen about the information he provided at the last meeting. He wanted to let Council President Ingham that he does appreciate and respect her asking for the stipend information. He explained even though he doesn't agree with it he still respects the idea of it.

Councilor Smith explained the City Council received a thank you letter from the Columbia Arts Guild for the use of the Council Chambers during the Sauerkraut Festival. She explained the Cub Scouts will be

touring City Hall and the Police Department on October 8, 2007. She wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that they are invited to be here if any are able to.

Mayor Burge explained the LOC conference was good. Kyle Sallee received his laptop and his poster will be displayed at the State Capital. He stated when it comes to the stipends don't be afraid to request something to go on the agenda because having the discussion is important.

Councilor Gedlich asked if after Kyle's poster is on display at the State Capital can we have it here for a period of time. City Manager Hanken explained he will ask the League of Oregon Cities.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Pentecost, City Recorder