

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008
AT 7:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

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:

Scott Burge	Mayor
Judie Ingham	Council President
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Jeff Bernhard	Councilor
Charles Judd	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Art Heerwagen	Councilor

Staff:

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

Cindy Phillips	Legal Counsel
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Approval of Agenda

Mayor Burge revised 8.2 to read Resolution No. 08-04.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich; aye, Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Public Comments

Jean Lewis explained she is working on youth projects and is trying to get youth centers; one in St. Helens and one in Scappoose. She explained in the interim she is trying to get the kids involved with youth helping youth. She explained she has talked to Mayor Burge regarding beginning a Youth Advisory Board that would work under the umbrella of the Mayor. She also discussed Teen Court and a Fair Project, Youth and seniors and also working on getting a Youth Center. She gave a hand out to Council and staff.

Councilor Gedlich asked Ms. Lewis to get in contact with City Manager Hanken because the City will be starting the budget process soon. She explained there may be State Revenue Shares and if accepted there could be dollars for various community groups for projects. She stated this sounds like a great project that the City could get involved in. Ms. Lewis explained she has been in contact with City Manager Hanken.

Consent Agenda

January 22, 2008 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes & February 4, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilor Bernhard moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to approve the January 22, 2008 City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes & February 4, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Council President Ingham abstained on the January 22, 2008 minutes due to not being present.

Councilor Heerwagen asked Mayor Burge about the meeting regarding the guardrails on Cornelius Pass. Mayor Burge replied the committee members were very supportive and wanting to push forward on seeing what they can do.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 796: An Ordinance Relating to Ballot Measure 37 and Repealing Scappoose Code Chapter 17.10

City Manager Hanken explained there have been no changes to the ordinance since the last meeting.

Mayor Burge opened and closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Resolution No. 08-03: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose, Columbia County, Oregon, calling measure election to submit to the electors of the City the question of contracting general obligation bonded indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance the costs of capital construction and capital improvements; declaring intent to reimburse expenditures: and related matter.

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

Councilor Gedlich asked City Manager Hanken to explain to the citizens in the audience what the City is doing. She has a concern; she knows the amount of the bond is based on the current population of individual home owners and commercial sites, based on what the value is.

City Manager Hanken explained to get all the projects aligned and coordinated the State is talking about a 2010 time frame. He explained what his recommendation is that we as a City need to be there as well in order to do all in one shot simply because once the State goes through and does there project we lose a little bit of coordination with adds to the cost. He explained in addition if we don't get this done by the time the railroad goes through and replaces their tracks with a heavier rail there is no incentive for them to come back to work with the City to help raise the tracks. He explained this is a crossing the City needs and the States viewpoint is the City is going to pay for it. He explained in 2000 ~ 2002 the City was working on a rail corridor study to address the issues of the train. He explained one of the things that we recognized at

that time was there was a potential for unit trains to come through this community. The unit trains are about 1.5 mile long. He explained one of the reasons why we wanted to sit down and start dealing with the railroad now is because we are working towards getting the Scappoose ~ Vernonia Crossing open and we kept butting heads in terms of what was needed to open a crossing, what the conditions were, what needed to be done in terms of closing a crossing as all part of the State and Federal Rules. He explained to do this on an individual crossing basis every time we wanted to talk about this was unproductive because it took two years to do it and we never really got any where. He explained so the City took a different approach and developed the rail corridor study, which was one of the firsts in the State. He explained other community's are using our rail corridor study as a model. He explained this plan has been adopted by Council. He explained what we are proposing for the Havlik Hwy 30 Crossing is to build at grade crossing at the Havlik Intersection that would go east and connect to 2nd Street at some point. He explained the proposed crossing is about 3.5 millions dollars which is what the maximum would be and you divide that out over a 20 year time period plus interest and then you take that amount that is due and spread amongst all the properties based upon the asessed value of the property and you get what is called a millage rate. The millage rate would be applied to the property taxes and you pay that in November when the taxes are due.

Councilor Bernhard stated from the workshop discussions this was motivated from a safety standpoint. He stated if this is motivated from a safety standpoint he is curious to know what we have put in place for safety in to the year 2010. He stated if this is truly motivated for a safety reason we should have a plan already in place for 2010 to prove to the community that this is a safety issue and not a private business issue. He stated because of the unit trains that will actually block off Scappoose from East and West side what steps has the City taken regarding the safety issues? He stated we all know that if this bond passes construction won't be complete until 2010 so prove to me what steps have we taken to generate the safety issue and to make sure our citizens realize we are not doing this to open up land for private business that this truly is a safety piece. City Manager Hanken replied this truly is a safety piece however one of the things you have to remember with this process because there are other agencies involved like the fire department, the police department, ambulances and school in order to coordinate a safety effort there is a major undertaking. He explained one of the things we start looking at when the trains come through is can the train provide us notification as to the times they anticipate coming through. If the fire department gets a 911 call they can kind of figure out the quickest way to get to the calls based on where the train might be. He stated there has discussion related to putting a fire substation on the east side of the tracks and maybe a police substation on the west side of the tracks and that costs money as well. He explained as this community grows he anticipates that in 20 years there probably will be a fire substation on the east side and a police substation on the west side. He stated the reality of the matter is this community has a 5 lane highway and the railroad running through it and there is very little that this community has to say about the timing of the trains and when they come through. He stated in terms of do we have everything absolutely in place, no we don't. Councilor Bernhard stated he appalled the City Managers vision but at the same time when he thinks of the unit trains coming through at the end of this month or next month he would have hoped that we would have already had a plan in place to prove to our community that we had a plan in place and unfortunately we can't do that for the community right now. He is hearing that we don't have a plan in place even for the short term and this is about to impact us right away. He doesn't feel the community will vote for this when they know it is a private who will benefit.

Councilor Gedlich lives on the east side and she is also worried about the safety issues. She explained she has always worried about the railroad tracks being blocked. However her concern is how this community is going to grow in the next 15 – 25 years, because this community deserves our accountability to the future. She explained she is not going to sit here and say how she is going to vote, her purpose here is to serve every one in the audience and everyone of you in this community. She stated this is a small community and we keep growing and we all need to work together.

City Manager Hanken explained he can't prove there is going to be a pandemic or an earth quake or a flood but we prepare for them. He explained basically what he has tonight is a solution and yes this community is going to grow. He explained there are a limited number of railroad crossings that this community is going to get. He stated there is a mixed between commercial and safety. He explained as a Council you do have the responsibility to look down the road. He stated if something does happen, train wreck, derailment, some body can't get through I guarantee everybody will be coming and saying why didn't you do something about this? He stated it is real hard in government to get credit for solving a problem before it occurs. Councilor Bernhard replied to City Manager Hanken when you talk about preparedness, he agrees with him 100%, unfortunately the City of Scappoose is not prepared for the unit trains to come through tomorrow because we do not have a safety plan in place. He stated preparedness is something we should have been doing 6 months ago and we should have already had a plan in place. He stated preparedness is something that gives us the ability to help our community right now. He stated reminding him of his responsibility to be prepared for this community is uncalled for. He understands what his responsibility is as a City Councilmember. He stated all he is asking is that we are prepared tomorrow for the unit trains to come. He stated if this GO Bond comes to the voters or not we are not prepared. He stated you can't prove to me that we are right now, that is all he is asking.

Council President Ingham concurs with Councilor Bernhard. She stated the preparedness issue is important. She asked Chief Greisen what his plan is if a train comes next month and east and west it totally blocked off. Chief Greisen stated two years ago the unit train was a topic in Columbia County. He explained Scappoose is actually talking about a new road which after attending several meetings, due to the City Manger, Scappoose is so much further ahead then other communities. He explained when we look at the medical calls and the police calls we also look at how we are going to respond. He stated right now there is no road at Havlik Crossing or no overpass and nothing will be done for a couple years. He explained in the mean time hopefully nothing will happen when the train comes through town but if it does and if the train was to stop or was derailed from High School Way to Crown Zellerbach the police department can go West Lane or Johnsons Landing. He stated the problem with going out that far is not if, but when we have an active school shooting; it is going to take longer to get there. Having another intersection will make it a lot easier. He stated our community is growing and he doesn't care if this crossing is going to benefit a developer or not if it helps the City in trying to evacuate people from Springlake Park or school students he thinks that is the most important thing.

Councilor Bernhard asked as we know when the unit trains are coming through that we can possibly have police presence on both side of the tracks along with our emergency services for that 9 minute window. He asked has that discussion happened. Chief Greisen replied there has been discussion but for security reasons it won't happen. He explained there has been two attempted sabotages on Oregon Railroad Tracks in Central Oregon in the last four months so they will not tell us when the trains are coming. Council Bernhard is wondering why they are just hearing about the information tonight, this is the first he is hearing about this. City Manager Hanken replied he is just hearing this for the first time also. Chief Greisen explained that information is coming from the railroad and Home Land Security. Councilor Bernhard replied it is disturbing to him to have this information come out at a meeting like this after all the discussion there has been. He stated if we are now being told that they will not cooperate with us this opens up a whole different can of worms; one the safety issue truly becomes in play all the sudden because we don't know when the trains are coming through and we don't have good communication with what is going on with Portland, that is ridiculous. He needs to know where that information is coming from and he would like the City Manager to verify the information for him.

Council President Ingham can't believe that the railroad wouldn't go in to some kind of agreement with the Scappoose Police Department, the City Manager or the Fire Department.

Councilor Gedlich explained she thinks this was discussed at the workshop and she thinks what Chief Greisens commented on was security reasons for not being able to have any kind of a relationship on the number of rails, the number of engines, when the time framing was whether it was am or pm, whether it was how many times they were going to go through town. She believes that Chief Greisen mentioned that when Council asked about it. She doesn't remember him saying specifically what he just commented on otherwise Council would have remembered that.

City Manager Hanken explained he was not aware of the train information not being disclosed to the City.

Len Waggoner, Scappoose, explained he wanted to make a comment from a citizen's standpoint: none of you were elected from a specific district, you were elected at large in this community therefore you represent all of this community. He stated the Council's primary responsibility as a political subdivision is infrastructure that is what a city does.

Len Waggoner read over the dialog he handed out.

Dialog Outline for tonight's City Council Meeting:

Introduction: I've been retained by Dave Scharf, owner of the properties inside the City Limits of Scappoose, adjacent to the Proposed Rail Crossing Site to create a solution that will serve both Dave's interest and the transportation interests of the community.

Dave has approximately 10 acres of E.C. zoned land at or near the proposed intersection that is currently unusable due to the City of Scappoose transportation policy, meaning the City of Scappoose has determined that even with the improvement of 2nd Street from Frederick St. south to the potential extension of Havlik Drive, no commercial development will be allowed on said zoned property until the Havlik Drive crossing is complete.

Dave completed, on behalf of the mobile home park, the sidewalks on both 6th and High School way, City of Scappoose streets, but is not allowed to use these streets for commercial activity. Dave also was required to fund a \$2,000 and residence street tax, not a S.D.C., which were also included in the permit process for the subdivision on Davona and Frederick Streets.

As a component of the partition of the lots in Dave's 10 acres of E.C. zoned property is the requirement for the development and granting of a full street (60') for the completion of 2nd street to the City of Scappoose.

I am presenting this information to give the members of this council a better understanding of the "developer advantage" obtained when and if a signal and rail crossing is developed.

If Dave owned 30 acres (1,300,000 S.F.), that's double the Fred. Meyer site across the street then he could probably absorb the \$2,500,000-\$3,000,000 extra infrastructure cost. But when you analyze the effect of the same 2.5-3 million dollar cost over 450,000 S.F. (10 acres) in addition to the regular development costs and fees, contributions etc. the net infrastructure costs would exceed \$10.00 per square foot, thus pricing the property out of the market for any purchaser or user.

The proposed rail crossing is a win/win for the City of Scappoose.

1. It will allow a much improved flow of traffic to and from the East to West side of Scappoose residential and business communities including the Fred Meyer's/ Weston properties. Currently the City of Scappoose has only one full service intersection crossing U.S. highway 30 and that's

at Maple St. The balance of crossings of U.S. hwy. 30 are either one way (Columbia), dead end (Hi School Way), have no access to the residential community on the west side (Crown Rd/Vernonia Rd).

2. It will open up additional properties to the South of the current city limits of Scappoose (Havlik Drive extension included in this bond measure) for additional development of commercial, industrial and institutional users subject of course to the normal land use planning procedures of Urban Growth Boundary expansions etc.
3. It will give the emergency services of Scappoose an additional access from East to West or West to East across U.S. 30, when confronted by the arrival of the Unit Trains. The current proposal for the trains are a one and one half mile train traveling a 10 M.P.H. which means it will take a minimum of 9 minutes to clear any intersection in Scappoose and as the train progresses North or South it will have the capacity to block all the current intersections in Scappoose simultaneously for a period of four to five minutes. The proposed intersection at Havlik Drive will give the community an alternative location for crossing while all the other intersections are inaccessible.
4. Paul Peterson, Superintendent of the Scappoose School district also pointed out that with the approaching trains, the regulation for Bus crossing would prohibit the school busses for entering the stacking positions on the West side of U.S. 30, since there is such a short distance between the track and the highway, that a bus sitting in that position is in danger from oncoming Northbound traffic. The additional issue will add to the rail caused queue problems since the busses will only be able to sit in the center (turn) lane and wait for the trains to pass. That could mean an additional one to two minutes depending on where the bus is in the queue line.

My client Dave Scharf, is not asking for a free lunch, he realizes he will be responsible for financial contributions, responsible for the marketing efforts necessary to achieve a bond passage in the community and hopefully this bond issue can be on the ballot in May of 2008 instead of the general election in November 2008, where approval dollars will be competing potentially with the Scappoose School District proposed bonds.

The bond at \$2.5-\$3 Million will cost the taxpayers about .27 per 1,000 dollars or \$27.00 per \$100,000 of value @\$2.5Million amortized over 20 years at a 3.85% interest rate.

Cities, not just Scappoose, continue to suffer from the effects of Measure 5. There are no new tax revenue monies for new roads, for street repairs etc., things that the citizens of a community look to their city government to provide. Bond measures like this are the only reasonable vehicle to progress a community transportation network. Awaiting developers with large checkbooks is not a reasonable approach to a community issue.

Your job as a city council is to provide the best infrastructure possible with what funds you have. A bond is a marriage between you as community leaders and the residence of you community to make the kind of improvements that will enhance our town. (end of dialog)

Paul Peterson, Scappoose School Superintendent, explained he is just really learning about a lot of this tonight. He knew this would be discussed and thought it would be important to be here. He explained in the schools they do a lot of work in planning, prevention and educating people how to respond so that if the occurrence does ever happen where there is a shooting or a hostage situation people have some resources at hand such as a flip chart that will give them some guidance. He explained typically they find themselves

talking about the first 30 seconds, the first 3 minutes and in the first 30 minutes. He explained those are the bench marks of when certain things have to occur in an appropriate response. He stated sounds to him that this is a measure that might allow for fire and life safety response to occur in a more timely fashion and he thinks that is worth while topic for the Council and for the City and the School District to talk about in coordination with one another. He explained he just wants to express his appreciation for this because it is important that we plan and have some things in place so we can respond. He stated he wants to encourage people to continue this dialog and see if we can't find a way to improve the response for fire and life safety.

Ron Cairns, Scappoose, stated he does believe this will be an east/west because it will be coming out of people's pocket books. He agrees with Councilor Bernhard regarding the safety issue. He asked if the contractors have to put forth some towards the bond. He stated it seems like to him if the contractor is going to make a lot of money they should have to put some of it back to the community towards the crossing.

Council President Ingham explained thinking about the east/west issue she feels people on the west side will be affected by children in school or parents/family on the east side.

Councilor Gedlich stated Mr. Cairns made a comment regarding future developers and businesses paying their fair share. She feels that question was answered when City Manager stated that future tenants or residences would be paying their fair share. City Manager Hanken replied in addition to that developers do pay system development costs.

Gerald Noce, Scappoose, expressed his concern to how the residents in Springlake Park are going to benefit from the proposed road. He is also concerned with the owner of the property profiting from the proposed road. He stated that is what Springlake is faced with. City Manager Hanken stated just for clarification there was a representative from Springlake Manufactured Home Park on the Rail Corridor Committee that helped worked through this all the way through.

Councilor Bernhard asked Colleen DeShazer how many possible unit trains will be coming though Scappoose. Colleen DeShazer explained right now there will be approximately 2 a week and that is going to be for some time. Councilor Bernhard asked her if the Port has had the conversation about notification and travel times when the unit trains will be coming through. Colleen DeShazer replied the Port has had that conversation and she also participated with some other communities. She explained the City of Rainier has a lot of the same problems that the City of Scappoose is going to have. She explained the best the railroad can tell us is that the likely hood of it not coming through during a busy time like during when school lets out, they are going to do everything they can to avoid that. She explained they want to get through town as fast as they can and that is why they want to do the rail upgrade. She confirmed what Chief Greisen stated about not being able to give the approximate time the train would be coming through due to Home Land Security. Councilor Bernhard thanked Colleen DeShazer.

Council President Ingham explained at the previous meeting it was discussed how important the educational piece is, as far as educating the community. She stated there was discussion on having possible town hall meetings to educate the public about all the issues regarding this. She feels all of the input has been excellent tonight and it will give them even more information to give to the public. She would like to see the meeting scheduled as soon as possible.

Chief Greisen explained the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission and the rail road are already working on safety education for the whole County to receive.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Heerwagen seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 08-03: A Resolution of the City of Scappoose, Columbia County, Oregon, calling measure election to submit to the electors of the City the question of contracting general obligation bonded indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,500,000 to finance the costs of capital construction and capital improvements; declaring intent to reimburse expenditures; and related matter.

Councilor Bernhard has the utmost respect for Mr. Scharf and his contributions to the community. He also has the utmost respect for Mr. Waggoner and his contributions to the community and for his ideas and foresight of the future. He stated unfortunately from the beginning of this session he thinks he was very clear on how he felt on this particular measure. He explained as the conversation has gone on some good ideas have been brought forward but unfortunately he still in good conscience can not approve this bond measure for the sole purpose that we don't have the safety plan in place yet. He feels as if this is truly a safety issue the City of Scappoose will come up with different ideas for funding and that it shouldn't go to the voters. He stated the burden shouldn't be placed on the citizens of this community, so his intent is to vote no on this particular piece.

Councilor Gedlich thanked the citizens for expressing their concerns. She stated many of us are on fixed incomes. She stated it is a really hard decision for all of us to make. She has some real issues also so she will be voting no.

Council President Ingham asked City Manager Hanken if Council doesn't pass this resolution and the plan is to complete Havlik Crossing with avenues of funding, what would he be looking at as a completion date for the crossing. City Manager Hanken replied realistically 2015 or 2020, due to no revenue source.

Council President Ingham agrees with Councilor Bernhard that it is difficult decision to go to the public and ask them to finance this but she thinks that is what we have the democratic process for. She thinks it is very fair that Council put this out to the public, educate them appropriately and let the community decide if they want to pay for it.

Councilor Meres explained he has some concerns. He stated when we originally had our meeting it was \$20.00 per \$100,000.00 but now it is higher. He agrees this isn't going to pass but he thinks as Council President Ingham mentioned he feels we need to take it to the people.

Councilor Heerwagen feels Council has the responsibility of giving this to the public to say yes or no to. He feels the first thing the City wants to solve here is the safety problem. He stated if economic development is a by product of solving the safety problem he would be all for it.

Councilor Judd agrees with Councilor Bernhard in the fact that he feels safety is number one. He stated as far as giving a few business men and developers a boost that is not his point. He agrees with Councilor Ingham, send it to the people. He is willing to put it to the people and let them vote.

Councilor Gedlich just changed her mind on how she is going to vote basically because we don't have any money and she is not prepared to wait 12-15 years for that crossing to be completed, she doesn't think it is fair to the community. She feels the City needs to do a good job of explaining how much everybody is going to pay. She is hoping a lot of the people from Springlake Park that have the misconception that the railroad should pay for this crossing understand that isn't going to happen.

City Manager Hanken explained part of this whole project is to let the citizens have their say. He explained the City has been working on this for a number of years.

Mayor Burge explained he came in to this meeting undecided. He explained the plants that are going in up in Clatskanie should be burdening some of the costs and no body has the ability to collect some of the fees and it is frustrating. He explained the City needs to work on a safety plan for that area, over by Rose Valley Assisted Living. He hopes we are still asking our Congressmen and Senators for money. He thanked Commissioner DeShazer for her input.

Council President Ingham stated she knows some people have an issue with the developer profiting from the Havlik Crossing but if you look at the big picture and look at what is going to happen on down the road and when everything comes out and everyone is educated about what is going to be built on that side of the tracks when it is all said and done and how it is going to benefit the community and how many people will enjoy what is going to be built there and tax money that we will get from the motel that is going to be built there, the benefits to the community in the long run are very good. She stated for the City it is called private enterprise and that is the way it works. She feels it will be great and it will be wonderful what the developer is going to build.

Motion passed (6-1). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye, Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Bernhard, nay.

Mayor Burge recessed for a break at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Bond Attorney Agreement

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained now that Council made the decision to go forward with the GO Bond for Havlik Crossing the City will need special counsel to go forward with that process.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Ingham seconded the motion that Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with K & L Gates as outlined in the agreement.

Councilor Bernhard asked what is the cost associated with this. City Manager Hanken replied the bond attorneys do not get paid unless the bonds are approved.

Councilor Heerwagen asked what are the legal services a bond attorney provides. Cindy Phillips, Legal Counsel explained they make sure as the City is going in to the election process that the resolution is correct. She explained they were very instrumental in writing the resolution and they did final review. She explained they make sure as the City is going through the process you are spending money that is approved. She explained the main thing that bond counsel does is they make sure everything is done appropriately so when the City goes out to sell the bonds you can get the highest return for the bonds. She explained it is a bond counsel opinion that proves what you have done is legally correct, where you are going is defensible, that who ever buys these bonds is actually going to be able to get the benefit of their bargain. She explained no body is going to come in and say this is done improperly and get the whole thing thrown out. That is your main use for a bond counsel. You basically can't sell a bond without a bond counsel opinion.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye, Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Veterans Park Discussion

Mayor Burge postponed the discussion on Veterans Park discussion until the next meeting.

New Business

Appointment of Planning Commission Alternated

Mayor Burge explained three of the City Councilor applicants applied for the Planning Commission alternate position. He would like to appoint Ron Cairns as the Planning Commission alternate.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Heerwagen seconded the motion to appoint Ron Cairns to the Planning Commission. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Congratulations Ron Cairns!

Resolution No. 08-04: A Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Skate Park Advisory Committee for the City of Scappoose

Mayor Burge explained there needs to be a change on the resolution. It should be 2 councilors and 3 citizens at large.

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution No. 08-04: A Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Skate Park Advisory Committee for the City of Scappoose, with the amendment of 2 councilors and 3 citizens at large.

Council President Ingham and Councilor Bernhard would like to be on this committee. Jeff Erickson would also like to be on the committee.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to extend the meeting until 9:10 p.m. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Purchase of Real Estate

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained Council has an opportunity to purchase property at the end of N.E. 3rd Street. The purchase includes two parcels. He explained acquiring this property would allow the City plan for a collector street to be developed between East Columbia Avenue and the Crown Zellerbach Road.

Councilor Bernhard moved and Council President Ingham seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the Lemke property.

Council President Ingham asked City Manager Hanken after the mitigation and other issues are done she would like him to bring back options of what the City can do with the property so Council can discuss it.

Councilor Gedlich is very pleased about purchasing this property.

Mayor Burge explained his only concern is that they just asked the citizens of this community for 3.5 million dollars and he understands this is a separate issue but it is money that could be used to pay down the Havlik Crossing. City Manager Hanken replied he understands that but he stated the City needs to look down the road. He explained with one home on this property getting the property now it is more cost effective then getting it down the road if there was a four plexes on it. He explained then the connection would never be made.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the Calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained the painting process at City Hall has begun. The carpet is scheduled for the week of March 10. He received a letter from ODOT Rail Division that basically states the City is not in compliance with order # 98042 dated August 25, 1998. He explained this is the High School Way crossing and the City did not put in the sidewalk on the north side of the High School Way and we are in violation of the order to do the crossing. They are requesting that the City provide a description of how we are going to resolve this issue. City Manager Hanken replied it is an easy fix.

Council President Ingham moved and Councilor Bernhard seconded the motion to extend the meeting for another 5 minutes. Motion passed (6-1). Council President Ingham, aye; Councilor Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Judd, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Mayor Burge, aye.

Police Chief

Police Chief Greisen explained in April they will be having their annual Citizens Police Academy and when that is done they will be starting up the CERT academy. He explained the conversation Council had earlier was really good which brings him to the next topic. He explained last Saturday celebrated the 40th anniversary of 911. He explained 911 is the world's best telephone system. AT & T helped get 911 established with the US Senate. He explained if you think about all the emergencies our Country has had in the last 40 years it is neat to think about a system being established and how it has grown.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked all the Council for all the comments on a very important issue. She feels the main thing we have to get across is all of us working together in a positive way and showing the general public their possessiveness in the future.

Councilor Meres stated the Council Chambers looks very nice. He explained Council passed ordinances and there is still a trailer on 6th Street. He asked how many citations has the City issued on trailers and how many trailers have been moved. He is tired of seeing it. Chief Greisen explained officer's deal with nuisances in two activities; one is self initiative and the other one is calls. He reminded Council to call it in to dispatch then that creates a call load and then the officer is assigned to check it out. He is not sure how many calls there are. He stated please give dispatch a call so it creates a call load then the officer will check it out.

Councilor Bernhard asked if City Manager Hanken received his email regarding skate parks. City Manager Hanken yes he did but due to remodeling he hasn't had a chance to respond.

Council President Ingham asked about the red trailer on 1st Street. Chief Greisen reminded her to please call dispatch and they will send an officer to check it out. Council President Ingham is wondering if there is something this body can do to recognize the school district of Scappoose for going above and beyond the call with helping Vernonia. City Manager Hanken replied certainly. He asked her what it is she looking for. He and Council President Ingham will sit down and discuss what would be a good idea.

Councilor Judd asked about the email from Councilor Gedlich. Councilor Gedlich replied she has been getting emails for months regarding the issue of the wood in front of a residence, so she put the rest of the Council on her email list. She stated her comment to Chief Greisen is she is a real supportive member of the police department and she knows how hard they work, however she is tired of hearing the comment about the nuisances being low on the priority. She also feels Council has passed ordinances about all kinds of nuisance's issues over the years and every police officer should get a copy within 24 hours of the new ordinance and they should know it before it goes in to effect. She stated she is not being negative but she thinks it sounds negative on Chief Greisens' part when he says these issues are low priority because they really aren't low priority. She stated some are a real traffic hazard, some are a pedestrian hazard and somebody is going to get hurt and then they are going ask why things haven't been done.

Mayor Burge stated the Scappoose High School wrestling team took second at State. He would like to recognize the team for their accomplishment. He would like to do a proclamation and have the team here and recognize them.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Pentecost, City Recorder