

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 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
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor

Staff:

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

Press: none

Jeff Bennett Legal Counsel

Excused: Council President Jeff Bernhard and Councilor Judie Ingham

Councilor Gedlich asked Mayor Burge to be excused just for a couple of minutes.

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge removed agenda item 6.0 Consent agenda and agenda item 9.0 Option for Relocating Water and Sewer Lines Related to the County's JP West Bridge Replacement Project from the agenda.

Councilor Reed moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (4-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye. Councilor Gedlich stepped away for a moment.

Public Comments

None

Councilor Gedlich returned.

Department of Justice Report on Casswell/Swim Council Pool Fund

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained what Council has before them is the Department of Justice inquiry related to the Casswell pool fund and the Swim Council fund. He explained back in March there was a complaint filed with the Department of Justice basically asking whatever happened with the Casswell pool fund. As they went through their research analysis and investigation they did an audit of the Casswell pool fund and the Swim Council. He explained what the Department has learned is that there is in terms of the Caswell fund about

\$34,000 in that fund. He explained there is also approximately, he believes, \$14,300 in the Swim Council fund and that fund is a 501(c)3 and they want to disband. So basically what the Department of Justice has determined is the Caswell Fund and the Swim Council funds are public dollars. He explained the Caswell funds right now are held in a private bank account because they are public dollars that can't happen. What the Department of Justice has looked at is whether or not there is any other organization in the community of Scappoose that has a specific purpose of building a swimming pool and the City of Scappoose fits that bill. The Department of Justice has asked if the Caswell Fund and the Swim Council were to submit a letter requesting that the City take over those funds would the City put those in the dedicated account that we have related to the pool fund; that has to be a vote of the City Council. He explained he has been working with the Department of Justice members and actually has a draft letter that they have written for both the Caswell Fund and for the Swim Council basically making that request for those dollars to be given to Council for the dedicated fund. He explained the Department of Justice staff is meeting with the two groups tomorrow and hopefully the letter will be submitted to him sometime within the next week or so. This will be something that will come before Council for formal acceptance at the next Council meeting. He explained he did check with the Department of Justice to make sure they were okay with the City using those dollars to make a land payment and the report says that is an allowable use.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services with the City of St. Helens

City Manager Hanken went over the staff report. He explained the City of St. Helens is asking for the Scappoose Building Official to do some of their inspections.

Councilor Gedlich asked on the mixed use plan review does the City planner look at that or the building inspector.

City Manager Hanken replied there's both in terms of you have two functions going on. He explained you have the land use function which again St. Helens has a planner on board then you have the building inspection that's what this fee is for.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion that the Scappoose City Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services with the City of St. Helens as presented. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye and Councilor Reed, aye.

Announcements

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

City Manager

City Manager Hanken explained the Scappoose School District called and they want to do a rededication of the tennis courts ~ they are looking at the week of Nov 5.

Mayor Burge explained he is out that week.

City Manager Hanken stated we'll look at the following week.

City Manager Hanken explained the Veterans would like to do a ground breaking ceremony for their monument probably within the next couple of weeks.

Police Chief

Police Chief Greisen explained last Saturday they had their prescription drop off and they received about 30 lbs of unused drugs. He explained if you notice of High School Way you will see some new signage that says "No parking on this side of the road". He explained the signs have always been on the north side of High School Way but they were faded and turned at an angle. He explained they added a small section of signs from 5th Street to 6th Street on the south end because of the ditches. He explained they are working on a press release. He explained so far they have been making contact with people that have still been parking there and their response is "they are going to park there until they get a ticket". He explained tickets will be coming in a few more weeks.

Council

Councilor Gedlich thanked the audience for coming. She explained she went to the banner dedication on at Heritage Park on Saturday and it was very nice. She talked about SE 5th Street and High School Way. She explained for two Saturdays she has received calls from people that are parked on High School Way where there's no parking signs. She also has received calls from people who are trying to get out of their driveways on 5th Street because there is only one lane because of people parking on the street and it's so narrow. She explained they have almost had three accidents because their road is so narrow and people are parking on the edge of the street. She said perhaps maybe we should have done a little bit more investigation before putting the signs up, not that she's opposing this. She explained everybody that talked to her the last two Saturdays said they don't care if they get 10 tickets they are going to park where they want to park. She said she explained to them that her understanding is it has to do with the water flowing down the street. She explained to them maybe they need to call City staff and find out what they are going to do.

Police Chief Greisen explained people can park in the lower parking at the Scappoose High School. He explained what we have to look at is people can park in the ditch however that is a flow for water draining. There are proper places to park and they can also park on 6th Street.

Councilor Gedlich stated maybe on 5th Street we could just allow parking on one side.

Councilor Meres asked about SE Frederick Street getting striped.

City Manager Hanken explained it will be getting done, we contract with the County.

Councilor Meres explained he had a great time at the LOC Conference.

Mayor Burge explained the 2013 LOC Conference is in Portland at the Red Lion.

Councilor Reed said the slurry overlay on 4th and Sequoia went pretty smooth. He said the LOC Conference was a lot of fun.


Mayor Burge stated the LOC Conference was good. He discussed the LCDC Commission hearing on the 21st regarding the UGB. He explained the LCDC Commission rejected the last appeal and approved the UGB application. He explained also on Thursday he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Oregon Mayors Association.

Councilor Reed explained he spoke with USDA regarding grants. He explained due to the average house hold wage in the City and the fact that our water rates are so low we probably wouldn't be eligible for any grants and maybe loans.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.


Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest: 
Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder