

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Mayor Burge called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Attendance:

City Council Members:

Scott Burge Mayor
Donna Gedlich Councilor
Judie Ingham Councilor
Larry P. Meres Councilor
Jeff Erickson Councilor
Art Heerwagen Councilor

Cindy Phillips Legal Counsel

Staff:

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

Press:

Josey Bartlett The Chronicle
Stover Harger The Spotlight

Also present: Councilor Elect Mark Reed

Excused: Council President Bernhard

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge explained agenda item number 7.3 Resolution 10-21 will be removed.

City Manager Hanken explained about 6:50 p.m. tonight he received a phone call from Ken Leahy and Mr. Leahy was able to get bonded. He explained to Mr. Leahy that he would need that proof by the end of the year.

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

Public Comments

None

Consent Agenda ~ November 15, 2010 City Council Workshop and Meeting minutes & Appointment of Carmen Kulp as Alternate on the Planning Commission.

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the November 15, 2010 City Council Workshop and Meeting minutes and appointment of Carmen Kulp

as Alternate on the Planning Commission. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Mayor Burge introduced Carmen Kulp.

New Business

November 2, 2010 Election Results

City Manager Hanken explained after each election, the Columbia County Clerk's Office submits an abstract of the election results for the Council to approve. On the last election the City had the mayoral and council elections on the ballot. The official results are presented with this staff report.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve that Council accept the November 2, 2010 election results as presented by the Columbia Clerk's Office. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

IGA with Columbia County for Solid Waste Disposal

City Manager Hanken explained the Intergovernmental agreement between the municipalities in Columbia County and Columbia County will expire on December 31, 2010. The County has asked for the IGA to be continued until December 31, 2030. Columbia County administers the solid waste program and manages the disposal of waste generated in the unincorporated areas of the County. This agreement transfers the City's authority to manage the final disposal of solid waste generated within its boundaries and transfers that to the County. This agreement is beneficial to all parties because it gives the County broader authority to negotiate contracts for waste disposal and provide more efficient operation of the transfer station. Without continuing this agreement, the City would need to manage the final disposal of solid waste generated in the City. It would not be cost effective for us to do that.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council renew the Solid Waste Intergovernmental Agreement with Columbia County as presented.

Councilor Gedlich asked if the City Attorney has looked at this.

Legal Counsel Cindy Phillips replied yes.

Councilor Gedlich asked if 20 years is too long.

Legal Counsel Cindy Phillips replied no. She explained it is a lot like the franchise agreements that the City has, they tend to be 20 years.

Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Updated Agreement between Columbia County and the City of Scappoose Police Department Authorization to use the Columbia County Firearms Range Complex

Police Chief Greisen read over the staff report. He explained Columbia County Commissioners and Columbia County Sheriffs office has established Columbia County Order Number 19-2009 pertaining to the new Columbia County Firearms Range Complex (CCFRC). The County Commissioners require us to resubmit the Indemnity Agreements every time a new employee has been hired or when officers are no longer employed with the City of Scappoose Police Department. City Attorney Cindy Phillips from Jordan Schrader's office has previously renewed this contract for both Cities of St. Helens and Scappoose and has signed her name to it on the original Indemnity Agreement that went in from of Scappoose City Council on May 18, 2009.

Councilor Gedlich asked if the people who participate in the academy have to sign a waiver or a document.

Chief Greisen replied yes.

Councilor Heerwagen moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion that Scappoose City Council approve the Columbia County Firearms Range Complex Agreement and authorize Mayor Burge to sign the written agreement. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Mayor Burge's presentation to Councilor Heerwagen

Mayor Burge presented a plaque to Councilor Art Heerwagen for his service to the City.

Councilor Heerwagen stated it has been really gratifying to sit on this side and be involved in the community and he appreciated the opportunity. He thanked his fellow Councilmember's and said the City is in good hands.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

He explained last week we finished up our annual insurance review with CCIS. He will have the print outs and charts for Council. He hopes to have the auditor be able to make a presentation to Council at the second meeting in January.

Mayor Burge asked if we can make sure the auditor is here at the first meeting in February.

Police Chief Greisen

He explained on December 18 they had “doughnut day” and it was the best one yet. They brought in 900 pounds of food and \$1645.00. He said it was wonderful that people were able to help others in our community. Great job!

Council

Councilor Gedlich is really hoping that we can start the budget process a lot sooner this year than last year and that we make sure all of our budget members understand the budget.

Councilor Gedlich discussed the PEG Fee that is in our budget. She would like to use some of that PEG Fee money for an upgrade in our audio system and put in speakers in the back of the room and maybe go digital for public broadcast television. She would like the City to purchase at least 10 or 15 more chairs and maybe a coat rack.

Councilor Gedlich asked if everybody got in the mail a document from Hugh Star regarding copper theft, graffiti, vandalism and dumping? Maybe during the budget process we can look into having a system like this at the Watts House.

Councilor Gedlich stated we used to get weekly updates.

City Manager Hanken replied I haven't been doing them.

Councilor Gedlich stated it would be nice to get an update maybe once or twice a month. She wanted to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She thanked Councilor Heerwagen for his dedication that he has given the City and the community. She stated it has been a pleasure serving with him.

Councilor Meres would like to have at least one monthly report regarding the court update and how the fine stuff is going. He wished everybody a Merry Christmas.

Councilor Ingham would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She would like to invite everyone to stop by the Watts House to see the beautiful lights and the beautiful decorations.

Councilor Erickson stated to Councilor Heerwagen it has been fun. He stated everybody have a safe Holiday and be safe on New Year's.

Councilor Heerwagen stated to Mark Reed he is coming into a good body of citizens here and he has known him for a lot of years and he knows he is going to do really well at it. He stated he is thankful for the chance that he has to do this. He is so glad that 2nd Street is going to go through.

Mayor Burge thanked Councilor Heerwagen for his services. He stated it is good serving with him the last two years.

Mayor Burge recessed at 7:28 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

Executive Session

ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Transaction

Present: Mayor Burge, Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Meres, Councilor Ingham, Councilor Erickson, Councilor Heerwagen, Council Elect Mark Reed, City Manager Hanken, Police Chief Greisen, Legal Counsel Cindy Phillips, Len Waggoner, Josey Bartlett with The Chronicle, Stover Harger, The Spotlight.

Adjournment ~ Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder