

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Call to Order

Mayor Burge called the Council 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
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Joe Lewis	WTP Supervisor
Susan Reeves	City Recorder

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Excused: Councilor Art Heerwagen and Legal Counsel

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Burge revised the agenda to move 8.4 to consent agenda and remove 8.2 and replace it with the High School construction request.

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

Public Comments

Dan Wilson and Dave Huber, Waste Management, are here this evening to give an update of the transfer station rate increase. Dan Wilson explained they wanted to make the Council aware of a recent rate increase passed at the County level for disposal fees. He explained on March 17 the Board of Commissioner passed a rate increase for approximately \$12.00 at the Columbia County Transfer Station. He explained they were hoping to get on the April 19 Council agenda to pass the disposal rate increase through. Dave Huber stated at that time they will also be coming in with a cost of living increase as well; they haven't had a cost of living increase in 2006.

Councilor Gedlich asked Dan Wilson and Dave Huber if they would give some sort of input of what some of the testimony was at the County meeting. Dan Wilson replied with the economy the way it is there were certainly concerns about a rate increase. He explained the rate increase that was originally proposed was \$20.00 a ton and after a lot of discussion amongst the committee and they ended up at the \$12.00. He explained there are quite a few services that come with that.

Councilor Gedlich asked if there is still a discount for seniors. Dan Wilson replied yes there is. Councilor Gedlich asked if the transfer station will be open on Sundays. Dan Wilson replied yes it will still be open on Sundays.

Mayor Burge thanked them for their update.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

March 15, 2010 City Council Meeting & Scappoose Historical Society Summer Daze Antique Car Show Request

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the March 15, 2010 City Council meeting minutes and Scappoose Historical Society Summer Daze Antique Car Show Request as amended. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mayor Burge read the proclamation.

New Business

LOC “If I were Mayor” Contest

Mayor Burge explained the annual “If I were Mayor” contest previously, sponsored by LOC, is now sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association. He explained this is the same contest the City of Scappoose has been involved in the last couple of years. He explained two out of three years a student from the Scappoose School District has won a laptop computer because of their work.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that the Scappoose City Council sponsor a local “If I were Mayor” contest. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

School request

City Manager Hanken explained what Council has before them is an email that he received from P & C Construction. He explained P & C Construction is currently working on the High School and they are planning to erect the tilt panels on Friday April 16 and Saturday April 17. They

would like to know if it is possible to start work at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday that way they could be finished by 3:30 p.m. He explained from staff's standpoint we don't have any issues with this request and titling up the panels need to be done when the students are not there.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the request from P & C Construction for Saturday and Sunday work variance be allowed. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Scappoose Dog Park Proposal

City Manager Hanken explained as Council will recall we have had some discussion related to doing something with the land in Scappoose Veterans Park on the north side of the small intermittent stream. He stated one of the comments that came up was an off leash area for dogs which has seemed to generate a lot of interest and support. There are people who are willing to spearhead that issue and they are here tonight to talk about some of the thoughts that they have put behind this activity.

Jill Schull, Scappoose and Bo Henderson, Scappoose, are here tonight to discuss the potential dog park located at Veterans Park. Jill Schull stated the goal or the purpose today is to provide an update to City Council members on what they have done so far. She explained she was before Council in January and since then they have had a community meeting. She explained they have put together a proposal and some of it is still in progress. She went over the handout that she provided for Council and staff. She explained the group purpose is to promote an off leash environment, raise funds, partner with the City and eventually become a non-profit group. She thanked Bo Henderson for putting information together when they presented to the School District for that area over there. She explained some of this information is from that and it is wonderful information. She explained it gives you an idea of what the goals of the group would be. She explained the biggest items would be to view the park as a community project and partnership with the City. She explained the site has many existing features in place that make this an idea do park, including: parking, sidewalks, leashed walk areas, restrooms, ADA access to park area and existing trees to provide ample shaded areas for dogs and humans. She explained there are two separate areas within main enclosure: large dog area .8 acres and small dog area .1 acres. She explained getting a fence around the area would be their priority for this year. She explained they tried as a group on Saturday at the Little League function to get the word out but the weather didn't help them at all. She explained as a group they are going to come up with ideas to raise money for this.

Mayor Burge stated it looks great and it is exciting to see another option for the use of the park property.

Councilor Ingham asked City Manager Hanken about the City assisting with the Dog Park. City Manager Hanken replied this would be a budget committee discussion but he wanted to let everyone know that he spoke with Jill Schull on this matter and he would like to see this committee match funds.

Council President Bernhard stated he agrees there needs to be some sort of seed money needed in this type of project. He looks forward to this, feels it is a great location and it is going to be a wonderful addition to the community.

Jill Schull stated she appreciates Council's comments and they are going to keep working on it and working together with the City. She will be back in a couple of months and give an update.

Name the City's Representative to the Columbia County Economic Development Committee

City Manager Hanken stated as you will recall Brian Little who is the interim Director of the Columbia County Economic Development Commission gave a presentation to Council about the effort that is being done to establish a Countywide Economic Development group. He explained Brian Little was asking for a financial commitment for two years of \$10,000.00 year and City Council was very supportive of that and that will be incorporated in to the budget, however what we would like to do at this particular point and time is have a City Council name their representative to the economic development group.

Mayor Burge explained he would really like to be on this committee.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Ingham seconded the motion to nominate Mayor Burge for the Columbia County Economic Development Committee. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Fund Exchange Agreement with ODOT

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the City needs to amend the existing Fund Exchange Agreement with ODOT to make additional funds available for street improvements. In August 2006, the City signed a fund exchange agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation to allow the City access to Federal transportation funds on a reimbursable basis for the years 2002-2006. The agreement was amended in 2008 to include funds from 2007 and 2008. Funds for 2009 and 2010 totaling \$125,034.00 are now available so the agreement needs to be amended again. The City Attorney has reviewed and signed the amendment. Engineering staff are preparing a bid package for improvements to the Old Portland Road/Dutch Canyon Road intersection and the Field Services Supervisor is preparing for additional maintenance work consistent with the City's 2009 pavement management report. He explained staff recommends that the City Council authorize the contract amendment.

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve Amendment Number 02 to the ODOT Fund Exchange Agreement number 23298 and authorize the Mayor and City Recorder to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

City Manager Hanken reminded City Council the SEI forms are due April 15, 2010. He explained Mr. Frasier has four High School classes that will be at City Hall to participate in Mock City Council and if any Council members would like to participate or watch they are more than welcome to. He will get Council the dates and times for when the students will be at City Hall.

Police Chief Greisen

Police Chief Greisen explained the camera/recorder at the Watts House has been installed. He explained the Police Department did not receive any complaints regarding the work being done at Road Runner. He explained there will be sexual assault training here on August 23 through the 27.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff for all their hard work on the packets. She thanked the students for attending. She really appreciated getting the letter from David Neilson, the Chief Executive Director from the Metro Building Association thanking the City for reducing the SDC fee. She was thankful to receive the final approval for the Dutch Canyon Water Line project.

Council President Bernhard stated the Little League opening on Saturday even though it was wet it was still a lot of fun. He stated there is something special about a community that still marches kids down the highway. He stated it is just really nice to be a part of a community that still holds those types of traditions close to their heart and it was just really neat to be involved with it. He stated if you get a chance go look at the new park, cheer on the kids and it is just going to be a wonderful time this summer.

Mayor Burge stated the Little League opening was a great event with the National Guard and the VFW. He explained Little League thanked the City with a plaque.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder