

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Art Heerwagen	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Brian Varricchione	City Planner
Susan Reeves	City Recorder
Press: none present	

Excused: Councilor Judie Ingham and Legal Counsel

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

Matthew Browning, PO Box 1624, Scappoose, explained he is here this evening regarding his business license that he received from the City. He explained he just has one problem and it is with the ordinance regarding not being able to store firearms or fireworks in your home. He was granted a business license but with this ordinance he is not able to store firearms in his house and he is a gunsmith.

Councilor Gedlich asked Mr. Browning if he has a safe. Mr. Browning replied he hasn't purchased one yet because he is waiting to resolve this issue.

City Planner Brian Varricchione explained the City issued a business license that was essentially for restoration work only. He explained the ATF apparently has a much broader interpretation of firearm then the City does.

City Manager Hanken explained the reason why this is before Council is in order for the language to be changed it has to go to Council. This is just bringing the issue before you to demonstrate here is the problem.

Councilor Gedlich asked Mr. Browning to put his request in writing so it can be with the staff report.

City Planner Brian Varricchione replied although you can certainly discuss this at the next meeting but in order to update the ordinance it would be a legislative land use process so it would need to go to the State of Oregon as well as going through the Planning Commission.

Consent Agenda

February 1, 2010 City Council Meeting

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to approve the February 1, 2010 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 809: An Ordinance Relating to Land Use and Amending Municipal Code Chapters 17.26 (Definitions) and 17.84 (Sensitive Lands—Flooding)

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time.

City Planner Brian Varricchione explained this is the second reading of the ordinance to amend the floodplain regulations as discussed at the previous meeting. These are the updates that are being required from FEMA in order for the City to remain a member of the National Flood Insurance Program, which then allows the residents the option to buy flood insurance. Staff recommends approval so we can stay complaint with FEMA regulations. The Planning Commission also reviewed this and recommends approval.

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

Community Contributions for FY'10

City Manager Hanken explained at the June 15th Council meeting, Council requested that if the City received State Shared Revenue funds that they would look at providing Community Contributions funds to three organizations that were not funded during that meeting; they include Columbia County Transportation, Columbia Food Bank and CEPA. He explained in this current

fiscal year so far the City has received \$10,000.00 and received an email today stating that the City will be expecting another \$13,000.00 in a couple of days. Since the City is receiving funds this issue has come back to Council to see what Council would like to do with the three requests. He explained the total amount request and not funded in June was \$5,000.00.

Councilor Gedlich stated she is really sad that we were not able to fund these three requests. She is really excited that the City is getting a little bit more money this year. She feels Council should hold off and not spend this money right now and perhaps carry it over because if we don't get any money next year there is a possibility that the City won't be able to fund the youth center for the summer, which we desperately need to do and or give money to the food banks because there are so many more people in the community that are clients. So maybe we should just hold off.

Council President Bernhard explained he wasn't here at the June 15th meeting but by reading the minutes it looks to him that at that particular time the Council has already put these monies aside or wanted to put these monies aside to fund these particular organizations. He stated if Council already made that commitment to funding these organizations back in June he thinks we need to stay to our word and fund these organizations. Mayor Burge agrees with Council President Bernhard.

Councilor Gedlich stated she agrees and she read the minutes and it is not that she doesn't feel these organizations shouldn't get the money but what happens at the end of the year if the City doesn't get anymore money. She agrees with Council President Bernhard to a point because we did say it.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion that Council authorizes \$5,000.00 to community contributions to Columbia County Transportation at \$2,500.00, Columbia Food Bank at \$2,000.00 and CEPA at \$500.00 as requested and not too exceed \$5,000.00.

Council President Bernhard stated he thinks the lesson learned on this one is we don't promise monies in the future as a Council. If the City has the money then we do the contributions at that particular time. To say if we get additional monies in the future that we will pass it forward nine months down the road I don't think it is the right thing to do.

City Manager Hanken replied but that is when the City receives monies, nine months down the road. He stated Council wanted to come back and revisit this if the monies were received.

Councilor Gedlich feels Council needs to decide if we fund them all and then if we get the extra money it is there or if we don't.

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

New Business

2010 Needs and Issues List

City Manager Hanken explained what Council has before them is a proposed list to be incorporated on the 2010 Needs and Issues. He explained he has broke things out by the various categories on the list. He explained staff has submitted the enclosed list, with cost estimates, for Council's consideration. The list reflects Councils desire to create more livable wage jobs in the community, improve quality of life, and address storm water issues. Staff believes it is more important to get projects on the list rather than where they get ranked. Scappoose has been successful in getting projects funded over the past couple of years and some of the items on the proposed list may take years to get funded, but it is important to get them on the list so funding agencies can see what we have envisioned for the future.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that Council adopt the 2010 Needs and Issues list as presented.

Councilor Gedlich asked City Manager Hanken on the cost on the readiness category where did he come up with the figures? City Manager Hanken replied it is based upon what some other communities have paid. He explained what he has done is put in a little bit of a fudge factor upwards so when they are starting to look at how to allocate monies if we don't utilize everything we are not harmed and again if it is more then we would have to go back and compete for funding.

Councilor Gedlich asked during the budget process is there a reserve fund that we could initiate that could help pay for some of these updates and we can pay as we go. City Manager Hanken replied one of the things the auditors are telling the City is they are weary of creating too many funds and reserve funds. He explained that can be done with line items within a particular fund. Councilor Gedlich stated she was thinking of this for the updated plans.

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

Resolution No. 10-03: A Resolution Declaring Vehicle as Surplus Property

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained a resolution is needed in order for Council to declare a City owned Vehicle as surplus property. He explained it is a 1986 Chevrolet pickup ¾ ton and it is an old military surplus vehicle. The vehicle has seen it has better days and no longer runs and it needs to be disposed of.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 10-03: A Resolution Declaring Vehicle as Surplus Property. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

City Manager Hanken explained he will be doing a presentation at the South County Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Thursday, February 18, 2010.

Police Greisen

Police Greisen explained they apprehended the person who recently shot the Washington State Trooper.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff for all the hard work. She asked if Chief Greisen could send a card to the Trooper from the Police Department and Council.

Council President Bernhard explained the rendering that he received from Gary Liao about the possible water feature in Heritage Park was amazing. He stated it would really enhance the City if it is all possible.

Councilor Gedlich is excited because she has wanted a fountain in that park for a decade, so she just can't wait.

Mayor Burge explained he took economic development training today through the League of Oregon Cities and it was good. He explained he really didn't have time to compress it all and report back to Council but he will have that for the next meeting. He explained there are some really good ideas and some things we can do to move forward and capture some businesses.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

City of Scappoose, Oregon

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC
City Recorder