

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 6, 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
Art Heerwagen	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Brian Varricchione	City Planner & Assistant City Engineer
Susan Reeves	City Recorder

Cindy Phillips Legal Council
Press: none

Excused:

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Burge explained agenda item 8.1 Booster Club Scappoose Pow Wow Proposal will be presented at the July 19, 2010 Council meeting.

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 Heerwagen, aye.

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Consent Agenda

June 7, 2010 City Council Workshop minutes & June 21, 2010 City Council Meeting minutes

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Ingham seconded the motion to approve the June 7, 2010 City Council Workshop minutes & June 21, 2010 City Council Meeting minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Proclamation

Proclamation for Scappoose High School Baseball Team Oregon State Champions

Mayor Burge read the proclamation. He presented a “Key to the City” plaque and certificates to Coach Medley and the Baseball Team.

Coach Robert Medley introduced the assistant coaches and players that were present.

Coach Robert Medley thanked everyone and stated he thinks the City is doing a great job with baseball, the new fields turned out great. He thinks everyone on Council is doing a great job. He explained he is extremely proud of the players and extremely proud of the coaches. He stated he is blessed with an extremely good coaching staff. He stated from the coaches, the players and himself they would all like to say thank you to the City.

City Council congratulated the coaches and the team and thanked them.

New Business

Community Contributions for FY’11

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained Fire Chief Greisen is here this eveing to represent CEPA and he asked Fire Chief Greisen what they are requesting. Fire Chief Greisen replied CEPA is requesting \$500.00.

Renee Shelby and Laury Lapping are here tonight from Columbia Pacific Food Bank and they are asking for donations basically to keep the food moving through the County and keep the truck on the road. She explained the need is getting greater.

Jean Lewis, Youth Services Initiative, explained how the program is going. She went over her letter that she submitted. She also left some other information for Council and staff to read regarding 2009-2010 School Year Programs Progress.

Councilor Heerwagen stated to Jean Lewis if she gets a good laptop she wouldn’t really need a second computer.

Jean Lewis is fine with only getting one computer.

Karen Stoehl, Scappoose Youth Recreation Center, explained she really appreciates the City’s support and hope the City is able to continue with the Youth Recreation Center. She explained they

now have begun their 16th with the Rec Center. She explained they are trying to stay local for their Friday trips to help the local businesses.

ReAnna Sharp, Historical Society, went over her letter that she submitted. She explained there were 1560 visitors this past year, which is up 410 from last year. She explained they feel that having the Museum open and available to the public is their first priority.

Laura Hunsinger, Director, Community Action Team, is looking for funding to keep her program open. She explained their United Way allocation has been cut by 50%.

Rita Carver explained her foster son Vince gets to go to KidCare and it is such a benefit not just for Vince but all the children who attend.

City Manager Hanken explained he mentioned it in the staff report but he does need to let everyone know that he is a board member for the Community Action Team.

Councilor Ingham explained her son has worked with Community Action Team for the last two years.

Councilor Gedlich stated years and years ago she worked for Community Action.

Fire Chief Greisen explained he is here on behalf of CEPA and they are asking for \$500.00. He explained this group started in 1986. He explained they do planning and they look for hazardous materials in their community. He explained one of their main goals is to educate the community and the biggest program they do is at the Columbia County Fair.

Councilor Ingham explained regarding Columbia County Transportation, since there is no representative here this evening, her thought process with them is that they are a fee funded organization and they also have a number of grants that they use. She explained for 3 years they have inquired with them about the development of a transportation district which would help with their funding and there has been no motion or attempt that she has heard of for that to take place. She is not in favor of giving them any money at this point. She would like to adjust the Youth Service Initiative down to \$1,280.00

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion that City Council award the following 2010 community contributions:

Historical Museum on Saturday	\$4,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$3,200.00
Youth Services Initiative	\$1,200.00
Columbia Pacific Food Bank	\$2,500.00
Community Action Team	\$3,000.00
Scappoose Youth Rec Center	\$7,000.00
Scappoose Senior Center	\$3,000.00
CEPA	\$ 500.00
Total	\$24,400.00

Mayor Burge explained he does think there is a typo in the staff report regarding the amount recommended, he thought it was \$25,000.00.

City Manager Hanken replied if the motion is more then we will just pull the extra out of contingency.

Councilor Meres explained he would like to make it close to an even \$25,000.00 and he would like to give the Youth Services the money they requested.

Councilor Heerwagen explained we could give the Youth Services \$100.00 more for the laptop fund and that kind of evens the amount out.

Councilor Ingham stated so that would be \$24,500.00, so make Youth Services Initiative \$1,300.00.

Councilor Ingham and Councilor Gedlich amended the motion for the 2010 Community Contributions:

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Councilor Meres explained for the last year he has been volunteering at the Scappoose Senior Center and was also asked to run for a board member, he wanted to disclose that.

Council President Bernhard would like something to go out to the County, they have been a good partner with the City for a long time, for justification for the \$20,000.00 and if they could have some type of representation come in and talk to Council he would like that to have that offered to them, instead of just a blanket no.

Councilor Meres stated he was disappointed that the County doesn't have a representative here this evening.

City Manager Hanken asked Council if they would like Columbia County Rider to give them an update. Council replied yes.

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Ordinance No. 811: An Ordinance Relating to Land Use and Amending Municipal Code Chapter 17.80 (Downtown Overlay)

Mayor Burge read the opening statement.

City Planner Brian Varricchione went over the staff report. He explained the Downtown Overlay provisions of the Development Code create specialized regulations for the downtown areas in light of the pedestrian-scale environment and small sites. The regulations should be updated to remove barriers to development and to encourage the continued enhancement of the commercial center. The amendments would update the Code to reflect the input of business owners, area residents, and City staff. The amendments would also expand the area by several blocks on the east side of Highway 30 to include residential properties but would not affect existing single-family residences.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

Lisa Smith, Scappoose, explained she helped work on this and feels this is a really good step in development in this area of the community.

Council President Bernhard asked Lisa Smith if the ordinance touches on color, structures, etc.

Lisa Smith replied it doesn't touch on color, in regards to new development there are some architectural standards. She explained this is a mixed neighborhood.

Councilor Gedlich stated this is a great document.

City Planner Brian Varricchione thanked Lisa Smith for her hard work.

Lisa Smith would like to ask the Council to consider that it might be a nice gesture, at least to the commercial market, that this is an economic emergency and we are going to make this effective this evening based on that.

Mayor Burge closed the hearing at 8:05 p.m.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion that Scappoose City Council approve Ordinance No. 811: An Ordinance Relating to Land Use and Amending Municipal Code Chapter 17.80 (Downtown Overlay)

Mayor Burge read the title for the first time.

Councilor Meres addressed his concern with four-plexes.

City Planner Brian Varricchione replied what the proposed amendment would do is if you had a four-plex a buyer could purchased the unit and land underneath. He explained the current zoning allows a four-plex currently on the same size lot.

City Planner Brian Varricchione replied he would be happy to discuss that with Councilor Meres afterwards.

Awarding construction contract for 2010 Slurry Sealing Project

City Planner Brian Varricchione went over the staff report. He explained the City issued an invitation to bid for applying slurry seals to SW and NW 1st Street and to the streets within the Columbia River View Estates Subdivision. The Public Works Supervisor and the Engineer pick the streets and advertised.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council award the 2010 Slurry Sealing project contract to Roger Langeliers Construction Company in the amount of \$47,717.00.

City Planner Brian Varricchione replied these streets were selected based on the City's 2009 pavement management report and known deficiencies that could be maintained economically before further deterioration sets in.

Councilor Heerwagen asked when will this project be done.

City Planner Brian Varricchione replied this summer.

Council President Bernhard asked who made the determination that this area needed to be done above and beyond other streets in the area.

City Manager Hanken replied back when Columbia River View Estates was developed the quality of the road was not up to City standards and they were given an option to rip it out and do it again or they could provide the City funds to do slurry seal over a time period. So the slurry seal that is being done in Columbia River Estates is being paid for by the contractor.

Motion passed (6-1). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye. Councilor Gedlich, nay.

Councilor Gedlich stated she feels there are worse streets that should be done.

Resolution 10-14: A Resolution Establishing All Fees and Charge for the City of Scappoose and Rescinding Resolution No. 09-11

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained what staff is proposing is to keep the reduction in fees that were proposed last year.

Councilor Gedlich feels we are just feeing our citizens to death and maybe we need to just slow down.

Councilor Meres agrees with Councilor Gedlich. He asked Chief Greisen regarding vehicle release, tow release, what does the Police Department have to do for that.

Chief Greisen replied they have to send out certified letters, make phone calls, do other paperwork and staff time, it all adds up. He stated they haven't raised their fees for 5 years.

Councilor Meres stated sometimes he thinks the alarm fees should be suspended too.

Chief Greisen replied he doesn't have a problem with that. He even thought suspending the fee for finger printing for people who are trying to get a job.

Mayor Burge replied he is going to take Chief Greisen up on that offer, for people who are trying to get a job and they need to get a job why don't we do that for the next year. He also thinks lets waive the alarm application fees for one year, not the false alarm, just the application fee. He explained he would like to for the budget only reduce it only to \$5.00 for residents of Scappoose only. He explained he feels they are already paying taxes and they should get it cheaper.

City Manager Hanken explained he asked City Attorney Cindy Phillips if there would be an issue with charging a different fee for the draft budget for Scappoose citizens versus non Scappoose citizens.

City Attorney Cindy Phillips replied there is no difference in time and materials whether they live in or out of the City.

Mayor Burge replied let's just charge \$5.00 for the draft budget.

Mayor Burge explained the changes are:

\$5.00 for the draft budget

Waiving of the business and residential alarm permit application fee

Waiving of the finger printing fee for Scappoose residents

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that City Council adopt Resolution 10-14: A Resolution Establishing All Fees and Charge for the City of Scappoose and Rescinding Resolution No. 09-11 and amending the alarm permit fee (waived for residential and commercial), \$5.00 for a copy of the draft budget and waive the finger printing fee for Scappoose residents. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Amendment to Tow Service Agreement

Police Chief Greisen went over the staff report. He explained the current tow service agreement has expired. He explained staff recommends approval of the Amendment to Town Service Agreement as presented.

Councilor Gedlich asked if the prices have increased.

Lyle Gump explained the fees which are attached to the Tow Service Agreement.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Ingham seconded the motion that City Council approve Amendment to Tow Service Agreement as presented. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Heerwagen, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

2011 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Agenda

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained at the last Council meeting he handed out to Council information from the LOC and now Council needs to select their top four choices and then staff will submit the issues to League Staff.

Council will forward their information to City Manager Hanken and he will submit it to the League of Oregon Cities.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

Police Chief Greisen

Police Chief Greisen explained due to the high heat there will be two cooling stations; one at Scappoose Senior Center and one at Rose Valley Assisted Living Facility.

Police Chief Greisen explained the CERT Academy will start in September.

Councilors

Councilor Gedlich thanked staff for all their hard work.

Councilor Meres explained he was really glad that we were able to give community contributions. He knows the community is really hurting and the programs sound excellent and he is glad that we are giving back to the community.

Council President Bernhard stated Veterans Park has been extremely busy this past week. He explained Little League has been hosting an All-star Softball games. He explained the local businesses have been busy, which has been fantastic to see. He hopes that we can continue to forge a great relationship with Little League and move forward with expansion of the park and how we can help with tournaments or what ever it may be because it is truly bringing business to our community. He explained on the flip side we have to clean the street because of the mud and gravel.

City Manager Hanken replied the street sweeper has been called. He explained this is a learning curve the first year, there is going to be give and take, but we are going to have to have some clear understanding about cleaning up.

Councilor Ingham regarding the opening of Scappoose Veterans Park. She explained Councilor Bernhard did his homework and the softball teams are booked at Veterans Park through the 22nd of July. She explained the two Saturdays we have available in July are the 24th or the 31st.

The Council decided to have the opening of Scappoose Veterans Park on August 14, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (or when ever it ends, per Mayor Burge).

Mayor Burge thanked Mark Siegel, Senators Merkley's Field Representative, for sitting through the entire meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder