

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2009
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
Jeff Bernhard	Council President
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Reeves	City Recorder
Joe Lewis	Water Treatment Plant Super

Press:

David Holley	Spotlight
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Excused: Councilor Judie Ingham, Councilor Art Heerwagen & Legal Counsel

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Burge removed 6.2 Appointment of Alternate Planning Commissioner. He will place it on the next agenda.

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

Public Comments

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

August 3, 2009 City Council Meeting minutes

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the August 3, 2009 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Proclamation

Mayor Burge read the September 2009 United Way of Columbia County Fund-Raising Month Proclamation. Thank you United Way!

New Business

Resolution 09-16: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Establishing Appropriations within the 2009-2010 Budget

Joe Lewis went over the staff report. He explained this comes as a result of the billing for the Keys Road generator extending beyond the fiscal year. He explained the money for this standby generator was already there but it got shifted in to the cash carryover line item rather than kept in the capital improvements line item. He explained the generator is done and the billing is just now received. He stated in addition to the generator project we had a tree fall on the Keys Road Water Plant and we would also like to have those improvements done before the winter sets in.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution 09-16: A Resolution Adopting a Supplemental Budget and Establishing Appropriations within the 2009-2010 Budget.

City Manager Hanken wanted to commend staff for identifying the issue and then identifying the issue for resolving this.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Resolution 09-17: A Resolution Relating to Tree Removal Fees and Amending Resolution 09-11

Mayor Burge explained he brought this one forward. He explained he had several people talk to him about street trees and when they are dead and dying someone is paying \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 to have someone come and remove it. Currently the City is charging them another \$250.00 to go through the process to remove it. He explained they have a dead and dying tree and it could fall down and it just seems like we would be hampering people during a hard time. So he suggested to City Manager Hanken to lower the fee to \$50.00 if they have had someone come out and said it is dead or dying and that way they save a little money on trying to take care of a tree in the public right-a-way.

City Manager Hanken replied as staff we have no objection to this because we don't get a great deal of request for removal of trees in the right-a-way, however it is one of those things if it is clear that it is diseased or dying we don't have an issue with it. He stated if they say it is dead or dying they still need to go through the process.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution 09-17: A Resolution Relating to Tree Removal Fees and Amending Resolution 09-11.

Councilor Gedlich asked if there are trees that are near a dead and dying tree will they be checking the neighboring trees will they be checking the adjacent trees and if so can they remove them at the same time? City Manager Hanken replied yes if an arborist comes in and determines there is some sort of a disease and the disease has spread to the other trees and there is no way cure the issue we will look at probably having it all removed at one time.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

City Manager Hanken gave an update on the Dutch Canyon Water Line and it is about 50% of the way done. He explained you can see how the sidewalk project is progressing. He explained the Havlik Highway crossing is moving forward. He explained he talked to Gordon Monroe relating to the plaza area at the ball fields.

Police Chief

Police Chief Greisen stated Hood to Coast starts the 28th of August. City Manager Hanken asked Chief Greisen if he has made contact with Hood to Coast regarding the sidewalk repairs. Police Chief Greisen replied he has left them two messages and City Planner Brian Varricchione has notified the contractors for the sidewalk.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked City Manager Hanken, Joe Lewis and Chief Greisen. She congratulated Susan Reeves on her 11 year anniversary here with the City.

Councilor Erickson stated he has actually had a few people say they can see better down the highway now that the trees are gone.

Mayor Burge explained he was at the car show this weekend and it went well. He explained the Humane Society had an event about having a dog park out behind the school district building. He explained he and City Manager Hanken suggested the northern part of Veterans Park might be a good area for a dog park.

Mayor Burge adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC
City Recorder