

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2009  
AT 7:00 P.M.  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

**Call to Order**

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

**Flag Salute**

**Oath of Office Mayor Scott Burge**

The Oath of Office was administered by Municipal Court Judge Diana M. Shera Taylor.

**Oath of Office Councilors Bernhard, Erickson and Gedlich**

The Oath of Office was administered by Municipal Court Judge Diana M. Shera Taylor.

Congratulations to all of you!

**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:**

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| <b>Scott Burge</b>    | Mayor             |
| <b>Jeff Bernhard</b>  | Council President |
| <b>Donna Gedlich</b>  | Councilor         |
| <b>Judie Ingham</b>   | Councilor         |
| <b>Larry P. Meres</b> | Councilor         |
| <b>Art Heerwagen</b>  | Councilor         |
| <b>Jeff Erickson</b>  | Councilor         |

**Staff:**

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

**Press:**

None

**Excused:** Legal Counsel

**Also Present:** Teresa Keller, Budget Committee

**Election of Council President**

Councilor Ingham nominated Councilor Bernhard for Council President. Councilor Bernhard proudly accepts the nomination. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye, Councilor Judd, aye: Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

Congratulations Council President Bernhard!

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

**November 17, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 2, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 29, 2008 Special City Council Meeting Minutes**

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the November 17, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2008 City Council Meeting Minutes and December 29, 2008 Special City Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Gedlich; aye, Councilor Judd, aye: Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

### **New Business**

#### **Capital Improvements List**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained one of the things he and Mayor Burge have discussed is doing another work session to identify what Council's priorities are for the coming year. That way staff can have direction on where they should proceed. He explained the list is things he presented tonight is for Council to take in to consideration as possibilities. He explained one of the things that he feels good about is the economic stimulus packages that may be approved by the Federal Government once President Obama takes office. He has been in contact with Representative Wu's office related to the Havlik/Highway 30 crossing to make sure that was on the list as we start moving forward with the stimulus package. He explained what he is hearing is they are looking for projects that can go out to bid within 120 days.

Mayor Burge explained the reason he originally brought this up and moved it this forward was so Council could construct a short list of our top 3 to 5 projects. He stated the point is they are going to come out with this money and he thinks as a Council it would be irresponsible for them not to aggressively go after some and try to make improvements to our community that need to be done. So that was his focus to have 3 to 5 projects that the Council could contact our Congressman, Senators and Representatives about and have some information so it is more than just Jon contacting them.

Councilor Meres stated he would put the ADA Transition Plan and Hwy 30 sidewalk improvement as a very high priority.

Councilor Gedlich would like to invite the Budget Committee members to the workshop.

Councilor Heerwagen explained as he looks at this list the Industrial Lands Infrastructure Planning and Construction, road repairs, and the storm water issue struck him as important.

Councilor Ingham stated to City Manager Hanken when staff does the road repairs and they are getting specific in the community where you could conjointly do sidewalk repairs or projects at the same time she thinks that would be good. City Manager Hanken replied certainly, they are related.

Council President Bernhard explained at a previous meeting Council talked updating a fiber optic loop basically through out the community to help drive industry in. He stated very similar to what The Dalles went through and by doing that it brought in GOOGLE in that particular area. He stated that might be something to look at but he doesn't know how quickly something can be put together; it might be a long term goal.

Mayor Burge went over the top four: Havlik/Highway 30 Crossing, Highway 30 sidewalk improvements with the ADA Transition Plan, Water line Improvements, Sidewalk projects and road repairs all over the community.

Council President Bernhard read an article in the paper regarding "Going Green", solar research, and bringing in companies that truly rely on high tech industry to really push forward. He thinks as a community we have the space and it is something that we need to look at a little more. He stated we don't have the paper plant that is going to be here to help drive jobs. We need to be thinking past our normal 50 years of history and what we can possibly bring in the future.

Mayor Burge stated at a Council meeting in February these will be some great things to discuss and work on. He stated he feels we have always depended on organizations that haven't really met our desires or standards. He feels over the next year Council should look possibly marketing some industrial land to try to drive some interest.

Mayor Burge asked for a motion to direct City Manager Hanken or to set Councils four targets for economic stimulus; Havlik/Highway 30 Crossing, Highway 30 sidewalk improvements with the ADA Transition Plan, Water line Improvements and Sidewalk projects and road repairs all over the community to be chosen by Jon and direct Jon to get the Council a one page informational fact sheets on projects.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Heerwagen seconded the motion set Councils four targets for economic stimulus as; Havlik/Highway 30 Crossing, Highway 30 sidewalk improvements with the ADA Transition Plan, Water line Improvements and Sidewalk projects and road repairs all over the community to be chosen by City Manager Hanken and direct City Manager Hanken to get the Council a one page informational fact sheets on projects. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye;

Councilor Gedlich; aye, Councilor Judd, aye: Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Heerwagen, aye.

### **Construction on Holidays**

Mayor Burge explained the City of Scappoose has an ordinance currently in the community that limits construction on Saturdays and doesn't allow it on Sundays. As he was driving around on Thanksgiving he was noticing construction projects and was thinking the City tells people they can't work on Sundays because we want people to have one day that is quiet, shouldn't we be doing the same thing on holidays.

Councilor Heerwagen asked if he is specifying which holidays? Mayor Burge replied it would be City holidays; basically if City Hall is closed for a holiday then there shouldn't be construction.

Councilor Meres replied that is too many holidays. Mayor Burge replied we can shave it down. City Manager Hanken explained as we modify that language to present to Council he will also provide a list of holidays that are currently observed by the City and Council can decide which ones you would like to incorporate in this.

### **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

### **City Manager**

City Manager Hanken spoke in regards to the LUBA appeal and explained the City prevailed on all 8 points.

He explained the SEI quarterly reports are due by January 15, 2009.

He explained today the work has begun to repair/remodel the restrooms and that will take approximately a month.

### **Police Chief**

Chief Greisen explained he met with Sherriff Dickerson today. He came to Columbia County with 28 years of experience as an Oregon State Trooper.

He talked about a high flood warning notice starting Wednesday until through noon on Thursday. He explained they are looking at the Clatskanie and Vernonia areas for flooding issues. He explained Clatskanie Chief Hoover has already requested some of Scappoose's resources. He stated basically stay alert and listen to the radio and television for weather/flood information.

He stated congratulations to everyone and Happy New Year!!

## **Councilors**

Councilor Gedlich stated Chief Greisen and City Manager Hanken she wants them to thank their staff for their hard work during the weather. She would like to thank the City's legal service for their hard work on the LUBA issue. She stated she won't be at the next Council meeting.

Councilor Meres congratulated Mayor Burge, Councilor Bernhard and Councilor Gedlich for their re-election. He also congratulated Councilor Erickson. He wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Council President Bernhard asked if we have any idea what the cost was to the City for the LUBA appeal. City Manager Hanken replied our cost was minimal because the only thing we really had involvement with was putting the record together.

Council President Bernhard stated he is looking forward to working with everyone for the next 4 years. He congratulated everyone who ran for Council and also Mayor Burge. He stated the Council has a lot of hard work ahead of them but at the same time he is going to enjoy it.

Councilor Ingham congratulated everyone. She also spoke in regards to the LUBA. She stated a lot of the reason it played out the way that it did is because this Council stood together and showed a united front and she thinks that is really important. Council President Bernhard replied he agrees.

Councilor Ingham stated Happy New Year to all!

Councilor Erickson stated he is happy to be here and he is sure there is a learning curve involved and he looks forward to the next year and years beyond that.

Councilor Heerwagen stated he is really excited about the LUBA decision. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mayor Burge stated Happy New Year! He welcomed Councilor Erickson. He congratulated Councilors Bernhard and Gedlich.

Ted White, Scappoose, stated Elm Street is falling apart and he didn't hear anybody talking about it needs to be put together again. He stated there is a lot of school bus traffic that goes in that neighborhood. He stated it would be real swell if there was a way to start thinking about solving some problems in that neighborhood, not where the new streets are. He stated it is only going to get worse.

Mayor Burge stated he knows we have been working on that one; it has just taken longer than expected.

City Manager Hanken replied that is one of the things when he talks about road improvements that need. He stated the City has been working on engineering for that, the cost is construction and that is where we don't have the revenues.

## **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M Reeves, CMC  
City Recorder