

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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(arrived at 7:07 pm)

Staff:

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

Press:

Chelsea Bowen	The Chronicle
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Excused: Councilor Mark Reed and Legal Counsel

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge amended the agenda to include the Election Results Abstract to the Consent Agenda.

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

Public Comments

ReAnna Sharp and Barbara Hayden are here this evening on behalf of the Historical Society. They handed out information for a special fundraiser that the Historical Society is doing at this time. Barbara Hayden explained they are going to do the fundraiser for the holiday season and they will be selling poinsettias. She explained the poinsettias will also be available the night of the Christmas lighting.

Consent Agenda ~ September 19, 2011 City Council meeting minutes and Election Results Abstract

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the August 15, 2011 City Council meeting minutes and Election Results Abstract. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Erickson, aye.

Introduction of new Scappoose School Superintendent ~ John C. Miner

Joe Lewis explained the Scappoose School District is very fortunate to have an experienced superintendent on board and he is very happy to be able to introduce John Miner.

John Miner thanked Council and staff. He explained he is proud to be here in Scappoose. He explained as a new guy here working in the school district Council can be very proud of this school district. He explained Chief Greisen come over to the District Office and introduced himself. He appreciates Chief Greisen's outreach in his first couple of weeks. He does believe that the School District and the City have to work real close, hand in hand and that they are mutually supportive of each others goals. He thanked Chief Greisen. He explained he will be working with City Manager Hanken here shortly.

Council welcomed Mr. Miner.

Council President Bernhard explained to Mr. Miner that he thinks he is going to find that our community is filled with a lot of volunteerism and extremely active within our school district. Also the relationship between the City and the School District, as you probably heard, really turned a corner back with the construction of the Petersen School. He believes that the City's relationship with the School District has never been better.

John Miner stated it is mutually supportive efforts that we need to bring forth and he will continue to do that.

Update on Banner Program

Kannikar and Al Petersen, St. Helens, gave an update on the Scappoose Banner Program. They handout the proposed design they have for Scappoose. She explained each City would have three ultimate designs to go along Highway 30. She explained the design she has for Scappoose is the view of the Watts House looking up to the sky and seeing an airplane.

Councilor Gedlich stated they are beautiful and they really represent all of the cities very well. She thinks they did a very nice job.

Councilor Ingham stated it is beautifully done. She is wondering if they could get more of a straight on view so they could get a little bit more of the Watts House and still have the airplane behind it.

Council President Bernhard replied he agrees, it is very well done. He would like to see the name of the Watts House on the banner to help explain what it is. He explained even if there isn't a change to it he has to be perfectly honest he thinks it is very well done. He stated there is no disappointment what ever.

Councilor Gedlich she asked if maybe along with putting the "Watts House" on the banner the date of 1902 when it was built could go somewhere.

Councilor Erickson stated he does like the angle of the Watts House.

Council thanked Kannikar and Al Petersen.

County Discussion on Police Coverage

Mayor Burge explained at last weeks City/County Meeting County Commissioner Earl Fisher brought forward to the Cities a proposal where each City in the County would be contracted by the County to cover the school districts for their respective Cities. So we would cover the school district within Columbia County. Instead of the County providing patrol deputies they would pay the City to do some sort of coverage. He explained there weren't a lot of details other than the number of population you would be covering. He just wanted to make sure Council had knowledge of this. He explained he asked the question during the League of Oregon Cities conference and received a lot of good advice. The advice he received ~ what are the hours of patrol we'll be expected to provide, what are the added risk management costs, what's the true cost of the employees, and what's that cost if the contract ends, be sure to cover overhead as part of charging the County; they don't just to pay for the officers and the equipment, there is an overhead cost and then we need to make sure we look at the increase liability insurance costs.

Councilor Gedlich asked what is the population amount we are looking at.

City Manager Hanken replied the population we are looking at is about 14, 000; it is a little bit more than twice the size of the City of Scappoose.

Councilor Gedlich asked what about additional manpower and overtime.

City Manager Hanken replied he thinks Mayor Burge hit the point on the head; this is very preliminary in the discussion stage. He stated one of the things that he is going to point out that Council decides in terms of contracts and what the policies and procedures are but one of the things that he wants to point out is in the City of Scappoose we have a particular level of service in terms of numbers of officers per thousand. He stated going into this type of a contract, because basically we are looking at serving a population twice as large as our population, so the citizens of Scappoose would probably have to expect a lower level of service in terms of officers per thousand.

Mayor Burge explained the Mayor for the City of Wilsonville spoke in regards to their contract for police services. He explained the City of Wilsonville has very specific contract. He explained what these contracts sound like is when the County contracts with the City to do their police coverage it is very specific the number of hours of coverage per week they are going to provide and the number of officers.

Mayor Burge is not sure what the next step is. He stated this is very preliminary, he just wanted to make sure Council was aware of this.

Councilor Ingham explained basically this is in answer to the budgetary problems of the Sheriff's Department and what this idea has been forth as is that the different municipalities police departments would in fact take the place of the sheriff patrol. So the Sheriff Patrol Officers would

no longer exist and they would basically run the jail. She stated at the next City/County meeting this will be on the agenda.

Council President Bernhard stated obviously we need to take a slow methodical approach to this and keep in the back of their minds, at least as Scappoose City Council members, our citizens. He explained the citizens of Scappoose have paid dearly for years and years through services, or lack of additional services to create 24 hour coverage through elections of Council and they have made that a priority for years to get to that point. So they need to be very mindful of that. He explained the other thing that comes to his mind is the underlying issues really that the problem from what he understood was more about judicial orders that were imposed by our local judges and how that was affecting our jail space at the County level. He stated it wasn't really a patrol issue it was more about they don't have enough funds. He stated when they move forward they need to be considering what is the true underlying issue here, the underlying issue was bed space and it has turned into a patrol issue because they don't have enough funding.

Councilor Meres stated he is kind of with Council President Bernhard on this. They haven't solved problem number one and his is not really interested in going forward until we solve the first problem with the jail. He asked what happened with that.

City Manager Hanken replied the problem is still in existence. He explained the work group that is dealing with that will be meeting Monday October 10, 2011 to start addressing that issue. He stated that is an issue that is going to take a while before there is a solution.

Mayor Burge stated he would want a guarantee of no reduction of service inside the City.

Councilor Ingham feels all the City Council members and Police Chief Greisen should be at the next City/County meeting when this discussion will take place.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained at the League of Oregon Cities Conference he did a presentation on our economic development efforts. He explained next years League of Oregon Cities Conference is in Salem and staff has reserved 5 rooms.

He explained staff is finishing our financial statements and we should be getting those to the auditor by the end of the month.

Columbia County will be holding the first reading on the proposed UGB on October 12, 2011 and the second reading will be held October 19, 2011. So once that is done that information comes back to us and all information is put together and then it gets sent off to the State.

He explained Council should have received their first quarter financial report.

He explained the City does have a ballot initiative related to the City Charter that will be on the November Ballot.

He explained St. Helens City Councilor Phil Barlow's Funeral is Saturday.

Police Chief

Police Chief Greisen explained the National Center of Rural Law Enforcement from Little Rock Arkansas is out this week for police department training.

Council

Councilor Meres stated he had a great time at the League of Oregon Cities Conference. He thinks Columbia County did a great job, it was a great presentation. He would also like to recognize Bill Blank for his hard work with Saturday Market.

Council President Bernhard wanted to take a second and acknowledge the UGB vote and say congratulations to the citizens of Scappoose for making a tough but good choice. Also to the opponents of the UGB, your voice was dually noted and heard. He explained the vote was a lot closer than he thought it would be and it showed him that there are a lot of concern citizens still out there about the livability of Scappoose. So he wanted to acknowledge that your voices were heard and they will continue to be heard.

Councilor Ingham asked City Manager Hanken if the letter went out to Paul Petersen and if so could he copy her on it.

City Manager Hanken replied yes.

Mayor Burge explained the services for Phil Barlow are on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. He explained at the League of Oregon Cities Conference they raised about \$75.00 for the Barlow family.

Mayor Burge explained one the best things at the League of Oregon Cities Conference was the Mayors round table discussion.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder