

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 16, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.  
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE  
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

**Staff:**

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

**Press:** none

**Excused:** Councilor Mark Reed, Councilor Jeff Erickson and Legal Counsel

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Burge amended the agenda to remove 7.1 Proposed Police Guild Labor Agreement.

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye and Councilor Meres, aye.

**Public Comments**

Michael Klobes, Scappoose, gave an update on the Pow Wow. He explained it went very well and he doesn't think they had too many complaints. He thanked Council for allowing them to have the festival and any feedback would be very welcomed.

Police Chief Greisen explained they did have one noise complaint that came in from SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street but what they did was go to that location and took a decibel reading which was .41, which is very low. He explained they got about four different complaints that night for parties at peoples homes, nothing related to the Pow Wow. He explained in law enforcement perspective it was successful, they had a lot of compliments.

Michael Klobes explained he will be back in front of Council probably within the month for next's years Pow Wow date.

**Consent Agenda ~ July 2, 2012 City Council meeting minutes**

Councilor Gedlich moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ July 2, 2012 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

## **Old Business**

### **2013 League of Oregon Cities Legislative Agenda**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained at our last Council meeting we had a discussion related to filling out the League of Oregon Cities Legislative priority list. He has complied the information that has been provided by Councilmember's who submitted the forms and the top four topics submitted by this Council include Jobs/Economic Development, Reform Court Fines, Recapitalize the Special Public Works Fund, and Eliminate Health Insurance Subsidy Requirement for Retired employees. He guesses what he is asking, unless somebody had more to add to this, he asks Council to make a motion to adopt those as Scappoose's 2013 LOC Legislative priorities.

Councilor Ingham moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion to that Council adopt Jobs/Economic Development, Reform Court Fines, Recapitalize the Special Public Works Fund, and Eliminate Health Insurance Subsidy Requirement for Retired Employees as Scappoose's priorities for 2013 Legislative priorities and submit this information to the League of Oregon Cities.

Councilor Gedlich stated so many municipalities are having trouble with court fines and levies. She was wondering if there was anyway that whether or not we add that on the list if we could work with our Legislators regarding having the City being able to put a lien on people that have fines through the court so that the City can get their money.

City Manager Hanken replied as a staff person he can't lobby in terms of one way or another but in September the City is hosting one of the League of Oregon Cities events with our local Legislators and that is something that can be brought up at that time.

Mayor Burge stated he thinks Council can also make it a priority and the Council direction to our Legislative Representatives and say this is important to us.

Councilor Gedlich explained when we get together with different municipalities in Columbia County she has asked and talked about this with different Councilmember's and Mayor's. She briefly brought it up to Judge Reed not too long ago and she asked him if we had jurisdictional privileges to ask our Legislators to do that and he said that you can either do it by letter or you can put it in a resolution. She is sure that is what he said.

Mayor Burge and City Manager Hanken both replied yes.

Councilor Gedlich replied maybe we can think about that a little bit since hundreds of thousands of dollars are owed.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

## **New Business**

### **Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Pro Tem Judicial Services**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained in the City of Scappoose we need to name an additional pro tem judge to the municipal court. We currently have an Intergovernmental

Agreement with the City of Rainier, however on occasion there are times were Judge Wood and Judge Wardle are not available. Most communities have multiple pro tem judges so he has been in discussion with the City of St. Helens and they have expressed an interest in entering into an IGA related to judge pro tem. Their judge is Cindy Phillips.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Meres seconded the motion that the Scappoose City Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of St. Helens for Pro Tem Judicial Services as presented.

Councilor Ingham asked if this affects our budget.

City Manager Hanken replied no.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

### **Community Contributions for FY'13**

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained just to remind Council there is a specific line item in the budget for Columbia County Rider for \$10,000.00. He pointed out that he is a board member for Community Action Team. Also there is a handout from Historical Society that was submitted and is in front of Council. They are requesting \$4,000.00 and it is not on the staff report.

Councilor Ingham explained in the past Community Action Team and Kid Care were one and the same last year but this year they are separate.

Karen Stoel, Scappoose Youth Recreation Center, went over her hand out. She explained they are asking for \$1,000 more because of the need for getting new equipment and due to increased cost of trips. She explained they bought Wii Sports so they would be physically doing something versus being on their phones. She explained they are requesting \$8,000.

Council thanked Karen Stoel.

Julie Stephens, Scappoose Senior Center, went over her handout. She explained 60% of the meals they serve are "Meals on Wheels". She explained they are requesting \$6,000.

Mayor Burge asked Julie Stephens for your food programs what are you current capital needs if any.

Julie Stephen replied they do not have any vehicles at the center but their gleaning store has a van that is falling apart and they could really use another vehicle.

Council thanked Julie Stephens.

Councilor Gedlich explained she is here on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. She went over the handout. She explained last year they provided 1,300 food boxes and approximately 3,600 people were able to have food. She explained they are requesting \$3,000.

Mayor Burge asked if they need new freezers or anything like that.

Councilor Gedlich replied she hasn't heard of anything.

Mayor Burge thanked Councilor Gedlich.

Renee Shelby, Columbia Pacific Food Bank, went over her handout. She explained they have given freezers and fridges to St. Vincent because they get grant money from Oregon Food Bank. She explained they are requesting \$5,000.

Mayor Burge asked Renee Shelby the same question, are they looking for trucks, freezers, etc.

Renee Shelby replied in a few years probably a new truck.

Council President Bernhard stated he would like for her group to come back to one of the Council meetings and explain to Council the needs of Scappoose and Columbia County in general when it comes to our hunger issues that we deal with.

Mayor Burge asked City Manager Hanken if he could set that up.

City Manager Hanken replied yes.

Council thanked Renee Shelby.

Barbara Wood, Community Action Team, went over her handout. She explained they are requesting \$5,000 for the "Begin Again" project. She gave a brief overview of how that program works. She explained they select 5 individuals to assist.

Councilor Gedlich asked who selects the 5 individuals, and how old are they and where are they from.

Martha Olmstead, Program Coordinator, replied the individuals are from Columbia County and what they do is have a waiting list for the program because the need is so big. She gave an overview of the program and explained this is a pilot program that they started a year ago.

Councilor Ingham asked what are your other sources for revenue.

Martha Olmstead replied grant funding, city funding, State funding and Federal Funding.

Councilor Ingham wants to know that what ever money Scappoose City Council decides will go directly towards kids here in Scappoose.

Barbara Wood replied if you make that be a criteria then definitely that is what they would do.

Councilor Meres stated he believes the Council has always made a policy that we've given the money to the community to do what they need to do. He stated we have never earmark monies for special areas. He asked do we want as a Council to earmark money for special programs.

Mayor Burge replied we also do it for special programs. He thinks the question you really are trying to ask is do you want to earmark it for special areas, like in Scappoose. His feeling on that is that it is the Scappoose tax payer's money to help people in our town.

Martha Olmstead explained one thing that is different here in Scappoose is you don't have any low income housing. She explained St. Helens does offer low income housing.

Council thanked Barbara Wood and Martha Olmstead.

Mayor Burge asked what their definition of homeless is.

Karen Stoel explained the Scappoose School District explains homeless as anyone displaced from their home, whether they are living with other family members or on the street.

Barbara Wood replied she thinks the definition of homeless that they work with is different.

Martha Olmstead explained the definition for homelessness is anyone that is living in the park, on the bench, under a tree, in the car or anything that is not a house or a couch surfer.

Barbara Wood explained they will screen for the more severe homeless.

Councilor Ingham asked Barbara Wood and Martha Olmstead next year when they come will they please find the number that is relative to your criteria for Scappoose to give to Council. She explained that will help them determine what they fairly should present to them.

Martha Olmstead replied she has that information at her office and she can email that to City Manager Hanken.

Barb Hayden explained she is the President of the Scappoose Historical Society. She went over her handout. She explained they are asking for \$4,000. She explained the events that they will have at the Watts House.

Council thanked Barb Hayden.

Laura Hunsinger, Director of KidCare After School Program, went over the handout. She explained she is no longer with Community Action Team but have been picked up by the Parents Association. She explained they have zero dollars at this point; they are literally starting from scratch. She would like to keep KidCare going and stay with it as long as she can. She explained they are requesting for \$5,000.

Kim Boswell, parent of child that attends Kidcare, said if Kidcare wasn't there she doesn't know what she would do. She explained Kidcare to them is absolutely essential.

Council President Bernhard asked if the \$5,000 is enough to cover for years of services or is it just the beginning of the money that you are looking for to operate.

Laura Hunsinger replied it is just the beginning because they have a zero budget at this point.

Council thanked Laura Hunsinger.

Jay Tappan explained he is with Columbia River Fire and Rescue representing Columbia Emergency Planning Association (CEPA) Expo Representative. He went over his handout. He explained they are requesting \$500 to \$1,000.

Council President Bernhard explained he doesn't feel Scappoose should be paying for the full CEPA event at the County.

Councilor Gedlich agrees with Council President Bernhard.

Jay Tappan explained he is not asking for the entire amount, that is just their expenses. He is just asking for \$500 to \$1000.

Council thanked Jay Tappan.

Councilor Ingham moved and Council President Bernhard seconded the motion that City Council award community contribution as requested, with the exception of nothing to CC Rider since there is already a line item in the budget for \$10,000, totaling \$37,000 and any amount over the \$30,000 to come from contingency.

Mayor Burge explained that would be:

Scappoose Youth Recreation Center \$8,000.00  
Senior Center \$6,000.00  
Scappoose Historical Society \$4,000  
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank \$3,000  
Columbia Pacific Food Bank \$5,000  
Kidcare \$5,000  
CAT \$5,000  
CEPA \$1,000

**Totaling \$37,000.00**

Councilor Gedlich stated she really has a problem with the \$5,000 to Community Action Team because right now we really don't know if there are any homeless students in Scappoose that's living under a bush or a car. She would like to see that number because if we have displaced youth they are not even counted. She just feels that our constituents are expecting use to spend our money on people and activities that are happening in our community. She would like to encourage them to come back next year with a lot more information and figures.

Councilor Gedlich stated she would like to amend the motion to reduce the amount by \$5,000 and make it \$32,000 ~ no second.

Mayor Burge stated seeing no second the amendment dies.

Council President Bernhard stated he would like to ask the Council if they would consider the \$5,000 being for Scappoose youth.

Mayor Burge and Councilor Ingham also agree with Council President Bernhard.

Councilor Ingham made an amendment to her motion and Council President Bernhard seconded the amendment to require the \$5,000 to Community Action Team be for someone who is originally from Scappoose.

Council President Bernhard thanked all the volunteers in the audience and he appreciates everything that each and every one of them do.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Bernhard, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Ingham, aye; Councilor Meres, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Councilor Gedlich asked to be excused and left at 8:27 p.m.

### **Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

### **Police Chief**

Police Chief Greisen talked about the Pow Wow and how well it went.

### **Council**


Council President Bernhard stated the Pow Wow was an overall fantastic event and he thinks it was just a huge success. He stated to the staff fantastic job again. He stated it really was a community event.


Councilor Ingham stated again she wanted to thank everyone in the audience for their dedication and devotion.

Mayor Burge stated the Pow Wow was great. He stated to Chief Greisen they did a great job. It was well organized.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:   
Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder