

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 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
Judie Ingham	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor

Ron Guerra	Legal Counsel
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Staff:

Jon Hanken	City Manager
Doug Greisen	Police Chief
Susan Reeves	City Recorder
Joe Lewis	Water Treatment Plant Supervisor

Press:

Chelsea Bowen	The Chronicle
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Excused: Councilor Donna Gedlich

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge amended the agenda to include a request from the Boosters Club to request the dates for the 2012 Pow Wow and also to add to the agenda Resolution No. 11-18: A Resolution Authorizing Oregon Aero Inc. Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone.

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

Public Comments

Ken Gates, South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, explained he just wanted to come and say thank you to Council and staff for their support at this years Wings and Wheels event. He brought Council a certificate of appreciation. He explained the event went well. Next years event will be on August 12, 2012.

Consent Agenda ~ August 15, 2011 City Council meeting minutes

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

Proclamation ~ National Preparedness Month

Mayor Burge read the National Preparedness Month Proclamation.

New Business

Scappoose Boosters Pow Wow

Michael Klobes explained they would like to lock in the dates for next years Pow Wow. He explained they have improvements to make to the next event and they would like to come back to Council at a later time to have a discussion on that. He explained they would like to have the Pow Wow July 12-14, 2012. He stated they would also like to talk about extending the hours to midnight.

Council President Bernhard asked if they have information to base the decision on for the midnight extension.

City Manager Hanken replied he only received minimal complaints. He explained we have had more complaints on the Sauerkraut Festival then they did on the Pow Wow. He feels the event went smoothly. He explained there should be an opportunity to invite the neighbors to provide input in terms of that extended hour and see what they have to say. He explained in his standpoint the discussion should be left open and formally decided at a later date. But again based upon the lack of complaints he doesn't necessarily see a problem with extending the time.

Police Chief Greisen explained he talked to several citizens who lived all over the City of Scappoose who stated they heard the music but it was nice. It wasn't like in the past. He explained this is the first time he has dealt with the Boosters and they did a fabulous job. He explained there are something's that could be changed just to make it even better yet. He does not see any issues with extending the hours to midnight. He stated the Boosters did a very good job and he was very impressed.

Councilor Meres thinks the Pow Wow went fine. He explained he didn't see any problems and he would be in support in allowing it to go to midnight.

Councilor Reed explained he also saw no problems and as stated in previous meetings he said he would support the event going to midnight.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Reed seconded the motion to allow the Scappoose Booster to use Scappoose Veterans Park from July 11-14, 2012.

Council President Bernhard explained if we are not going to decide on the midnight time frame tonight he thinks it is only fair that we give them an approximate date that they should come back.

Michael Klobes explained the date is the most important thing for them tonight and midnight time frame can wait.

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

Resolution No. 11-18: A Resolution Authorizing Oregon Aero Inc. Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained Oregon Aero has announced that they will be expanding their facilities at the Scappoose Airport. The expansion will include the construction of a new manufacturing facility and the purchase of new equipment. The estimated value of Oregon Aero's expansion is \$1,850,000.00. Oregon Aero in terms of the agreement for the additional two years will donate:

\$1,000.00 per year for the next five years to the Columbia County Economic Team

\$500 per year for the next five years to the Scappoose Senior Center

\$500 per year for the next five years to the Scappoose Community Club

\$500 per year for the next five years to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank

A one-time donation of \$500.00 to each High School in Columbia County to further vocational education.

City Manager Hanken explained Oregon Aero has agreed to these donations.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution No. 11-18: A Resolution Authorizing Oregon Aero Inc. Extended Enterprise Zone Benefits for a Fourth and Fifth Year in the South Columbia County Enterprise Zone. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Ordinance No. 817: An Ordinance Relating To Land Use and Amending Municipal Code Chapters 17.140 (Public Land Tree Removal) and 17.162 (Procedures for Decision Making--Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Burge read the opening statement and guidelines for the hearing. He opened the hearing at 7:26 p.m.

City Manager Hanken read over the staff report. He explained what Council has before them is an ordinance to change the way the City does the public land tree removal provisions under the Scappoose Development Code. He explained currently in the ordinance any public tree removal except in the case of an emergency needs to go before the Scappoose Planning Commission. The Scappoose Planning Commission has had public hearings related to this topic and what they are proposing is a modification of the ordinance that would allow the planner a little bit more discretion in terms of dealing with street trees within the City. The Planning Commission would still hold their authority with site applications associated with timber harvesting and clearing from designated public recreation areas.

Mayor Burge asked if there was anyone who would like to speak on this matter. There was no one who wanted to speak on this matter so Mayor Burge closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve Ordinance No. 817: An Ordinance Relating To Land Use and Amending Municipal Code Chapters 17.140 (Public Land Tree Removal) and 17.162 (Procedures for Decision Making--Quasi-Judicial)

Mayor Burge read the title for the first time.

Completion of Sandberg Water Line

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the City has completed the Sandberg Road Water Line Project.

Water Plant Update

Joe Lewis gave an update on the Water Plant. He explained this is just meant to bring Council up to date on what is happening with the water system. He explained due to having surgery he has been out and he thanked Darryl Sykes and Steve Smith who were operating the treatment plants in his absence and doing a good job. He explained for the month of August they averaged a million gallons of water a day.

Joe Lewis explained they had the Keys Road Water Plant sealed and cleaned. He explained the Sandberg Water Line was looped. He explained Darryl and Steve rebuilt both of the fluoride saturators. He explained staff maintains the operations of all five of the filters; they use four at a time in hot weather.

Joe Lewis explained the City engineers are working on our water conservation management plan which is a requirement to upgrade our water permits on our drinking water wells. He explained they do have issues; there are always issues at water plants because there are a lot of moving parts. He explained one of the issues is there is some iron bacteria in the Dutch Canyon Well. He explained periodically, about every three months, they give it a shot of chlorine then flush it out. He explained there are requirements from the Health Department for sampling. He also explained they keep busy with yard maintenance.

Joe Lewis explained he and City Manager Hanken have discussed and they are examining future water sources.

Mayor Burge discussed the issue of chlorine taste in the water.

Joe Lewis replied that is the most common complaint. He explained the way the chlorine chemistry works you can get a chlorine taste when chlorine is too low as well.

Councilor Ingham would like to revisit the issue of fluoride in the water.

Resolution No. 11-17: A Resolution Modifying the City of Scappoose Personnel Policy Manual

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained as part of the new AFSCME contract that was ratified in August, Council added Christmas Eve as a paid holiday and increased the amount of accrued vacation an employee can carry over each year from 160 hours to 200 hours. Council has maintained a level of parity between the AFSCME contract and the personnel manual, which serves as the City's policy document for non-represented employees, on matters like vacation accrual and paid holidays.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 11-17: A Resolution Modifying the City of Scappoose Personnel Policy Manual.

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

Change to Non-Represented Employee's Cost of Health Insurance Premiums

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained as part of the AFSCME contract members agreed to change the percentage that the employees pay for health benefits. Under the new contract AFSCME members will pay 12% of the insurance premiums over a single coverage. Staff is asking the Council make that same insurance costs to the non-represented employees as well. He explained this is estimated to save the City of Scappoose \$35,000.00 a year in health insurance premiums.

Council President Bernhard moved and Councilor Reed seconded the motion that Council modify the amount non-represented City employees pay for health insurance benefits to be the same as AFSCME Union members.

Councilor Ingham asked City Manager Hanken how much a year does the City of Scappoose spend in health insurance premiums.

City Manager Hanken replied approximately \$300,000.00.

Councilor Ingham asked how come the one/single person is not paying a portion of their health insurance cost.

City Manager Hanken replied in terms of negotiating this out with the AFSCME Union you have to have some give and take. He explained if you have two employees both doing the same job, one single, one married with children, the married person with children's total compensation package is \$13,000.00 higher than the single person based upon the insurance; doing this provides a little bit of a parity to get the single people to kind of buy into this change as well.

Councilor Ingham feels it fair for everyone to pay a portion of their health insurance.

Councilor Meres asked how many non-union employees are there at the City.

City Manager Hanken replied there are about a dozen. He explained not everything is the same for non-represented employees and union employees.

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

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken reminded Council that the Sheriff's service summit is Friday Sept 9, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Columbia County 911 Dispatch Center.

He spoke about the envelope marked “confidential” for council to read.

He explained at the next City Council meeting the Public Works Advisory Committee’s recommendation related to water rates will be on the table.

Council

Councilor Meres stated it is going to be hot out.

Council President Bernhard talked about the Oregon Aero resolution and this is just another prime example of growth within our community. He stated Oregon Aero continues to lead by example out at the airport.

Councilor Ingham stated good job to Chief Greisen for his response to Sheriff Dickerson’s original letter. She asked City Manager Hanken about Council consensus that they send a letter to Paul Peterson to thank him for his service.

City Manager Hanken replied he hasn’t got there yet but that will be happening. He will also invite the new Scappoose School District Superintendent to a Council meeting for introduction.

Councilor Ingham explained she would like to this year revisit the skate park issue. She explained she is glad to see that Oregon Aero made the choices they did as far as why they are giving money to.

Councilor Erickson explained there is someone that he knows that would be a good person to help with the skate spots.

Councilor Reed explained he enjoyed the Pow Wow and he thinks it is a good thing for the City to bring it back.

Mayor Burge explained he received a call from someone who was concerned about bikes on the skate park. He explained to her why bikes weren’t allowed and they discussed maybe there could be a couple of hours that the bikes could ride on the skate park. He asked if City Manager Hanken could check this out through our insurance.

Mayor Burge asked City Manager Hanken about looking at adding play equipment at Veterans Park for children 6 and under.

City Manager Hanken replied not a problem.

Mayor Burge talked about the storm water drain at Veterans Park and asked if there’s some way to make it look better than it does. He stated there has got to be a way where we don’t have cement looking pools sitting along sidewalks for stormwater that appear to be an attractive nuisance to him.

City Manager Hanken replied he will check into that.

Mayor Burge recessed and then went into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Executive Session

ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Transaction

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

Adjournment

Mayor Burge came out of the Executive Session and adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Susan M Reeves, CMC, City Recorder