

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 7, 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
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:**

Josey Bartlett	The Chronicle
----------------	---------------

**Excused:** Council President Jeff Bernhard

**Approval of the Agenda**

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 Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

**Public Comments**

Bill Blank, Scappoose Farmers Market Manager explained he wanted to give Council an update on the Scappoose Farmers Market. He also wanted to ask if 2<sup>nd</sup> Street could be barricaded off from Columbia Avenue to Olive Street during the Farmer's Market so they can expand the market.

Police Chief Greisen explained he sees that the Farmers Market is getting crowded and he doesn't see a problem with barricading off 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Columbia Avenue to Olive Street during the Farmers Market.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Reed seconded the motion the Scappoose City Council authorize staff, Public Works and the Police Department to work with Bill Blank regarding street closure and security for the Farmers Market. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

**Consent Agenda ~ May 16, 2011 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the May 16, 2011 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich,

aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

## **New Business**

### **September 20, 2011 Elections**

City Recorder Reeves went over the staff report. She explained this is just an update on the Petition for Local Referendum Ordinance No. 816 that was received on April 23, 2011. This will be on the September 20, 2011 Ballot.

### **Resolution No. 11-06: A Resolution Extending City of Scappoose's Workers' Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of The City of Scappoose for Coverage Year 2011-2012**

Police Chief Greisen went over the staff report. He explained this is something the City does every year. He explained what this is for is if one of the City's volunteers gets injured on a critical incident they will be covered by workers comp. This is required by City Council Insurance Services.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion that City Council approve Resolution No. 11-06: A Resolution Extending City of Scappoose's Workers' Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of The City of Scappoose for Coverage Year 2011-2012 as presented. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

### **Resolution No. 11-07: A Resolution Amending Waste Management's Rate Structure for Garbage Services**

Mike Jefferies and Dave Huber are here this evening to go over the rate increase proposal.

Mike Jefferies explained before Council there are two types of increases that are impacting them. One is the CPI adjustment of 1.25%, which is spelled out in the franchise agreement. In addition to that Columbia County has increased in the disposal rate at the transfer station by 3% with is also a pass through calculation which is also included in this. As a result the most typical rate that a resident of Scappoose will see is a .50 increase effective as of July 1 but due to the timing what they would like to do is delay that increase until August 1, allowing them to give proper notification.

Councilor Gedlich asked if they think this is a really good time to increase rates.

Mike Jefferies replied that is why they are asking for smaller increases.

Councilor Ingham explained she thinks it's a good idea to have the small increases annually versus huge rate increases.

Councilor Meres stated he is not interested in a rate increase but he thinks we have been down this road before and have faced these issues of delaying things and then coming with a 7 or 8% increase. He thinks if we don't stay on top of it we are going to be faced with large increases in the future.

Councilor Gedlich agrees with Councilor Meres. She feels so bad about all of the fees and services that fixed income families have especially during this bad economic time but she would rather see a very small percentage increase then a large one.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Gedlich seconded the motion to that City Council adopt Resolution No. 11-07: A Resolution Amending Waste Management's Rate Structure for Garbage Services as presented. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

### **Public Hearing on the Pow Wow Festival**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained Council has requested that the public have an opportunity to provide input related to the Scappoose Booster Club's request to extend the Pow Wow Festival activities in Veterans Park to midnight.

Mayor Burge opened the hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Duane Meissner, Scappoose, explained his wife and he were born and raised in North Dakota about 40 miles from an Indian Reservation and they developed an understanding of the Native American culture. They have been to Pow Wows in Montana and Wyoming and what they found is in no situation at all was there alcohol ever permitted in any event that was referred to as a Pow Wow. He stated it goes along with other lack of respect of Native American cultural that has been found or just being ignored of this culture. He explained to him he thinks it would be an insult to the Native American population if we put the two together. He stated if you have a beer garden and a Pow Wow, he has a problem with that. He stated for heaven sake don't have a beer garden and call it a Pow Wow because that isn't the way it happens.

Jim Horn, Scappoose, explained he's in the band that will be playing at the Pow Wow. He explained the main point he thinks that needs to be made here is even though he thinks we need to hold some respect to the Native American cultural and to the neighbors around the area he also feels we need a little perspective that we are just talking one weekend of the entire year. He stated he feels we do owe the neighbors some respect but he would ask that the neighbors have a little consideration because there are a whole lot of people out there that are really going to enjoy this event and he would like to see that their interests are respected too. He explained the Boosters are raising funds for the community. He feels the Boosters have the City of Scappoose's best interest at heart and we should really support them.

Councilor Ingham explained at the last Council meeting Council President Bernhard was going to spend some time talking to his neighbors in his area to find out how they felt about this even. She asked if he was able to do that.

Mayor Burge replied in the conversation he and City Manager Hanken had with Council President Bernhard today he said that the mood of the neighbors turned.

Councilor Ingham explained in reviewing the six emails received that are before Council all of them are from people in the neighboring area of Veterans Park and they are not in support of the extra hour. She thinks 11:00 p.m. is adequate and that is when the event should end.

Councilor Gedlich replied she has a tendency to agree. She realizes it is only one weekend a year but she thinks 11:00 p.m. is fine.

Michael Klobes, Director of the Pow Wow, explained he would like to look at the issue of there was 91 letters sent out to people who were immediately effected by the festival extension and only 6 responded. Out of that 6, 4 were negative responses and the other 2 were concerning responses of issues they have already taken care of. He would like Council to look back at that as well before they make their decision and realize that 6 of the 91, less than 10% of the people, responded in a negative way. He stated you have lots of support on this festival.

Councilor Gedlich stated we are not just looking at the 6 letters. She doesn't think any of them on Council is opposing the event. She explained some of the concerns she has at this point with the extra hour is the liability issues, the security and the drinking.

Councilor Ingham read over Pat Andersons memo where it states to keep the 11:00 p.m. closing for this year and after the event is done go to the neighbors and take a survey about the noise. If there are no issues this year then maybe next year they can extend the hours. She stated if we start from a point now where we respect the neighbors, even though it is a small percentage of the people that live there, and how it affects them is valid. She thinks if we approach it from a perspective of being considerate of their feeling then next year when we come back and do this we will probably have a bigger and better Pow Wow because of the concerns we had this year.

Councilor Erickson asked how is the park going to be excused when the event is over. How long are people going to be hanging around?

Michael Klobes replied the music will go until 11:00 p.m. and then they will start shutting everything down and start ushering people out. The beer garden will stop serving at 10:30 p.m. He stated they do want to promptly get people out of there.

Councilor Ingham asked how long do you think it will take to get people out of the park.

Michael Klobes replied probably an hour.

Councilor Ingham replied she just thinks it is going to be too late.

Councilor Gedlich asked Police Chief Greisen for his input. She also asked him if there is going to be officers and security there.

Police Chief Greisen replied there will be both. He stated if the beer gardens wanted to go beyond midnight he would not recommend that.

Mayor Burge talked about posting for local parking only in the neighborhood by the park.

Councilor Meres stated he spoke with people and he has mixed feelings but he feels they should go until 11:00 p.m. and do a test run.

Jeannette Santiago, Scappoose, explained she is part of the actives committee for the Pow Wow. She explained she also has an OLCC license and they have rules they have to follow like not serving intoxicated individuals. She explained there are lots of people that will be observing.

Michael Klobes explained the Boosters have served alcohol in other events they have done in the past. He explained if the beer garden does start to get out of hand they will have to shut it down. He stated they are thinking long term on this festival and want it to stay around for a while.

Councilor Reed expressed his concern in regards to the letter sent out and the non responses from 85 people. He is not sure if they haven't responded now if that gives them the right to complain after. He stated to Michael Klobes his organization and documentation and everything else he has give council has been impeccable. He feels in the end he has to go with the rest of the Councils decision.

Whitney Williams explained she has been involved with this even for just a little while. She came from Tillamook and she now resides in Portland. She explained there are at least 30 people she knows from Tillamook and probably 20 people that she knows form Portland that are excited to attend the Pow Wow. She stated one extra hour can take place of how many different car washes that you need, how many other programs that you would have to come up with to equal just one hour when everything is already set up there and ready.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Ingham seconded the motion that Scappoose City Council only allow the beer gardens to be scheduled until 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Councilor Reed asked Michael Klobes how much money is he talking about.

Michael Klobes replied for about 500 people at the Salmon Derby in 4 hours they raised any where from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 of alcohol sales. So you are probably looking at any where form \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in an extra hour.

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

### **Water Rate Recommendation**

Mayor Burge explained the Public Works Advisory Committee consist of himself, Lisa Smith, Joshua Francoeur, Karen Johnesse-Thornton, Rick Weber and Carmen Kulp. He went over the staff report. He explained they made a recommendation to increase the water commodity rate of five cents from .33 to .38 per 100 gallons.

Councilor Gedlich thinks the .5 increase per 100 gallon sounds reasonable. She is really excited about the equal payment plan.

City Manager Hanken explained he has been running some examples for the equal payment plan. He still needs to look at others to look and see if this is really going to be worth the cost to offer that payment option. He explained right now customers can make payments anytime.

Councilor Ingham stated just like the Waste Management increases she thinks it is prudent of the City to do small incremental increase to avoid getting hit with huge increases down the road. She feels the monthly billing is key in coordination with this rate increase.

City Manager Hanken replied the meter replacement was put on hold for a year or two and that will delay the monthly billings.

Councilor Ingham stated maybe on the bottom of the water bill the City could put a reminder on the bill that customers could pay their bill monthly if they would like to.

Councilor Meres stated he is in support of this and he is in support of looking at a bond.

Mayor Burge explained the experience on the committee for him was fascinating because of the dynamics that they had. They had people who were deadest against any rate increase and there were people who had different perspectives. It was really interesting because the two people that were most opposed of the rate increases made the motion and the second to approve this after getting a chance to look at the water system, the issues facing it, the history and everything and to him it was fascinating to watch. It was a good experience and the Public Works Committee will continue working on other issues.

### **Community Contributions for FY'12**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained as we are working through City budget process the Budget Committee has made a recommendation in the budget that is being submitted to the City Council and the City Council will see that budget proposal on June 20. However since the Budget Committee has made a recommendation for community contributions he has moved forward and submitted notices to organizes related to submitted requests for community contributions. He explained before you there are 9 organizations that have submitted their requests.

Jean Lewis, St. Helens Youth Center gave an update on Teen Court. She explained they are starting a youth center in St. Helens.

Sheylinn Gano and Amanda Katz gave pamphlets which are prototypes of what they want to have at the Youth Center. They gave an overview of what the proposed Youth Center would include.

Jean Lewis explained the Youth Center is open to Scappoose students. She explained the funds they are asking for this evening would be to provide scholarships to help pay for the annual fee for any Scappoose kids that would use their center.

Mayor Burge explained since our funds are tight he is pretty hesitant to put funds into a St. Helens Youth Center.

Councilor Ingham replied she agrees with Mayor Burge. She would like to see next year how many kids are attending from Scappoose.

Mary Jo Mazzella, Scappoose Historical Society, explained the Historical Society is asking for community contributions to fund the opening on Saturday's at the Watts House. She stated it has been a great advantage having the Watts House open on Saturdays. She explained last year on Saturdays there was 1,160 visitors.

Councilor Gedlich spoke in regards to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. She explained they are serving more families and these funds will really help.

Tracie Smith, Columbia Pacific Food Bank, explained they wouldn't be able to serve the people in Scappoose without the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. She explained she is requesting a little more than in the past due to the very tough times in Columbia County.

Laura Hunsinger, Director of Community Action Team, Inc ~ Kidcare Program, explained Kidcare has been in operation for over 20 years. She explained you will probably see she is asking for more money there year and that is because during the past two years they have lost \$29,000.00 in support from United Way and Columbia County. Kidcare desperately needs funds to keep the program open.

Bill Craver explained he and his wife Rita have been foster care providers Vincent who has been in the Kidcare program for sometime. He is a young man with considerable disabilities and this program has been a win situation for him. He stated there are people who have kids in this program who can't afford to pay the \$10.00 a day and some of the kids are in this program now due to this funding. He feels this is a very worthwhile program.

Mary Gilstrap, Scappoose, explained how she relies on Kidcare. She stated the program is great and they keep them not just busy but active and learning. She feels really good about having her granddaughter there. She stated this program is something that she can depend on. She stated in our community we are finding more and more grandparents raising grandchildren.

Karen Stoel, Director of the Scappoose Youth Recreation Center, explained this is their 17 year. She stated they really appreciate Councils support in the past.

Kathryn Bourn, Executive Director for CASA for Kids, Inc., explained the CASA for Kids, Inc. program. She explained the funds will help with their program.

Councilor Reed explained he was a CASA volunteer for about 10 years. He explained during that 10 years he probably advocated for between 6 to 10 children.

Kannikar and Al Petersen, St. Helens and Bill Blank, Scappoose, are here this evening representing The Columbia River Community.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Gedlich second the motion to extend the meeting until 9:30 p.m. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye.

Kannikar Petersen explained the proposed banner replacement program. She explained they would like Councils input on what they would like to see on the banners that would most represent Scappoose. She explained this proposed project is estimated to cost \$25,145.00.

Councilor Gedlich would like to see a totem or something similar.

Mayor Burge stated he likes the airplane because it represents the airport or the candle because it is the first thing you see when you come into town.

Councilor Ingham stated she thinks it's a great idea she just think the timing is a little off. She stated with the tight budget the City has the food banks don't have enough money to distribute food and we have children in our community that need care, she thinks the priority here is not to place

banners on the highway in Scappoose this year. She thinks maybe Council could sit with them and talk over the next year on how what they might like on a banner and look at their budget next year and see what they can do next year on the banner. She just doesn't think putting up banners on the highway at this point and time with the budget constraints that they have is a priority.

Bill Blank explained as a member of this group he wanted to say one of things was this was a Columbia County effort to try to bring not only people to Columbia County when they get here is to make them feel this is an open community from the gateway of Columbia County which is here all the way up to Clatskanie. He stated part of this is economic development and to encourage people to come here. He understands the concerns about the budget however all the communities have to be a part of this to get the full grant. He stated anything you can do will help.

Councilor Gedlich thanked them for coming tonight. She stated the banners would make the community look welcome and give an enhancement to the community. She thinks we should get on board with this. She stated we have nothing that really draws any welcome to this community.

Al Petersen explained he agrees with Councilor Gedlich 100%. He said communities in order to approve they need to invest in what the community looks like and the look of the community is what brings people to the community as tourist, its what brings people to the community to stop and maybe consider living and if the look of the community is better it entices people maybe to stay and live. He thinks this particular project is one of the cheaper ways to improve the look of a community. He stated they have come up as a group with a very inexpensive way to improve the look of all of the communities along the highway and they would like Councils support.

Councilor Meres agrees with Al Petersen and he would like to see some form of financial support from the City.

Mayor Burge recessed at 9:13 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

Julie Stephens, Scappoose Senior Center is asking for \$6,000.00 to help support the Scappoose Senior Center Meals on Wheels and in-house meal programs.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Scappoose City Council award community contributions as follows:

Historical Society \$4,000.00  
St Vincent de Paul \$3,200.00  
Columbia Pacific Food Bank \$3,500.00  
CAT/Kid Care \$5,000.00  
Scappoose Youth Recreation Center \$7,000.00  
CASA \$3,000.00  
Columbia River Community \$500.00  
Scappoose Senior Center \$4,000.00

Councilor Gedlich would like to make sure we give the Scappoose Senior Center \$6,000.00. She stated the seniors in this community have given back for decades. She would be devastated if some seniors would not get meals because of this. She would like the City to be a little bit more supportive to the Columbia River Community and would like to see at least \$1,500.00 go to that group.



Councilor Meres stated as a board member of the Senior Center and a volunteer he would have to say that the meals on wheels is probably one of the most worthwhile programs in the City of Scappoose.

Councilor Ingham amended her motion and Councilor Erickson seconded the amendment as follows:

Historical Society \$4,000.00  
St Vincent de Paul \$3,200.00  
Columbia Pacific Food Bank \$3,500.00  
CAT/Kid Care \$5,000.00  
Scappoose Youth Recreation Center \$7,000.00  
CASA for Kids Inc. \$3,000.00  
Columbia River Community \$500.00  
Scappoose Senior Center \$6,000.00

Councilor Gedlich stated she would like to talk about the banners. She explained we are looking at economic development; we are looking at working with other communities that are going along with this. She stated even if we give them \$1,000.00 it looks like we are really involved.

Councilor Ingham amended her motion and Councilor Erickson seconded the amendment as follows:

Historical Society \$4,000.00  
St Vincent de Paul \$3,200.00  
Columbia Pacific Food Bank \$3,500.00  
CAT/Kid Care \$5,000.00  
Scappoose Youth Recreation Center \$7,000.00  
CASA for Kids Inc. \$3,000.00  
Columbia River Community \$3,000.00  
Scappoose Senior Center \$6,000.00

Totaling      \$34,700.00

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

### **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

### **Council**

Councilor Meres thanked everybody that showed up and he would like to thank the Council and the City for supporting all these worthy programs.

Councilor Ingham concurred.

Mayor Burge talked about nuisance policies regarding homes in foreclosure that have front lawn grass longer than 6 inches.

Mayor Burge explained he recently participated in an event with the Oregon Youth Challenge mostly to bring out an introduction. It's a State program that allows at risk youth an opportunity to volunteer to participate in this program, they don't get forced by a court they get to choose to participate and it goes through a boot camp of 5 months to give them a chance to change their lives.

Mayor Burge recessed at 9:35 p.m.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to extend the meeting. Motion passed (5-1). Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Mark Reed, aye. Mayor Burge, nay;

Mayor Burge went in to executive session at 9:40 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

**In attendance:** Mayor Burge, Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Ingham, Councilor Meres, Councilor Erickson, Councilor Reed, City Manager Hanken and Legal Counsel Ron Guerra.

### **ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiator**

### **ORS 192.660-(2) (i) Performance Evaluation of Public Officers and Employees**

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

---

Scott Burge, Mayor

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