

**CITY OF SCAPPOOSE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.  
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE  
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Flag Salute**

**Oath of Office Mayor Scott Burge ~ administered by Municipal Court Judge Wood**

**Oath of Office for Councilor Gedlich, Councilor Erickson and Councilor Meshell ~ administered by Municipal Court Judge Wood**

**Interview Process for Councilor Applications**

City Manager Hanken gave an overview. He explained we have a vacancy on the City Council so there will be interviews this evening. He explained we did receive five applications but two have withdrawn.

Mayor Burge called Mitch Neilson as the first applicant to interview.

Councilor Gedlich asked Mitch Neilson why he decided to apply for this vacancy as opposed to running a campaign.

Mitch Neilson explained he did run two years ago, but during the last election his family wasn't sure if they were going to stay in the area. At the time he didn't feel he could make an honest commitment to the position but since that time they have decided this is the area that they plan on staying in.

Councilor Gedlich asked what do you feel the role is as a City Councilor.

Mitch Neilson replied he thinks as a Councilor and as a Council as a whole it is really to set the vision of what the City's direction should be, from a livability standpoint, from a economic development standpoint and from a needs base standpoint and what are the needs and how can Council shape policy to be able to meet the needs of the citizens.

Councilor Meres asked Mitch Neilson why does he feel he should be a member of the Scappoose City Council.

Mitch Neilson replied he thinks the reason he should be a member is he thinks his skill set education experience would bring a nice component to the skills education experience that you have there on the Council. He explained given his role as Emergency Manger he could bring some of that here just as another voice, another piece of the puzzle as policies are crafted and decisions are made. He explained his wife and he have been here a little over 5 years and he has a lot invested in the community.

Councilor Meres stated if you don't make it tonight he encourages him to run in two year.

Mitch Neilson replied he plans on it.

Councilor Meshell asked if he has any experience whatsoever or understanding or knowledge of what's going on with the UGB, just give us a quick overview of what you know about that, just so we know what kind of person would we be working with making decisions for the City.

Mitch Neilson explained he thinks when it comes to UGB there are a couple of things. He looks at what was done with the UGB and he thinks overall expansion of the UGB was a good idea. He explained from what he saw he thinks too much emphasis was put on industrial and not enough on residential and he thinks a lot of that comes down from budgeting. He explained what he has seen of the budget by reading through it is there is a lot of dependents on development fees and those fees are there and there wasn't a lot of addition for residential housing, which he thinks long term they present some bigger issues. He explained when it comes to UGB and actually drawing it out, no he doesn't have a lot of experience with that but he can look at his experience in Hillsboro which has been looking at the different zoning, the different industrial areas, residential densities that they have and how they plan for those with Hillsboro Fire from an emergency response standpoint but he can also look at it from a economic development standpoint just because he has the opportunity to be plugged into those groups.

Mayor Burge explained just so he knows we purposely just did the industrial with the belief that we were going to go after the residential.

Councilor Erickson asked Mitch Neilson if you could pick one item that's on the top of your list what would your item be.

Mitch Neilson stated it is hard to narrow it to one, there are three big ones. He explained one would be the ability to make a left hand turn off of Highway 30. A flashing yellow light, simple and it would improve the flow of traffic and make it so much easier to get around the City. He explained another would be sidewalks, it is a livability issue. He thinks that would be a long term, he knows there is a lot of costs involved with that but he thinks that is a big one. He explained he thinks the third piece to that is to continue what is already being done with the parks. He explained Veterans Park is a great park for baseball kids, but it's not really a great park for kids to play because of the play structures that were chosen. He stated having a park on the other side of the highway that is a little easier to get to where you have large concentrations of family that they end up using the school but they can't do that during the day. He explained when you can't walk down the street to go to a park because there isn't one. He explained instead people are driving to Portland or Hillsboro and taking their money and time and resources out of the community it is a huge missed opportunity to improve the livability and keep resources here and keep people spending money here.

Councilor Reed asked Mitch Neilson how do you feel a disagreement and or debate fits in the decision making process on the Council.

Mitch Neilson replied he feels it is crucial. He questions intent or logic when it is kind of unanimous and people don't ask questions. He thinks it is healthy to ask questions to make sure that you understand intent. He thinks it's good to make sure you ask questions because at the end of the day the individual Councilors are responsible for their vote and they need to be able to

defend their vote and so making sure that you understand what is being done by asking those questions. He stated at the end of the day he feels everyone needs to come to a compromise and really do what's best for the citizens.

Mayor Burge asked if there is anything else that he would like Council to know that hasn't been asked.

Mitch Neilson replied not really. He explained really it just comes down to as a young family here wanting to make sure that the short term and long term needs of family members are being met. He stated what he has seen, he knows there are bigger pieces of the puzzle but over the last five years that he has been here it seems to be shifting away from that small family community to becoming a freight corridor for rail and a highway through way for business and he just wants to be able to be another voice in that process.

Mayor Burge called Barb Hayden next to interview.

Councilor Gedlich asked Barb Hayden what does she feel the role is for City Council.

Barb Hayden replied the City Council is a legislative body of the city. She explained the City Council determines which direction the city is going to go and what the future looks like for the city and then the City Council in turn turns the operation of that direction over to city management and city staff. She stated but the Council is the one that actually sits and looks at the City sees what's best for the City and then decides the direction they are going to go.

Councilor Meres asked Barb Hayden what unique skills and experience do you bring to the Council position.

Barb Hayden replied she has been in the corporate world for over 30 years. She thinks her experience will help along with the fact she did budgets, projections and sales goals, many things that the Council does.

Councilor Meshell asked Barb Hayden, so Scappoose in 10 years is what to you.

Barb Hayden replied Scappoose in 10 years is not going to be just a small bedroom community anymore, Scappoose is going to grow. She explained she is looking forward to seeing when the Urban Growth Boundary gets going. Scappoose population is going to continue to grow because of the migration from Portland and Beaverton to Scappoose. We are going to have to look for areas for more residential here in the town. She stated we are going to have to really get behind our small businesses in this town and make sure they are prosperous and that they grow. She would like to see Scappoose grow but not explode. She would like to see a measured growth for Scappoose, one that is consistent with our plan for Scappoose.

Councilor Erikson asked Barb Hayden what would be on top of her list that is important to the City of Scappoose.

Barb Hayden replied she would like to see Scappoose continue to grow and welcome new businesses. She would like to see more uniformed streets and she would like to see some of the streets fixed/repared. Her vision would be that it is safe for our citizens. She would like to see Scappoose just become a very vibrant town.

Councilor Reed asked Barb Hayden how does she feel disagreement and or debate fits in the decision making process on the Council.

Barb Hayden replied she feels it is necessary. She explained she has been at Council meetings for the past two years. She has watched this Council and she knows their passions, she has learned what this Council does and how this Council operates. She stated debate is a very important part of what this Council is all about. She stated not everybody agrees on everything and she thinks you have to see all sides in order to make a decision that is going to benefit this City.

Mayor Burge asked Barb Hayden why does she feel she should be a member of the Scappoose City Council.

Barb Hayden replied when they moved from the farm into Scappoose she knew that she wanted to become more involved in this community. She started out by serving at the Senior Center and every time she has made a step it's made a step into coming more involved in this community. She explained what committees, clubs, and commissions she is on. She explained the Council is always where she wanted to be because she has seen how the Council directs this City and she has always wanted to be a part of that.

Mayor Burge called in Craig Marquardo to interview.

Councilor Gedlich asked Craig Marquardo why he didn't run for this office.

Craig Marquardo replied he had lived here for four years previously several years back and then moved away for a variety of reasons, a lot of it was business related. He had been back for two years since and so he had volunteered himself for a variety of committees and such and when the election came up last year he didn't because he was traveling. He explained he didn't really feel like he could put as much time into the campaign as he probably would have needed to so he didn't feel like that was timing wise would have been the most appropriate way to try to approach the first run.

Councilor Gedlich asked Craig Marquardo if he is still traveling a lot in his business.

Craig Marquardo replied not so much. He explained he had clients of his, he explained he is a celebrity talent manager, so one of his clients had a project that was going a little crazy at the time. He doesn't have to travel with him but in this case it was more necessary.

Councilor Meres asked Craig Marquardo what unique skills could you bring to the Council position.

Craig Marquardo replied he has sat on lots of boards. He explained he was the Executive Director of the Arts and Culture Council for the City of Hollywood, Florida for six years which was a Council that he actually created under the Economic Development Arm of the City. He explained part of that was a really combination of things; it was economic development, it was tourism, it was market creation. He explained Hollywood, Florida is a very thriving community because of the six years of worth of work that they put into that. He explained he has quite a bit of experience in a wide variety of different areas. He stated there is not much that would surprise him at this point.

Councilor Meshell stated it sounds like you have been a lot of places and have a lot of experience. He asked Craig Marquardo what separates Scappoose and makes Scappoose different. A differentiating quality that would want to make people live here, that you think on the Council we should continue to promote and move forward.

Craig Marquardo replied he would really like to see this City following a plan towards, a little bit sort of what he discussed with what he did with Hollywood only less expansion, but something that has a plan that creates a little bit more welcoming environment than being the one horse town that people think it is as they drive through.

Councilor Erikson asked Craig Marquardo if he could make a list of things that he would want to get done in Scappoose what would be on the top of your list.

Craig Marquardo replied he would honestly say it would be tackling a master plan for the City. He has always felt that was just really lacking and he thinks he would be well suited toward contributing towards a plan of that nature.

Councilor Reed asked Craig Marquardo how do you feel disagreement and or debate fits in with the decision making process on Council.

Craig Marquardo replied if everybody agreed on everything then we elected the wrong Council members. He thinks part of Government as well as any type of organize needs to have a wide variety of voices and opinions. He stated even as an entrepreneur, he will come up with an idea, and even if he is going to do it anyway, he will bring it to people take he knows hate what he is about to tell them just so he can hear what doesn't he know, what he is not prepared for, what kind of feedback is going to get, what kind of push back does he need to prepare for, how does he need to alter his approach to get ready for this type of push back type of thing and in government that is true tenfold. He stated none of us are smart enough to be ready for all contingency.

Mayor Burge asked Craig Marquardo why does he feel he should be a member of the Scappoose City Council.

Craig Marquardo replied he thinks he is uniquely qualified in his combination of experiences. He thinks he has as well a wide range of experiences on boards and councils and fairly high levels and this would be a seat that he would indeed wind up running for once the next election cycle came through. He stated being the fact that he has lived here a decent period of time as well as been around the world a few times that he brings a unique perspective of experience and knowledge that is a little harder to get when you don't travel as much or haven't seen as much whatever the case may be.

### **Ballot Vote**

Mayor Burge asked each of the Councilors to vote and then he read each ballot.

Councilor Gedlich voted for Mitch Neilson.

Councilor Meres voted for Barb Hayden.

Councilor Meshell voted for Barb Hayden.

Councilor Erickson voted for Mitch Neilson.

Councilor Reed voted for Barb Hayden.

Mayor Burge explained he didn't mark his ballot because he had made a decision that if somebody got three votes he would vote for them instead of dealing with a stalemate.

Mayor Burge explained he is going to go ahead and vote for Barb Hayden since she has the majority of the Council votes.

**Oath of office Councilor Barbara Hayden ~ administered by Municipal Court Judge Wood**

Congratulations Councilor Hayden!

**Attendance:**

**City Council Members:**

Scott Burge	Mayor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Donna Gedlich	Councilor
Larry P. Meres	Councilor
Jeff Erickson	Councilor
Mark Reed	Councilor
Barbara Hayden	Councilor

**Staff:**

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

Jeff Bennett	Legal Counsel
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**Press:**

Katie Wilson	The South County Spotlight
Shari Phiel	The Chronicle

**Election of Council President**

Councilor Meshell moved and Councilor Hayden second the motion to nominate Councilor Meres as Council President. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erikson, aye; Councilor Reed, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Burge added to the consent agenda 10.2 Approval of after hour's park use of Veterans Park. He explained the afterhours would be this evening. He explained they called him at the last minute. He explained it is the same company that did Pageant Girl here in Scappoose.

Councilor Gedlich moved and Councilor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erikson, aye; Councilor Reed, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

**Public Comments**

None

**Consent Agenda ~ December 17, 2012 City Council meeting & Approval of the afterhours use.**

Council President Meres moved and Councilor Hayden seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ December 17, 2012 City Council meeting and the afterhours use request of Veterans Park. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Meres, aye; Councilor Gedlich, aye; Councilor Erickson, aye; Councilor Reed, aye; Councilor Meshell, aye and Councilor Hayden, aye.

**Announcements**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

**City Manager**

City Manager Hanken talked about the Financial Summit that will be held tomorrow night at the Scappoose High School from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. He explained this is one of those meetings that he strongly recommends that citizens participate in.

**Council**

Councilor Gedlich thanked everyone in the audience for coming. She thanked the two gentlemen that they interviewed tonight; she wished them good luck in the future.

Councilor Meres also thanked the applicants for their turnout and going through the process. He stated in two years there is going to be an election he hopes to see them sign up.

Councilor Hayden thanked everyone very much. She explained the one thing that she was going to talk about is the Watts House has been booked for a wedding and a Birthday party and there is an ordinance in the City that there is no alcohol on City property and both events have requested to have alcohol. She was wondering what the Council felt about that.

City Manager Hanken asked what are the dates of the events.

Councilor Hayden replied the Birthday party is in January and the Wedding is in September.

City Manager Hanken replied so there is an opportunity for Council to address this issue at the next meeting. He explained what policy has been is a presentation is brought to City Council and they make the motion as whether to accept or not. He explained he would be more than happy to go through those types of details with Councilor Hayden and put together a staff report that can be presented to Council at the next meeting.

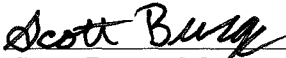
Councilor Meshell stated thank you for the opportunity to serve both the citizens and Council, he looks forward to it.

Councilor Reed stated congratulations Councilor Hayden and thanks to the other applicants and thanks to everyone for attending. He thanked Judge Wood also.

Mayor Burge stated thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the candidates for putting their names in for this interview process and selection. He stated congratulations to the new Council members. He explained he did get an opportunity to a small business owner who took the opportunity to thank us for waiving business licenses fees again this year. He stated he really appreciates when he hears small business owners bring that up without even asking them about it.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

  
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Scott Burge, Mayor

Attest:   
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Susan M. Reeves, MMC, City Recorder