

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular meeting 7:00 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056**

Call to Order

Mayor Burge called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Josh Poling	Councilor	Shaun Davis	Interim Police Chief
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Don VanDomelen	Building Official
Pete McHugh	Councilor		
Tyler Miller	Councilor		
Peter Watts	Legal Counsel		

Remote: Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman; Finance Administrator Jill Herr; Kim Holmes Kantowitz; Marisa Jacobs (left at 8:10pm) ; Steve Tuchscherer (left at 7:51pm); Beth Rajski and NMiller (joined at 7:24pm).

Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Burge amended the agenda to move agenda item number 4 up to number 2.

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Public Comment

Kim Holmes Kantowitz explained she wanted to offer some brief public comment on a packet of information she submitted on Friday that relates to the use of ARPA funds for park and recreation. Public Comment she submitted to Council.

March 4, 2022

Hello Mayor, Council Members and City Staff –

As a resident of this Scappoose with a keen interest in making our city parks a centerpiece of the community, I have been following announcements about use of ARPA funds by cities around the country. I understand that initial guidance issued in 2021 on use of ARPA funds was confusing and quite rigid. In the work sessions as recent as January 3rd, prior to the revised guidance being issued, it was the opinion of the City Attorney that funds likely could not be used for most types of park improvements. And news articles from the last quarter of 2021 show this was an interpretation that many city leaders shared.

However, since the revised guidance was issued later in January, it has been exciting see communities of all sizes across the country confidently allocating portions of these ARPA funds to improving parks and outdoor amenities for their residents. Investing in opportunities to get people outside and engaged with the natural world is perhaps the single best thing we can do promote healthy communities.

A few of us from the Parks & Recs Committee have worked to compile examples of how communities are using their funds for park improvements. That information can be found in the accompanying spreadsheet with this public comment. We have provided a link to each news article that outlines use of funds for parks. There are two things I'd like to highlight about these announcements:

- 18 of these announcements to use ARPA funds for park improvements were made *after* the revised guidance. Prior to the revised guidance, it was very unclear if parks were an eligible use. The revised guidance seems to clarify that parks are an eligible use of ARPA funds.
- When available, we tried to capture information on how much of the total ARPA funds are being used for parks and park improvements. Some communities are choosing to use up to 50% of their ARPA funds for park improvements, but the average seems to be around 6%. Given that Scappoose received a total of \$1.68 million, it would not be unreasonable for City Council to consider allocating about \$100,000 of these funds for improving public spaces and recreation opportunities.

Some of the cited articles offer statements from City Managers and other City Staff reinforce it was the new guidance that made them confident in their choice to invest in parks and recreation.

In Council's next ARPA fund work session, I'd ask that parks be considered as an eligible expenditure. We know there are some immediate opportunities for park improvements, which

do not need to wait for the finalization of the new Parks Master Plan. Those improvements include:

- Installation of a pickleball court at Veteran's Park, which has strong community support
- Vista Park access improvement around the water tower.
- Resurfacing CZ trail/Chapman Landing trail
- Chapman improvements including benches, signage, paving parking area, bathrooms
- Park Restroom Improvements (cell-based cameras and security).
- South Scappoose Creek Trail construction in current park spaces, as outlined in the 2017 parks master plan

If City Council would like additional ideas for small, and immediate park improvements that may be eligible for ARPA funding, the Parks & Rec Committee would be happy confer and provide a list.

If the City decides parks are not an eligible use of APRA funds, I believe the community needs a clear understanding of what makes Scappoose an exception. I hope the precedent being set by communities across the U.S. to use these funds for park investments can inspire our city. An investment in our parks is a direct investment in the people of Scappoose.

Thank you,

Kim Holmes Kantrowitz
Resident of Scappoose

Council thanked Kim.

Consent Agenda ~ February 22, 2022 Council Work Session minutes; February 22, 2022 City Council meeting minutes and Appointments to the 50-Year Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Councilor McHugh would like to move from the consent agenda Appointments to the 50-Year Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ February 22, 2022 Council Work Session minutes and February 22, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Mayor Burge asked Councilor McHugh as far as the appointments, can we do that tonight or move it to the next meeting?

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained you could approve it on the regular agenda, if you'd like.

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained there is a meeting schedule next week on the 15th for this particular group.

Mayor Burge explained we will add the appointments under new business.

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add item number 7, the Appointments to the 50-Year Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee. Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

New Business

Adventure Festival Logo

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained the in packet you will see the revised logo. Staff took Council comments on the logo back to Treadway Events for revision.

Changes include:

- Inclusion of more elements reflective of Scappoose.
- Changes to the mountain (it appears more like Mt. St. Helens now).
- Aligning the logo to more closely to the 100-Year Logo.
- Applying these and other minor adjustments to the preferred logo.

The revised logo can be seen in Exhibit A of the staff report. Treadway and their graphic designer have indicated that they can work with the current version of the logo but have raised concerns about including any more design elements. Additional changes may further reduce the visibility of the existing elements, as seen in the smallest versions of the logo—textures on the water, the trees, and the sun beams become fuzzy or barely visible, and the wording starts to get lost as the logo size shrinks. He explained work on Adventure Fest in terms of marketing, outreach, and fundraising are on hold pending approval of this logo.

Councilor McHugh stated he thought at the last meeting we talked about involving Daniel Rocha in this process. He stated what is really missing on this logo is our main identity of Scappoose, which is the candle.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained he thinks the intention of the logo was to capture the theme of adventure fest, which was to celebrate the natural world that surrounds

Scappoose and the connection to the outdoors that we provide to our residents and the people that come through.

Council President Greisen explained she would love to mountain to be Mt. Hood. She agrees that this is a separate marketing initiative, where we are marketing adventure and outdoors of Scappoose and we are not marketing Scappoose the city. She is personally comfortable that not all of the elements that we are used to seeing in branding Scappoose are here, especially when there's trees, a mountain, water and sun. She stated personally she doesn't gravitate it being towards someone in a kayak.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained we could change the mountain to be Mt. Hood and then maybe the top in the background they could remove some of the trees and put in a bicycle.

Councilor Lesowske stated the word festival doesn't seem like it is in the right location. He explained his recommendation would be to either have it centered or offset to the right more, so it evens out the flow of the words. He would also like the font/color to be in line with the other words.

Councilor Miller asked Council to be mindful of is small details because when you do a bunch of small details, and the logo is small it starts to look cluttered, and the clean appeal gets lost.

Council President Greisen thanked Councilor Miller for pointing that out. She explained she is not opposed to keeping the kayak but asked Council what they would think about removing it completely and just having the sun, mountain, trees and water.

Mayor Burge talked about replacing the mountain with something marketing Scappoose. He stated for him, he would get rid of the mountain and replace it with something that is here, more likely to be seen when looking into Scappoose, not out of Scappoose, because we want to be focused inward, not outward.

Council President Greisen asked Mayor Burge what about our hill range?

Mayor Burge replied he would rather have that.

Councilor McHugh stated he doesn't know why the candle wouldn't be on here, that is who we are.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman stated it sounds like we are talking about some significant changes to the logo. He stated it sounds like we are talking hills instead of mountains, we are talking water, we are talking stretching the letters and making them stand out more.

Councilor Miller asked Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman if we can just let Treadway know what we are trying to capture and leave the creative side to them?

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman replied yes. He explained this will be brought back to Council on March 21 with updates from Treadway.

Mayor Burge asked Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman if he has the direction?

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman replied yes, he does. He explained we are looking at potentially adding design elements, stretching the words, making the font darker and bolder, focusing on the river aspects and making it look nice with one, two and possibly three of the different activities, potentially mountains in the background depending on what fits with the design and the colors.

Council President Greisen stated please tell Treadway thank you for coming back and receiving Council's feedback and continually checking in. We appreciate that this is part of the package we paid for, and they are giving us the product that we want.

Council thanked Isaac.

Audit Review

Steve Tuchscherer, CPA; Umpqua Valley Financial, thanked Council for the opportunity to do the audit again this year. He explained from an auditing standpoint the audit went very well. He stated Jill Herr does a great job. He went over the difference between cash basis and gap basis. The City has changed the basis of accounting it has used in previous years. For budget and governmental fund financial reports the City changed from cash basis to modified accrual basis and for proprietary fund financial and governmentwide reports the City changed from cash basis to full accrual basis. Beginning fund balances and net positions have been restated to reflect the newly adopted basis of accounting. More detail regarding the restatement values can be found on page 59 of this report. He went over the audit, which included the Independent Auditor's Report.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of Scappoose, Oregon

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Scappoose as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 which collectively comprise the City of Scappoose's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion on pages 2-13, the schedules of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actuals on pages 60-63, the pension schedules on pages 64-65, and OPEB schedules on pages 66-67 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial

reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

I have applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis and the pension schedules in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted principally of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Scappoose's basic financial statements. The schedules of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actuals described above on pages 60-63 are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The schedules of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actuals have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the schedules of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances – budget and actuals are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Scappoose's basic financial statements. The other supplementary data on pages 68-95 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the City of Scappoose.

The other supplementary data on pages 68-95 is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain other procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, other supplementary data is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the *Minimum Standards for Audits of Oregon Municipal Corporations*, I have issued my report dated December 29, 2021 on my consideration of the City of Scappoose's compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, including the provisions of Oregon Revised Statutes as specified in Oregon Administrative Rules. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the City of Scappoose's compliance. (end of report)

Steve Tuchscherer thanked Council for their service to the community.

Council thanked Steve.

Res No. 22-05: A Resolution Adopting Optional Local Building Code Permits

Building Official Don VanDomelen gave an overview of why he is bringing the resolution to Council. During 2021 the State of Oregon Building Code Division (BCD) approved both the 2021 Oregon Residential Specialty Code update, and the 2019 Oregon Structural Specialty Code Chapter 1 Amendments, Exhibit A and B, of the staff report, respectively. Both updates shift a number of permits from being required statewide to only being required if adopted by local municipalities. This poses a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of Scappoose residents. The BCD periodically reviews and updates Oregon Building Codes. During the 2021 adoption period, the BCD changed their enforcement authority for several permits as can be seen in section 101.2.1 in the Structural Specialty Code and R101.2.2 of the Residential Specialty Code. Changes in these two Code sections stems from BCD's interpretation of their scope and authority under OR 455.020. These changes in interpretation impact what the appropriate level of government is to enforce certain permits, resulting in several different circumstances relating to scope, authority, and permit enforcement. Important to this discussion are two types of permit enforcement: Statewide, and Optional Local Adoption. Statewide permits are those that BCD has authority over, has code written for, and has determined will be applied to the entire state. Optional local adoption permits are those that BCD has authority over, has Code written for, but has determined will not be applied to the entire state but are available for optional local municipal adoption.

Council President Greisen thanked Don VanDomelen for noting a red flag and bringing this to Council and seeking the best for our community. She stated that speaks volumes of his leadership.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts gave an overview on this agenda item.

Councilor McHugh moved, and Council Lesowske seconded the motion that Council adopted Res No. 22-05: A Resolution Adopting Optional Local Building Code Permits. Motion Passed (6-

0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Approval of 2022-2023 Council Goals

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained this is the draft version of the goals that came out of Council's Retreat. She worked with the consultant to put together the goal list. She explained there is a summary from the consultant. She asked Council if there is anything they would like to change, if not it is up for Council to adopt.

Councilor McHugh asked about the Parks Master Plan and what is the timeline on that?

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained they wanted to make sure the goals were approved, then it would be budgeted for in this next fiscal year.

Councilor McHugh stated we did the Master Plan ourselves previously. He asked would we be putting it out?

City Manager Rains replied she would recommend putting it out. She thinks particularly with the Capital Improvement Plan we did the best we could with the information we had but it wasn't put together by a professional engineer and she does think the estimate in terms of cost are pretty far off and aren't really reflective of what those items are going to actually cost us at the end of the day. She explained we have actually accomplished a lot and it is fairly outdated. She would recommend at least someone coming in and help us with the master plan. She explained like we have done in the past, we could have the Park & Rec Committee be a technical advisory committee and work with us on it.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained the process of doing a master plan and how having a consultant gathering the information can assist in getting grants down the road.

Mayor Burge would like Goal 4 (parks) to read as it previously did ~ Develop a Park/Rec System within a ten-minute walk from all neighborhoods. He explained he would compromise and add within a ten-minute walk from home.

The consensus of Council was to add within a ten-minute walk, to the title of Goal 4.

Councilor Lesowske thanked SSW Consulting for their work at the retreat. He found it very engaging and also an opportunity for Council to be very open in their thoughts and allowing for that open dialog to have its time and place.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion that Council adopt the 2022-2023 Council Goals as amended. Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Approval of 2022 Team Agreement

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained we didn't make any significant changes to the Team Agreement from last year and it is before Council for approval.

Council President Greisen talked about Paul Fidrych's comments at the last meeting, and that he was very gracious in his comments and thanking Council for their service. She explained Paul said to Council to not be so hard on themselves and she appreciates that. However, she thinks that these discussions were really important to have in their session, and it is important that they do demand the best of each other and for our community and that the dialogue, from her perspective and her place, the comments she made during that session, has nothing to do with Council agreeing all the time, you get nowhere with that. She stated that is not what she has ever touched on in terms of following these agreements in that we need to agree, but it just has to do with mutual respect towards each other, just as importantly to the staff that we work with and that works for the City. She explained unfortunately some of the comments and the discussion that were created is because in her opinion that wasn't always occurring and that she thinks it is just important that they are always maintaining their appropriate roles beyond these chambers. She thanked Paul for his observations of how Council does work together but know that she personally doesn't take having been voted into this position lightly and that if there's an opportunity for personal and professional growth that is important that they do ask the best of themselves. She is just so grateful that this Council still has this document in place and that we can work together and continue to do good work.

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Council adopt the 2022 Team Agreement as presented.

Councilor Lesowske asked about Council signing the Team Agreement.

City Manager Rains replied yes, we will get Council a Team Agreement to sign without the draft watermark.

Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Appointments to the 50-Year Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Councilor McHugh explained he just has a concern with the committee list. He explained he thinks only five of the people live within the City and he thinks it is important that the majority of the people on that committee live in the City. He thinks we need to have two additional committee members who live in the City. He explained we should engage some people from the community that aren't already engaged. His proposal is to add two people who live in the City.

Mayor Burge asked when will this committee be meeting?

City Manager Rains replied March 15.

Mayor Burge explained we could approve the committee list as is and then reach out for two additional members for future meetings.

Councilor McHugh talked about Council reaching out and helping to find those members.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained one of the things to keep in mind with this process is that this process is a highly technical land use process.

Councilor Lesowske stated he is very happy to see that the committee will be led by former Councilor Pat Kessi. He asked that maybe Council looks at renaming his role maybe to Community Member at Large.

Councilor Poling explained he has no problem with adding two community members.

City Manager Rains explained these are all public meetings, so anyone is able to attend.

Mayor Burge stated to Council if they think of someone who might be interested in being on this committee, just send him their contact information and he will reach out to them.

Councilor Miller talked about the partner organizations and asked about Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and 911 District not being on the list.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained when we were brainstorming about the agency partners what they were thinking of were the agencies and organizations in the City that would have the largest changes or needs for additional land or impact on the land use processes in the future. He explained that is why you are seeing most of those being focused around community organizations directly in the City. He explained in terms of ODF and the 911 District they hadn't really talked about them to this point yet.

Councilor Miller replied as he looks through the list with that context, that makes sense. He explained he is throwing those out and just to be mindful, that's all.

Councilor McHugh moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion to add two citizens at large that live within the City limits, approve the membership of the committee, and change the title of Chair Patrick Kessi's to Community Member at large. Motion Passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye and Councilor Miller, aye.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

Updates: City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor

City Manager Rains reminded Council about the Zoom call on March 10th that will be going over the industrial land inventory, essentially an open house. She did forward the invite to Council. She stated to Interim Chief Davis that she really does appreciate all the time and effort he has put in. It has been great working with Shaun, and he has done a great job.

Interim Chief Davis thanked Council for having him here, it has been an honor to serve Scappoose. He wanted Council to know that they have good officers and good staff that work here. He stated it has been an honor to work with the officers, staff and Council during his time here.

Councilor Miller explained with spring approaching, he will bring this up again, the parallel parking at Veterans Park is a huge safety concern for him. He is worried about a kid running between two cars onto the street. He stated if there is anything we can do to eliminate that parallel parking, and perhaps develop some more of the parking up above to help compensate for the lost parking, he thinks that would be a win and a huge public safety benefit for Veterans Park, and quite frankly our community.

Councilor Poling mentioned at the last meeting how Paul had comments about the Council retreat and one of Paul's comments was how he was very proud of how much time Council puts into things, but he also wanted to say thank you to people like Paul who listens or attends our meetings and make comments. He stated they put just as much time in, and we appreciate community members like them that want to speak up and help keep us moving forward. He stated thank you very much Paul and thank you to the rest of the citizens.

Council President Greisen thanked Councilor Poling for his fantastic comment. She stated she was pleased to be in the company of all her fellow Councilors at the Columbia County Elected

Officials meeting last week where they revisited goals that they created prior to COVID and it is amazing how our County Leadership has continued to work on those goals and in addition they did a SWOT analysis and thought of some new things that they'd like to work on County wide over the next year. She stated it is great that despite Covid our County kept moving, and she is very proud of our County for doing that. She thanked Interim Chief Davis for being here. She stated she is very proud of his dedication and leadership and our citizens are very lucky to have you in addition to your place of employment. She explained last week she got to do one of the best things she loves to do and that's to teach. She explained the 2nd grade classes asked her to come in and do a local government class, which was all about Council. She went over the items they discussed. She explained she followed up with the teachers and gave some ideas or said that they could use her presentation and one of the things was if they want to brainstorm and write down some ideas for parks or ways we can make our City better. She said hello to Ms. Cordell's 2nd grade class. She read a letter ~ Dear Mrs. Greisen, thank you so much for visiting our classroom. We really enjoyed learning about our City government. Please take a look at our ideas for playground improvements. We have some pretty incredible ideas. Thank you to the Mayor and City Council and all of the other City departments for making Scappoose a great place to live. Sincerely Ms. Cordell and her student teacher Mrs. Z, and the whole class. (end of letter, which they all signed). She explained each student did a letter and a park design. She explained she is so glad that we can do that sort of outreach and connect with our little citizens. She explained they talked about just because they are seven and eight doesn't mean you can't have a big impact on the community around you. She explained one of the biggest things she was pleased to hear, besides picking up trash, etc., was just be kind to other people and that kindness will spread. She stated it is great to hear those little citizens are what's coming out of Scappoose. She stated good job!

Councilor Lesowske stated it sounds like those seven- and eight-year-olds could also teach us a thing or two, which he thinks is greatly beautiful. He asked for copies of what they wrote, because he would love to read through them. He explained he was also able to attend the Columbia County Leadership Forum/meeting last week. He explained he found it very informative, and it is always great to be able to reach out and connect with our neighbors so we can get some cohesion on some short- and long-term goals and desires. He thanked Interim Chief Davis for his service, not just for our community but for Oregonians. He has helped keep our community safe during the last six months. He really appreciates his leadership and dedication, and he hopes him all the best moving forward. He stated to Shaun you are not too far, you know where we are, so don't be a stranger. He stated he is very excited, spring is right around the corner, a new season a new start. He thinks it is going to be an extremely exciting time for some more normalcy to occur within our communities, and within our life. He asks that we all be mindful and respectful of one another as we try to still navigate through this time, and he does see new horizons ahead, so this is a great opportunity. Thank you!

Councilor McHugh talked about an article that Paul Vogel mentioned, and that it is very complementary towards Scappoose. He stated disagreement is okay, we don't carry it away from the meeting, it's just part of doing our business and if we're not honest about having differences of opinion we're really going to be in trouble. He stated there are no hard feelings, it's just the way it works, you know we all come from the same place. He thanked Shaun for all of his hard work. He stated to Shaun you made a big difference here, probably more than what you even know, we appreciate it!

Mayor Burge explained he actually enjoys having good debates. He explained for him it's always been we discuss the issue, we're done with it, and we move forward. He thanked Interim Chief Davis for everything he has done over the last six months, it was greatly appreciated, and you will be missed.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.


Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:


City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC