

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 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
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor

Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Norm Miller	Police Lieutenant
Susan Reeves	City Recorder

Press:

None

Cindy Phillips	Legal Counsel
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Excused: Mayor Scott Burge and Chief Greisen

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comments

Craig Frasier, Scappoose, explained he wanted to pass on to the Council the great help that City officials were to his Civic Classes last week with learning the roles of Council, Mayor, City Manager, Police Chief, City Recorder and so forth. He wanted to let Council know he appreciates their professionalism and also the courtesy that each of them gave to his students.

Consent Agenda ~ October 17, 2011 City Council meeting minutes

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the October 17, 2011 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

New Business

Ord No. 818: An Ordinance Relating to Municipal Finance, Adding a New Chapter 3.25 to the Scappoose Municipal Code, and Creating the Scappoose City Lien Docket

Council President Bernhard read the open hearing statement.

Council President Bernhard opened the public hearing.

Legal Counsel Cindy Phillips gave a brief overview of Ordinance 818. She explained it gives the City of Scappoose a procedure by which to use the provisions that are already in the Scappoose Municipal Code for placing liens on property. She explained one of the most salient points about this ordinance is the ability if the lien is not paid within 60 days after placing the lien on the lien document. She explained under 3.25.650 it states that if the lien remains unpaid for 60 days after it has been recorded in the city's lien docket, the lien may be recorded in county indices and may be foreclosed in any manner provided by law. She explained she understands there has been traditionally a bit of an issue around here in Columbia County and that is properties seem to get sold without anybody ever checking the City lien document. She explained if this ordinance gets enacted this can end up being a lien that is recorded in the County dockets and therefore it will get picked up and it will get paid upon the transfer.

City Manager Hanken explained one of the big issues the City had over the summer was with foreclosed homes and nuisances regarding lawns that were not mowed and this helps resolve that.

Council President Bernhard closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm

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Council President Bernhard read the title for the first time.

Announcements

Council President Bernhard went over the calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained Monday November 28, 2011 at 6:00 pm is the lightening of the Watts House. He explained the Community Club and a number of other volunteers helped put up the holiday decorations along Highway 30 and Heritage Park.

He explained tomorrow is Election Day and City Hall will be open until 8:00 pm for Ballot drop off.

Police Lieutenant

Lieutenant Miller explained Officer Gainer was hurt in the line of duty chasing suspects so he is out right now due to an injury.

Council

Councilor Gedlich would like to send something to Officer Gainer.

Councilor Meres thanked City Manager Hanken, Councilor Reed and Barbara Hayden for helping with lights. He explained they will be putting more up on the 19th of November.

Councilor Reed explained he had a good time assisting with the lights.

Adjournment

Council President Bernhard adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Jeff Bernhard, Council President

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder