

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 15, 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.

**Flag Salute**

**Attendance:**

**City Council Members:**

Scott Burge	Mayor
Jeff Bernhard	Council President
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor

**Staff:**

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

**Press:** none

**Excused:** Legal Counsel

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Burge amended to agenda to include 7.1 Healthy Kids presentation.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

**Public Comments**

Gary Liao, Scappoose, gave an update on the water fountain that will be placed in Heritage Park. He explained they have recruited a lot of in-kind donations and cash donations. He explained the primary in-kind donor is Michael Curry who is donating his services for the design of the fountain and he is also helping them with fundraising. He explained the fountain will be 22 feet tall and the arms on it will have fountain spouts that will come out at the top. There will be a smaller fountain and that will functional as well. He explained the fountain will be on a 30 foot circle with a four way test. He explained the four way test is ~ One: Is it the truth, Two: Is it fair to all concerned, Three: Will it build good will and better friendships and Fourth: Will it be beneficial to all concerned. He explained there will be lights and sound incorporated in the fountain.

Council President Bernhard stated this is fantastic.

Councilor Ingham asked if the fountain will use recycled water.

Gary Liao replied no, there were some new laws regarding recycled water on fountains that involved people. He explained you basically have to have a separate building, you have to have it monitored and the fountains basically operate as pools so it became cost prohibited.

Councilor Gedlich expressed her concern with vandalism at the fountain.

Councilor Ingham talked about signage around the park and being proactive.

Council thanked Gary Liao.

### **Consent Agenda ~ August 1, 2011 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the August 1, 2011 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 Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

### **Amani Center Columbia County Child Abuse Assessment Center**

Marty Baldwin, Scappoose, gave an update on the child abuse situation that we have in Columbia County. He gave an update on what the Amani Center does for Columbia County. He invited Council and staff to the annual Amani Center Luau and auction.

Police Chief Greisen explained the Amani Center is a very important organization.

Marty Baldwin thanked Council for all they do for our City.

Council thanked Marty Baldwin.

### **Healthy Kids**

Patricia Ortiz, St. Helens, gave Council an overview of the Healthy Kids Program. She also handed out flyers and pamphlets. She explained this program is a free to low cost health coverage for all uninsured Oregon kids and teens up to their 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She explained Oregon is actually one of the States leading as far as getting health access to all children in Oregon. She explained in Columbia County they have actually enrolled over 4,090 children. She left her information in case someone had questions and wanted to contact her.

Council thanked Patricia Ortiz and she thanked Council.

### **Columbia County Economic Development Update**

Mayor Burge showed a video and explained this is the first cut of the video advertising the Scappoose Airport. He explained his understanding is the video will be edited today.

Mayor Burge explained last week at the Mayor's conference he showed the video and he received feedback from some of the Mayors.

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained during the last few meetings, Council has adopted resolutions related to Enterprise Zone applications from ORPET and Oregon Paper Company. Each of these companies qualified for 5 years worth of property tax relief because they meet certain state requirements for job creation. In each application, the City of St. Helens required the company to make donations to various non-profit organizations in each of the five years. The total donation amount equaled 10 percent of the yearly taxes deferred. He asked Council whether or not Council wishes to incorporate that policy here in Scappoose. He explained if we do that then we need to have a list of agencies that would be eligible to receive funding under the agreement. He explained he put together a list to kind of get started on the process because once companies start going into the negotiations with the Enterprise Zone Sponsor we will need to provide them as much information as possible. He explained he put together a brief list of nonprofit organizations for Council to consider. He explained one thing he wants to point out when you put a list together not every organization in terms of negotiations is going to get funding every time that an application comes forth.

Councilor Meres asked if the nonprofit organizations can put together a fact sheet to turn in.

City Manager Hanken replied they can do that and he will submit it with the list. He explained what he doesn't want to happen is the nonprofit organization to contact the companies.

Council President Bernhard explained he feels the City should control this some what because people could take advantage of this type of situation.

Councilor Gedlich explained she feels Council should really look at this how they can help our citizens rather than just a specific group.

City Manager Hanken explained in the staff report he included information from the City of Pendleton.

Councilor Erickson recommended having a check list or short fact sheet for people who want to donate money to a nonprofit that is not on our list so they can read it and make sure that where they want to put the money actually will work within the system.

## **New Business**

### **Utility Billing Contract**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the current utility billing provider is moving from California to Texas. He explained staff has been looking and has selected Moonlight BPO, located in Bend, to be the City's new utility billing provider. He explained the billing rates will be the same that we have with the current company. He explained the City Attorney has reviewed the agreement. He explained Council doesn't need to take any action on this because it does fall under the City Managers authority.

Councilor Ingham asked what other municipalities Moonlight BPO does work for.

City Manager Hanken replied he can get that information and bring that back.

Mayor Burge replied the information came be emailed to Council.

### **AFSCME Union Contract**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report.

City Manager Hanken explained it covers the cost of living adjustments, the employee's contributions for health insurance, the accrual of vacation, Christmas Eve as an additional holiday, changes to the boot allowance, the on call pay, and the transferring of sick leave for any employee as long as they maintain 160 of vacations on the books. He explained as part of the staff report he provided a copy of the contract that expired and then the new proposed contract.

Council Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Scappoose City Council ratify the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME Union Local 1442-1 as presented.

Council President Bernhard asked City Manager Hanken for highlights.

City Manager Hanken explained under the new contract the City would pay the full cost of the employee's coverage and then any thing over and above that the employee would pay 12% of that cost. He explained as we go in to this year the Insurance Benefits Committee be meeting to look at the insurance options for employees. To him that was the biggest change in the contract.

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

### **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

### **City Manager Jon Hanken**

City Manager Hanken explained in front of the Council they have a draft explanatory statement for the City Charter Ballot measure that the City Attorney has written. He asked if Council has any changes to please get them to him.

City Manager Hanken explained Council has also received the quarterly finance report for the last quarter of the fiscal year.

City Manager Hanken explained there was a letter in Councils mailbox related to a piece of property that Council and staff has already had discussions on.

**Police Chief Doug Greisen**

Police Chief Greisen explained he liked the video that Mayor Burge showed tonight.

**Council**

Councilor Gedlich explained she did read the explanatory statement for the voter's pamphlet and she likes it. She feels it is really clear. She talked about the area behind City Hall in regards to the grass and plants and said it doesn't look very good. She thanked staff for doing a good job.

Councilor Meres stated the Historical Car and Truck Show was a great success and the Wings and Wheels event had a great turn out.

Councilor Ingham feels Council should thank Paul Peterson for his dedication.

Councilor Reed discussed the population of skunks in the City.

Mayor Burge reminded everyone that Hood to Coast will be the weekend of August 26, 2011. He discussed revisiting the issue of LID's.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder