

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

Council President Bernhard called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute

Attendance:

City Council Members:

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

Press: None

Cindy Phillips Legal Counsel

Excused: Mayor Scott Burge, Councilor Gedlich and City Recorder Susan Reeves

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (5-0). Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Public Comments

Barbara Hayden, Scappoose, gave a handout to the Council regarding Renewable Energy West LLC. She explained she received this document and she has some questions for Council about this issue. She stated from what we can tell from this document this appears to be the Parker property that is on the corner of West Lane and Crown Zellerbach Road. Her question is who have authority over this?

City Manager Hanken replied it will go to the County Planning Commission and then to the County Commissioners. He explained the City has a right to comment as part of agency comments.

Consent Agenda ~ March 7, 2011

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the March 7, 2011 Council Meeting minutes. Motion passed (5-0). Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

New Business

Proposed City Charter Recommendations

Councilor Ingham went over the staff report. She explained attached to the staff report is a copy of the City Charter with the changes recommended by the Charter Review Committee. Deleted language appears faded and added language is in bold. The Committee had a great deal of discussion related to Chapter 7, Section 26: Filling of Vacancies. The Committee has provided Council with alternative language regarding the process for filling vacant Council seats and has asked Council to make the final recommendation. The alternative language is found in Seaside's City Charter and states that if a Council member is appointed and, there is a general biennial election more than 100 days after the appoint, the successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Cindy Phillips stated to Councilor Ingham that she might remember that she was present at one of the Charter Review Committee sessions and she expressed some reservation about the language of "All seated members" of Council, it's in Section 11, Quorum and it's also in Section 17, City Manager and she promised to come back with language that was better because she thought she could find some and she failed. She never found anything that was as clear. She still doesn't like the language but it is clear.

Council President Bernhard explained he read through the changes and he feels they are very minor changes except for the one section that Councilor Ingham has already pointed out. He personally doesn't have any issues or problems with the changes.

The general consensus from City Council was to for staff to move forward and make all the recommend changes.

City Manager Hanken replied what staff will do is bring a draft copy back of all the changes so Council can make a formal motion and forward it to the County at the next coming election.

Announcements

Council President Bernhard went over the calendar.

City Manager Hanken

City Manager Hanken explained staff continues to work on the levee issue in terms of the process to get them recertified. Staff is also working with Columbia County in terms of a grant application for the certification of the levee.

He reminded Council to complete and return the economic statement form from Oregon State Ethics.

He explained he is currently working with the ODOT for a ribbon cutting ceremony for Havlik Drive and SE 2nd Street and that will be scheduled for sometime at the end of April.

Council

Councilor Erickson said it's Spring Break, enjoy it.

Councilor Reed explained he attended the opening of the new WAUNA Credit Union and it is very nice inside.

Adjournment

Council President Bernhard adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Jeff Bernhard, Council President

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder