

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2011 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
Jeff Bernhard	Council President
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor

Staff:

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

Press:

Cindy Phillips	Legal Counsel	Don Patterson	The Chronicle
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Excused: Councilor Donna Gedlich

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge amended the agenda to remove item number 8.2 Proposed City Charter Recommendations and item number 11.1 Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees.

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

Public Comments

Craig Frasier, Scappoose, explained he teaches at Scappoose High School and this past Tuesday and Thursday the students in his Civics classes were cordially invited to City Hall to have a Mock Council. He wanted to thank Ms. Reeves, Mr. Hanken and representatives from the Police Department for everything they did. He stated the students he thinks walked away with a little better understanding of City Council and politics. He just wants to on behalf of this class say thank you and they appreciate the efforts that he knows Council supports.

Consent Agenda ~ April 4, 2011 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Councilor Reed to the Public Works Advisory Committee Meeting

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the April 4, 2011 City Council meeting minutes and appointment of Councilor Reed to the Public Works Advisory

Committee Meeting. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Presentation by Columbia County Sheriff's Office ~ Sheriff's Stable Funding

Columbia County Sheriff Dickerson talked about the Sheriff's Stable Funding Columbia County Ballot Measure #5-210. He went over some of the issues that the sheriff's office is facing.

Councilor Ingham asked Sheriff Dickerson about him saying the Sheriff's Office has 6 on patrol and the handout says 7.

Sheriff Dickerson explained one Sergeant isn't on the list at all because he is over Animal Control and Marine Patrol. He explained they don't count those 2 Deputies because they can't respond to calls. He explained what they have who can respond to a call on a regular basis is 6 Deputies. He explained they do have the Undersheriff who oversees a wide variety of functions at the Sheriff's Office. He explained this measure is designed to protect the enforcement division of the Sheriff's Office from the draw that the jail has been all these many years.

Councilor Meres explained he believes there should be a Sheriff's tax District then there could be a set amount around \$1.50.

Sheriff Dickerson replied the recommendation by the Committee last year to the Board of Commissioners was exactly that they should go for a District. He explained the only thing that they looked at in that was that \$1.50 and that \$1.50 right now is not looking real good as far as trying to get something in this economy.

Councilor Meres replied he understands that but the whole goal would be to get a taxing district like that because you would have stable funding.

Councilor Reed explained speaking as one who has been in emergency services for over 25 years in Columbia County they were required by policy to stage some distance away from scenes that could cause harm to them. He stated that's fine if you are in the City but if they were out somewhere in the County it was very frustrating to sit there and wait knowing that you are trying to get to some medical call and you are stuck 3 or 4 blocks away waiting for Law Enforcement to arrived. He stated speaking as one who has been there waiting for that he can see where there is a need.

Sheriff Dickerson replied that is probably why St. Helens Professional Fire Fighters endorsed their campaign, as did Scappoose Fire.

Barb Hayden asked how does Oregon State Police fit into Columbia County.

Sheriff Dickerson replied their primary mission is public safety on highways and they focus on that. They will assist and backup local agencies and they will even take criminal calls. OSP has said they will not backfill for the Sheriffs office because they don't have the resources to do that.

Marie Gadotti explained it is discouraging when someone calls the Sheriffs Office and they are told that is a civil matter and that they don't respond to those. She feels that's part of the reason the levy hasn't passed in the past.

Sheriff Dickerson replied many of the calls are civil calls and they would go if they had the resources, but when you are weighing a burglary in progress or a raid or a juvenile problem that is out of control to a civil problem.

Councilor Meres moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council support Columbia County Sheriff's Office ~ Sheriff's Stable Funding Measure #5-210.

Council President Bernhard explained as he sits here and listens to all that goes along with this he is somewhat torn. As a City Councilmember he sees the benefit and the need for additional funding for our Sheriff's Department but from a personal standpoint he is being asked to support something that maybe he personally doesn't support. He explained he will be voting no on more of a personal standpoint versus his Council responsibilities.

Motion passed. (4-1). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye. Council President Bernhard, nay. Councilor Ingham abstained.

Old Business

Docket # CPA1-10/CPTA1-10/DCTA3-10

Ordinance 816: Relating to Land Use; Amending the Urban Growth Boundary; Amending the Comprehensive Plan Text and Map; and Amending the Scappoose Municipal Code to add Chapter 17.74 (Airport Employment Overlay Zones) and to amend Chapter 17.136 (Annexations)

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time.

City Planner Brian Varricchione stated as noted this is the second reading of the ordinance. He explained assuming Council passes the ordinance this evening the next step in the UGB amendment process would be hearings in front of Columbia County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners after which it would go the State of Oregon for their review.

Barb Hayden asked in regards to the overlays out at the airport will it preclude anything having to be voted in and annexed in.

Mayor Burge replied no. The City Charter states that any annexation requires the vote of the people and City ordinance can not override the City Charter.

Motion passed (5-1). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye. Councilor Meres, nay.

New Business

Resolution No. 11-04: A Resolution of the City Of Scappoose Adopting Flexible Spending Account Plan for Eligible Employees

City Manager Hanken explained Council needs to adopt a resolution authoring approval of flexible spending as an employee benefit. The City has had flexible spending accounts for well over a decade however in researching this the City is required to have a resolution adopting a flexible

spending account by Federal Rules. He explained what you have before you tonight is a housekeeping procedure.

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 11-04: A Resolution of the City Of Scappoose Adopting Flexible Spending Account Plan For Eligible Employees as presented. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Heritage Park Gazebo Roof Replacement

City Manager Hanken explained what is before Council is a request to approve a bid to replace the roof on the gazebo at Heritage Park. He explained the City solicited four bids and got two responses. He explained staff recommends awarding the bid to Greg Welter Construction in the amount of \$12,480.00.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council award the Heritage Park gazebo roof replacement contract to Greg Welter Construction in the bid amount, not to exceed, \$12,480.00.

Councilor Meres asked if the Community Club built the gazebo.

City Manager Hanken replied yes they did however it was given to the City.

Council President Bernhard asked if there is other work that needs to be done to the gazebo.

City Manager Hanken replied yes there is other work that needs to be done. One thing is the gazebo needs to be updated to ADA standards.

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

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

City Manager Hanken explained the budget should be completed by Wednesday.

He talked explained the ODOT ~ Havlik/Hwy 30 Opening ceremonies are scheduled for May 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Police Chief Greisen

Chief Greisen talked about the Scappoose Police Department accepting unused or expired prescriptions drugs on April 30, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for safe disposal.

He explained Officer Kristen Silbernagel will be graduating from DPSST in the middle of May and she is doing excellent.

He explained he was at the Oregon Association of Chief of Police conference. At the annual banquet Amy Painter, Chief Ralph Painter's widow received two metals in his memory for the Metal of Honor and the Service Award. Also Chief Marv Hoover from Clatskanie Police Department received a metal of Valor for his response.

Council

Councilor Meres talked about traffic lines and explained he has taken more pictures for the future discussion on this issue.

Councilor Meres stated he hopes that we really look at the flow of 2nd Street before we start putting up more traffic signs on there. He would like to see 2nd Street be able to flow, he is a big believer in getting the traffic moving.

Councilor Meres spoke about the issue on the corner of Crown Zellerbach and West Lane Road. He explained there are bushes there and it is hard to see.

Council President Bernhard wanted to make sure all the Budget Committee members have been notified of the upcoming Budget Committee meetings.

Councilor Ingham concurs with Councilor Meres on keeping the traffic flowing. She explained the light at High School Way takes a long time to change even when there is no traffic on Highway 30.

Councilor Reed stated the light at EM Watts and Highway 30 has the same issue in regards to taking a long time to change. He also talked about stop lines and where they are suppose to be located.

Mayor Burge asked what ever happened with the totem pole.

City Manager Hanken replied it is one of those things staff hasn't gotten to yet.

Mayor Burge explained he and City Manager Hanken had a meeting with some of the airport business regarding marketing the airport to the larger airport community. He explained the consensus was to work with the local businesses around the airport to create a marketing plan to create a marketing video.

Mayor Burge explained there is a car wash on Saturday. The Scappoose Leadership Team is raising money for Doernbecher's Children's Hospital.

Mayor Burge explained he attended then dinner for the Boosters Salmon Derby and it was a nice event.

Councilor Ingham asked staff if they could put a sign on the door to remind people to turn off their cell phones before they come into the Council Chambers for a meeting.

Councilor Reed explained he may be gone for the Tuesday April 26 Budget Committee meeting and he will definantly be gone for the first week in May.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder