

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.
Scappoose City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Council President Kessi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Patrick Kessi	Council President	Michael Sykes	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Councilor	Norm Miller	Police Chief
Natalie Sanders	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Joel Haugen	Councilor	Alexandra Rains	Assistant to City Manager
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
		Chris Negelspach	City Engineer

Excused: Mayor Scott Burge and Councilor Josh Poling

Ashley Driscoll, Legal Counsel

Press: Anna Del Savio, Columbia County Spotlight

Approval of the Agenda

Council President Kessi added the Partnership with Port of Columbia County to complete Wagner Court wastewater line upsizing project to the agenda.

Councilor Sanders moved, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed (5-0). Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye, and Councilor Lesowske, aye.

Public Comments

Patrick Trapp, Port of Columbia County, thanked the City and staff for the water sewer improvement project. He stated this is a great example of working to get the infrastructure done the first time.

Council thanked Patrick for coming in tonight.

Dorothy Stead, Scappoose, stated in the work session it was mentioned that the average water bill is \$50. She stated everybody on her street pays \$100 and above. She explained she is also speaking for her mother, who is a senior, we have no senior discount in this County. She would like to see something done for seniors. She stated she doesn't know who pays the bill for the lovely fountain out here, but these people can't even water their flowers, or have a garden,

because they can't afford to water, and now you say you're going to raise it again. She thanked Council.

Council thanked Dorothy.

Councilor Haugen explained there is some confusion, the bill is for water and sewer.

Dorothy Stead replied her mother isn't even on the sewer for sewage because she just has water pumped into the sewer line. She explained they have to pay a septic company to come pump the sewage, and they still get charged the same amount as everybody else.

City Manager Sykes explained they will take a look into this. He said our rates haven't really gone up that much over the last hand full of years. He stated at the end of the day we are trying to make sure we can provide all the people that live in this community with water and we are paying a million dollars right now to develop another well.

Dorothy Stead stated she remembers twenty years ago when the City said they couldn't handle the growth in Scappoose, why wasn't something done then?

City Manager Sykes replied he wasn't here twenty years ago so he is not able to answer that, but what we are trying to do is make sure we can handle it and that is why we have had to raise our rates a little bit over the last few years.

Councilor Haugen asked Dorothy to follow up with City Manager Sykes regarding not being hooked up to sewer.

Nancy Ward, Scappoose, explained she is currently running for Port of Columbia County, Position #1. She explained she based her decision to run over the recent matter of the crude oil trains running through here. She thanked the City of Scappoose for the work they did for attending all the meetings. She explained she wishes they would have had a better outcome, but rather than just being depressed about not getting the outcome that she wanted she decided that maybe she can actually do something about it, so she decided to run. She is running with the belief that it is possible for the Port of Columbia County to do a better job in communicating and bringing inclusivity into their decision-making process. She thanked Council.

Council thanked Nancy.

Ashley Benson explained they are here from the Scappoose Drama Department and they want to show a preview of a song from the Little Mermaid. She explained showings will be April 25, 26, & 27.

Council thanked the performers.

Councilor Lesowske asked if their flyer can be put on the City's Facebook page.

Consent Agenda ~ March 18, 2019 City Council meeting minutes

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Greisen seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ March 18, 2019 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (5-0). Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye, and Councilor Lesowske, aye.

Update on South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce ~ Simon Date, Executive Director ~ Simon was not in attendance.

Work Session ~ Wastewater Rate Review ~ this was done earlier this evening.

New Business

Proclamations ~

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Councilor Sanders explained she has a connection to this topic, so Council President Kessi asked her to read the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

National Volunteer Week

Council President Kessi read the National Volunteer Week Proclamation. He stated he especially wants to thank everyone sitting up there with him for being volunteers for the City of Scappoose.

IGA with the Port of Columbia County

City Manager Sykes stated as the Council knows one of our goals is to try and support the development of OMIC and development around the airport. He explained one of the projects that we moved forward with a year ago was a grant we submitted for \$400,000 to update a sewer line that would connect to OMIC and the northwest corner of the airport but unfortunately it was unsuccessful. He explained in the mean time we have been diligent in trying to find a means to try and pay for that.

Assistant to City Manager Rains reviewed the staff report. She explained following the denial staff continued to search for ways to fund the Wagner Court Wastewater Line Upsizing Project while the line still remained out of use. An opportunity presented itself during the winter of 2018/2019 when the Port of Columbia County was working to complete the engineering necessary to construct new water and wastewater pipeline extensions for some of their parcels located north of Wagner Court. Staff met with Craig Allison, Property and Operations Manager for the Port, and after describing the project and intent behind the upsizing, he recognized the regional benefit and the Port agreed to partner with the City and expand their existing engineering scope of work to incorporate portions of the wastewater line located near Wagner Court. The additional engineering services cost \$8,000, which was split between the Port and the City. Once the engineering was completed, this new portion of the project was bid as an alternate with the Port's original project. The Port received favorable proposals from prospective bidders in late March, on both their original project and the bid alternate, and the Port Commission approved a contract with the low bidder, Tapani Construction Company, last week. The total project cost for the base bid, bid alternate and associated project management is \$698,893.00. Of

that total, the Port Commissioners have assumed responsibility over \$597,893 and have requested that Scappoose City Council consider contributing \$101,000 to the project in order to continue this partnership. She explained the total cost for the City's portion of the Wagner Court Wastewater Line Upsizing Project is \$101,000. This project is SDC eligible and would be paid for out of the Wastewater SDC Fund which has a current balance of just over \$1 million. She explained staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Columbia County and expend funds in the amount of \$101,000 in order to complete the Wagner Court Wastewater Line Upsizing Project.

City Manager Sykes explained the map that was handed out with the staff report really helps tell the story. He stated it really is time for us to get this done. He explained the water line that serves that area was a partnership between the City and the Port twenty years ago. He explained the nice thing about this is that it really makes that whole area shovel ready, which is really a hard thing to find in Columbia County.

Councilor Lesowske asked, if there is some unforeseen cost overrun would staff be coming back to Council to ask for additional funds?

City Manager Sykes replied if it is over \$101,000 yes, they will. He explained one of the things that is in the agreement is if the cost is less than \$101,000 we would share in the savings.

Councilor Haugen stated he presumes we will recover that \$101,000 from system development charges (SDC's) as this area gets built-up.

City Manager Sykes replied certainly.

Councilor Sanders moved, and Councilor Greisen seconded the motion move Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Port of Columbia County and expend funds in the amount of \$101,000 in order to complete the Wagner Court Wastewater Line Upsizing Project. Motion passed (5-0). Council President Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye; Councilor Sanders, aye; Councilor Haugen, aye and Councilor Lesowske, aye.

Ord No. 879 ~ Amendment to Municipal Code Title 13 updates Public Services

Council President Kessi opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. to consider amendments to the Scappoose Municipal Code Title 13 Public Services.

City Engineer Negelspach went over the staff report. He explained following the recent updates to the Wastewater and Water Master Plans, staff noted the need for updated language in Scappoose Municipal Code (SMC) Title 13 Public Services. The proposed changes are sweeping, addressing nearly every section of the code including, but not limited to, responsible designee, location for reporting, various code reference updates, clarifying ownership and maintenance of building sewer and branch laterals, updating sewer pretreatment limits, new language regarding a refund policy for billing errors and finally clarification in the discrepancy with the visual clearance code. Attached to this staff report is both a copy of the "clean" version

of the new language referred to as Exhibit 1, and Ordinance No. 879, which includes the proposed changes with omitted language struck through and new language in bold and double underlined in Exhibit A. He explained there are no impacts on expenditures, and staff recommends Council adopt Ordinance No. 879 as presented.

Councilor Haugen explained there are a couple of things he caught under 13.04 B. ~ he thinks staff should also strike out where it says water department shall have under its direction a water supervisor and who shall have been employed by the City Manager. He thinks it should just read employed by the City Manager. He explained under section E. ~ he stated a couple of issues that might be worth thinking about is if we have a major incident, a licensed plumber may not be available. He would suggest instead of stating a licensed plumber, just put in accordance with the current plumbing code. He feels there should be some clarification regarding the meter replacement. He feels under 13.04.060, where it states, "licensed plumber", it should be updated their also.

Council President Kessi asked if there were any public comments, any proponents, opponents, neutral parties. No one wanted to speak on this matter.

Council President Kessi kept the public hearing open.

Councilor Greisen asked City Engineer Negelspach if he could provide Council a copy of what the code says.

City Engineer replied yes, he will.

City Manager Sykes replied we will also have the Building Official give his opinion about the change in language.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Sanders seconded the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 879 ~ Amendment to Municipal Code Title 13 updates Public Services, with suggested amendments.

Council President Kessi read the title for the first time ~ Ord No. 879: An Ordinance Amending the Scappoose Municipal Code Title 13, Chapters 13.04, 13.08, 13.12, 13.16, 13.20, 13.28 and 13.32 (Public Services).

Announcements ~ Information only

Calendar

Council President Kessi went over the calendar.

City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor

City Manager Sykes explained Saturday is Earth Day, and he hopes everyone can make it. He explained the Planning Commission will be hearing the PCC proposal on May 9. He explained with spring coming we will be finishing up Chief Concomly Park.

Councilor Lesowske explained this past Saturday the Community Club did their annual Spring Clean-Up Event, and it was a really great turnout. He explained a couple of citizens asked him to highlight that SE 5th Street, between the hours of about 3pm and 4pm their kids play in their yards but there is a lot of faster traffic than what they expect the speed limit to be there, and they were hoping to have a set of eyes to make sure their children are safe. He stated at Chief Concomly Park there was some demo work being done, he wanted to thank Dave for responding to his concern regarding a resident reaching out in regards to some of the noise that was taking place there. He really appreciates Dave's team making sure the work progresses as needed.

Councilor Greisen gave an update about the schools. She explained they had talked last month about having emergency supplies for them potentially in every classroom if there was a lock down situation. She commends Grant Watts for being the only school in the district that has all the supplies prepped in every one of their classrooms. She explained one thing that was funded in the school auction this past weekend was clear backpacks, kind of a go back ~ evacuation bag, which she showed. She explained she wants to continue the conversation to promote emergency supplies in the classrooms. She thanked everyone on the Board for putting in their time. She explained she went to the Chamber Board awards dinner and the number of volunteers that were present there, and the people who were acknowledged, and what people do in this County, is amazing. She stated she wants to thank Susan, who is not a volunteer, but puts in a lot more. She stated she is sure it was a lot of prep tonight to have Mayor Burge gone and get Council President Kessi on board. She thanked Norm and the Officers. She stated Cowlitz County has lost someone very near and dear to them and she hopes it never happens to us, and she really appreciates what they do.

Councilor Sanders gave an update from the Historical Society. She explained she has met with them, and they have invited her to their May Tea. She explained the Spring Tea will be May 4, and May 11, at noon, and they have tickets on sale. She explained she got a tour of the Watts House, and if you haven't done that, she highly recommends it. She explained the Historical Society is busy at the Watts House. She explained the Historical Society expressed that they would like to see more Councilors at their events, and that they are always looking for volunteers.

Councilor Haugen thanked the City, staff, and some Parks & Rec members for all they have done for Earth Day. He explained he is really looking forward to the event. He explained author Phil Margolin will be at the Scappoose Library on Saturday April 27. He explained he just finished his book ~ Worthy Browns Daughter.

City Manager Sykes gave Council a draft copy of the Community Enhance Program (CEP) application and asked if they can review the application and let us know if they have any updates/suggestions.

Council President Kessi explained the Grant Watts auction went really well. He thinks it is wonderful that the City Council are going to different events, and we bring back what we have heard. He thanked Councilor Greisen for bringing in the getaway kits, because he thinks it is really important for the safety of our schools and our children. He explained he met with ZFG Architecture on the design for the 20 to 50-year plan, and it is really coming along well. He thanked City staff for doing the red lines on the code updates. He asked staff if they could bold Councilor Haugen's updates that would be great. He explained at the Council Retreat there was a

discussion about the candle. He explained that site is for sale right now, and we might want to think about what we can do, as the Council, to help preserve the candle.

City Manager Sykes replied we have actually had conversations along those lines too.

Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660(2)(d) Labor Negotiations

Council President Kessi read the opening statement and then went into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

In attendance: Council President Kessi, Councilor Greisen, Councilor Sanders, Councilor Haugen, Councilor Lesowske, City Manager Sykes, Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll, Public Works Director Dave Sukau and City Recorder Susan Reeves.

Council President Kessi came out of Executive Session into open session at 8:18 pm.

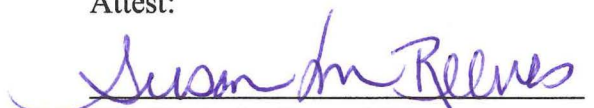
Adjournment

Council President Kessi adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.



Council President Patrick H. Kessi

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC