

AGENDA  
SCAPPOOSE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
33568 E. COLUMBIA AVE  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008**  
**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AT 7:00 P.M.**



ITEM	AGENDA TOPIC	
1.0	Call to Order	
2.0	Pledge of Allegiance	
3.0	Roll Call	
4.0	Approval of the Agenda	
5.0	Public Comments	
6.0	Approval of the Consent Agendas	
6.1	July 21, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes	
	Appointment of Ad-Hoc Economic Opportunity Analysis Advisory Committee Member	
7.0	Old Business	
7.1	Ordinance Approving Annexation of Property to the City of Scappoose, Amending the Zoning Map, and Calling an Election	2nd Reading
	Staff: Hanken	
8.0	New Business	
8.1	School Resolution in support of Ballot Measure 5-188	
	Staff: Hanken	Action
8.2	Fund Exchange Agreement with ODOT	
	Staff: Hanken	Report only
8.3	Discussion on City Manager's review	
	Mayor Burge	
9.0	Announcements	
9.1	Calendar	
9.2	Police Chief, City Manager, Councilors, and Mayor	
10.0	Adjournment	TTY 1-503-378-5938

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**Call to Order**

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

**Flag Salute**

**Roll Call**

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

**City Council Members:**

<b>Scott Burge</b>	Mayor
<b>Donna Gedlich</b>	Councilor
<b>Charles Judd</b>	Councilor
<b>Larry P. Meres</b>	Councilor
<b>Art Heerwagen</b>	Councilor

**Staff:**

<b>Jon Hanken</b>	City Manager
<b>Doug Greisen</b>	Police Chief
<b>Susan Pentecost</b>	City Recorder

**Press:**

<b>Cecilia Haack</b>	Spotlight
<b>Matthew Nash</b>	The Chronicle

**Excused:** Council President Ingham, Councilor Bernhard and Legal Counsel Andy Jordan

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Burge amended agenda item 8.3 to be "Mayor's Discussion".

Councilor Judd moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Gedlich; aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

**Public Comments**

Frank Pohs, Scappoose, is here tonight to address the tall grass issue which is a fire hazard. He explained around Springlake Manufactured Home Park there is real fire hazard due to lots of grass. He explained a lot of it is over 12 inches high. Chief Greisen went to get a nuisance complaint form for Mr. Pohs to fill out.

Gerald Noce explained he turned in a complaint about the grass. He explained right now it is 3 to 4 feet tall and in certain areas there are blackberries. He turned in a complaint in May of 2006, the Scappoose Police came out and look the situation over and said yea there is a problem. He explained after about 6 weeks after turning in the complaint he came in and talked with City Manager Hanken, who told him he has to go through the process. He stated fall comes, the rain comes, and everything is ok because it is wet. He stated in August of 2007 a guy was hired by

Scharf to cut it down, 15 months later. He stated we shouldn't have to come here every year and file a nuisance complaint with the Police Department and then wait 15 months. He stated the houses that we have are 30 feet a part and then you have a deck, etc. He explained he has talked to the fire department and he said they don't have enough gear to fight a fire in there. He explained there are a lot of people in the park that would have a hard time getting out of their homes if there was a fire.

City Manager Hanken explained one of the problems that the assisted living center will tell you they are dealing with is the mound of dirt that is built up around makes it very difficult for them to take down the brush. One of the things that they are waiting for is to move forward with future development but that won't occur until the crossing issue has been resolved.

Councilor Meres stated he is confused about this. He asked aren't these areas just fields, do they not just need a fire break. He thinks this is a fire department issue. Mayor Burge replied it is but it is under the City's nuisance ordinance.

Chief Greisen explained the nuisance complaint forms can be obtained at the Police Department, City Hall, Public Works, plus they can be obtained from the City's web site.

Councilor Gedlich stated maybe we can get the newspaper reporters that are here tonight to do an article in the paper.

Councilor Gedlich explained there is a responsibly as a home owner but if I have a complaint there is a process. She stated if you don't follow the process then it gets to be a real legal hassle between department heads and property owners and we don't want that, we want everybody to work together. She stated if you wait 15 months, to her, that is unacceptable, also that is irresponsible. She stated if you wait for a couple of weeks to give somebody a chance to do something, that is fine but 15 months they are going to say they don't care so why should I.

Mayor Burge thanked the gentlemen for brining this to Councils attention.

### **Consent Agenda**

**July 21 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Marie Gadotti, Councilor Gedlich and Councilor Heerwagen to the Ad Hoc Economic Opportunity Analysis Advisory Committee.**

Councilor Judd moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion to approve the July 21 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Marie Gadotti, Councilor Gedlich and Councilor Heerwagen to the Ad Hoc Economic Opportunity Analysis Advisory Committee. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Gedlich; aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

### **Old Business**

**Ordinance Approving Annexation of Property to the City of Scappoose, Amending the Zoning Map, and Calling an Election**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained nothing has changed from the last time it was presented to Council.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time.

### **New Business**

#### **School Resolution in support of Ballot Measure 5-188**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained as staff he can not give a recommendation one way or another. He explained his function here is to serve only as administration capacity which means he put the resolution in the format and did the staff report and made copies and handed it out to everybody.

Karen Kessi, Scappoose, Campaign Manager for Ballot Measure 5-188, asked Council if Council would like to see a couple of quick informational videos. Mayor Burge suggested if they show the video after the meeting.

Councilor Gedlich asked about waiting until all the Council members are present.

Karen Kessi replied they have launched a web site of scappooseschoolbond.com and the web site will have the videos on them and Council can view at their leisure that way.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Judd seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 08-13, A Resolution Supporting the Scappoose School District's \$33.3 Million Capital Bond Measure for November 4, 2008.

Councilor Gedlich wished them all the support.

Councilor Meres explained he is really concerned about this bond. He would have to say at this point the only reason he is going to say yes on this one is because of this Council and the Mayor passed a resolution trying to work together with the School District. He thinks it is going to hit really hard on a lot of the elderly.

Karen Kessi replied she appreciates that and if she could make one comment to that it would be that they have a piece of research that they have discovered that they can quote that states that property values in the community are stabilize by strong school systems and so there is benefit to people. She would almost consider it an investment in that sense. She explained it does have a financial impact on people and they are sensitive to that, but the need is so great and if we don't continue to pursue this right now we will price our selves out of being able to do anything significant in our school in the future. She explained we have lots so much purchasing power in the last 6 years, since the last school bond failed, that she almost feels like it is going to be that much worse for us if we wait any longer. She explained since 2002 when the last bond measure was on the ballot they have lost about \$200,000.00 a month in purchasing power through the school district.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

### **Fund Exchange Agreement with ODOT**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Burge gave a quick report on the Mayors Conference. He explained he had a good conversation with Mayor Potter regarding the possible region training facility and his visions. He will be sending Mayor Burge a copy of their business plan.

Mayor Burge explained he has talked about working with businesses and a business advisory committee. He explained Pendleton has something that is a little more expanded and called a Pendleton Progress Board. He like that idea so much that he verbally got commitments from the Mayor of Pendleton and the Chair of the Progress to come to Scappoose and discuss what they did. He gave Council and staff a handout of Pendleton Sustainable Progress presentation.

### **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar. Mayor Burge explained at the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting there will be a sustainability workshop.

### **City Manager**

City Manager Hanken reminded Council of the LOC Conference in October. He explained in Councils mail box they received a copy of the park construction time frame. He just wanted to give them an idea of how we hope that facility will be moving forward.

### **Councilors**

Councilor Gedlich thanked Police Chief Greisen for helping the gentlemen here this evening. She also thanked Karen for coming back again and she wishes her luck. She congratulated Maria on her appointment and explained she is looking forward to working with her an Art.

Councilor Heerwagen explained he just went and looked at the progress on the park. That is exciting to see them moving dirt, finally, it is looking great.

Frank Pohs asked how long has the planning of the park has been in progress. City Manager Hanken replied we started the planning of the park in 2004. He explained we received a \$500,000.00. He explained the park has been in the City's plan for 40 years.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge came out of executive session and adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**City of Scappoose, Oregon**

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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M Pentecost, City Recorder