

## MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

## Scappoose Council Chambers, 33568 E Columbia Avenue, Scappoose, Oregon 97056

#### Call to Order

Mayor Burge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Josh Poling	Councilor	Isaac Butman	Assistant to the City Manager
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Peter McHugh	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
Tyler Miller	Councilor	Carol Almer	Finance Administrator
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor	Rob Moody	CPA, MERINA+CO

Peter Watts Legal Counsel

Remote: Beth Rajski; and an unknown caller

**Excused:** Council President Megan Greisen

#### Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda ~ June 6, 2022 City Council Work Session meeting minutes and June 6, 2022 City Council meeting minutes

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

#### **Old Business**

Ord No. 900: An ordinance of the City of Scappoose authorizing City Staff to collect a Construction Excise Tax on behalf of the Scappoose School District

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained nothing has changed from the last Council meeting.

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time ~ Ord No. 900: An ordinance of the City of Scappoose authorizing City Staff to collect a Construction Excise Tax on behalf of the Scappoose School District.

Councilor Lesowske asked what are the next steps with this conversation and future conversations with the School District?

City Manager Rains replied if this is passed it allows the City to collect at a higher rate, which is fully in line with what they are allowed to do per Statute. She explained at this juncture if there are still questions from Council, we can look at the intergovernmental agreement (IGA), based on the last conversation it sounded like there was, but she was waiting to make sure that this passed. She explained also as part of the ongoing meetings that Council has asked to have with other local governing boards, we could also sit down with the School Board if you wanted to discuss this with the board one on one. It is up to Councils discretion on how you would like to proceed.

Mayor Burge asked for all those in favor of the motion on second reading.

Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Ord No. 901: An Ordinance Amending Scappoose Municipal Code Title 3, Amending Chapter 3.16, Check Returned for Nonpayment

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained nothing new to add from the first reading.

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time ~ Ord No. 901: An Ordinance Amending Scappoose Municipal Code Title 3, Amending Chapter 3.16, Check Returned for Nonpayment. Mayor Burge asked for all those in favor of the motion on second reading.

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Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Ord No. 902: An Ordinance of the City of Scappoose Amending Scappoose Municipal Code 2.20 Municipal Court

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained this simply conforms our code with State Statute.

Mayor Burge read the title for the second time ~ Ord No. 902: An Ordinance of the City of Scappoose Amending Scappoose Municipal Code 2.20 Municipal Court.

Mayor Burge asked for all those in favor of the motion on second reading.

Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

#### **New Business**

Resolution No. 22-12: Extending Workers' Compensation Coverage to Volunteers

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman explained this is extends workers' comp coverage to various classes of people who are nonemployees who do work for the City.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor McHugh seconded the motion that Council ado<u>pt</u> Resolution No. 22-12: Extending Workers' Compensation Coverage to Volunteers. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

#### **2022-2023 Budget**

**Consideration of the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget** 

Hold a Public Hearing to determine if the City should elect to receive State Shared Revenues

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:07 pm and closed it due to no one wanting to speak on this matter.

Resolution No. 22-13: A Resolution Certifying that the City of Scappoose Meets All Requirements to Receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-13: A Resolution Certifying that the City of Scappoose Meets All Requirements to Receive State Shared Revenues for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Consider Resolution No. 22-14: A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenue for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, for the City of Scappoose

Councilor Miller moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion that Council adopt
Resolution No. 22-14: A Resolution Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenue for
Fiscal Year 2022-2023, for the City of Scappoose. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye;
Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye;
and Councilor Santiago, aye.

## Adopting the City of Scappoose 2022-2023 Budget

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:10 pm and closed it due to no one wanting to speak on this matter.

Resolution No. 22-15: Hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Approval budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Making Appropriations, Imposing the Tax, and Categorizing the Tax

Councilor Santiago moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-15: Hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Approval budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Making Appropriations, Imposing the Tax, and Categorizing the Tax. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Resolution No. 22-16: A Resolution Establishing all Fees and Charges for the City of Scappoose and Rescinding Resolution No. 21-14: 2022-2023 Fee Resolution

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained the proposed fee updates are in red on the draft.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:15 pm and closed it due to no one wanting to speak on this matter.

Councilor Miller moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-16: A Resolution Establishing all Fees and Charges for the City of Scappoose and Rescinding Resolution No. 21-14: 2022-2023 Fee Resolution. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

Resolution No. 22-17: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Scappoose to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services

Public Works Director Dave Sukau went over the staff report. During the 2021 session of the Oregon Legislature, HB5006 was passed and subsequently signed by the Governor. With HB5006, the Legislature appropriated infrastructure grant funds to over 50 Oregon municipalities, including to the City of Scappoose. Among the appropriations, the Legislature appropriated \$3,600,000 to be administered by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS). DAS sent a grant agreement to the City for execution. Pursuant to Resolution 17-12, Section B(4), City Council's authorization is required to authorize the City Manager of Scappoose to sign and execute the necessary agreement with DAS.

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-17: A Resolution Authorizing the City of Scappoose to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

#### Purchase of Vac Truck

Public Works Director Dave Sukau went over the staff report. In 2016, the City of Scappoose Public Works Department purchased a used 2002 Camel vac truck from the City of Forest Grove that they were retiring from their fleet. This has been a good truck for Scappoose but is now starting to have increased maintenance costs and key parts are no longer available from the manufacturer. A vac truck is the single most important tool for Public Works. It performs the maintenance of the city's sewer system, storm system and emergency water main repairs and needs to be ready for action 24/7. Public Works is seeking to purchase a new vac truck before the existing truck has a catastrophic failure and is unrepairable. Once ordered, lead times for delivery depending upon the selected manufacturer may take up to one year for delivery. The Scappoose Public Works Department has evaluated products from Vactor, Vacall, SWS, Camel, Gap Vax and Aquatech. These trucks have an average price range of \$460,000 to \$540,000. These prices vary due to manufacturers base pricing and additional features added to the trucks. Public Works has narrowed this list down to Vacall and Camel. Currently, Staff is evaluating price, efficiency, features, dependability, product support, warranty, safety, and overall operations before making a final selection. Public Works has budgeted \$510,000 in the approved 2022-23 budget for the purchase of a new vac truck. This amount was equally divided between the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater funds. Staff is recommending Council authorize City Manager Rains to purchase a new vac truck in an amount not to exceed the budgeted \$510,000. He explained there is some urgency to this just because if we were to go with the Vacall we will not see that truck next June that is if we get it in their que and if we don't get in their que in the next few weeks, it won't even been in this year. He explained the Camel could be potential this November that we could see one of those if we lock down in the next week. He explained the other factor is the chassis are going up about 5 to 10% about every two months or so.

Councilor Lesowske stated it would be very fiscally responsible for us to buy this sooner than later obviously because the coast is only going to increase overtime.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau stated you are looking at 10 to 15% minimum every year we go on.

Councilor Miller asked is it possible to do an intergovernmental agreement or a contractual agreement as a backup? He also asked what is the plan with the current truck, are we using that as a backup?

Public Works Director Dave Sukau replied yes, we are using that as a backup, in addition we will continue to use that for hydro excavation, as that is the single most wear. He explained we did get a trade in value and they only offered us \$25,000 for the truck and he would much rather keep it for emergency purposes at that price.

Councilor Poling asked what is the life span for the new truck?

Public Works Director Dave Sukau replied as long as you take care of them you will get at least 20 years.

Councilor Santiago moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Council authorize City Manager Rains to purchase a new vac truck in an amount not to exceed the budgeted \$510,000. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Poling, aye; Councilor Lesowske, aye; Councilor McHugh, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; and Councilor Santiago, aye.

# Announcements Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Rains explained our new Finance Administrator Carol Almer is here this evening. She thanked Brian Jensen for being really helpful in keeping things going in the interim while we were waiting for Chief Lougal to get here and with the transition.

Councilor Miller welcomed Carol Almer. He thanked Brian for stepping in and helping us out when we needed leadership in the Police Department. He explained he has some information related to the 911 District I'd like to update council on. Senator Armitage, Bureau of Labor and Industries Candidate Christina Stephenson, City Manager Rains and I all attended the 911 District's board meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>. May 24<sup>th</sup> was the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde Texas. That shooting resulted in 19 children and 2 teachers dead and physically wounded at least 17 others. Sheriff Brian Pixley also attended and thanked City Manager Rains and the City for putting forth the effort to try to help get the new radio system planning on better track, and the lack of coverage in schools corrected immediately. More on the new radio system topic in a moment. Senator Armitage and Bureau of Labor and Industries Candidate Christina Stepheson specifically gave public testimony asking the 9-1-1 District to immediately

fix the lack of radio signal coverage in our schools throughout Columbia County. There are only two schools in the entire county that have radio signal coverage inside the school or even outside on the immediately adjoining sidewalks and in parking lots. For example, there is no radio signal coverage in Scappoose High school, OTTO Petersen or Grant Watts. I think it's reasonable to say the lack of radio system signal for emergency responders to communicate would result in major dysfunction and loss lives in the event of a shooting at any of these schools. It's complexly unacceptable. Christina Stephenson also specifically asked the 911 District to immediately correct the missing location history safety records that 911 did not import into the current CAD system when 911 switched to the new system in 2017. On June 14th there was a Special Advisory Committee meeting called by 911's Executive Director Mike Fletcher. There was not a single mention of the coverage issue inside the school buildings. No mention of Senator Armitage's testimony and no mention of BOLI Candidate Stephenson's testimony or request. There is a focus group that is gaining size that will be attending future 911 board meetings and paying close attention to this matter. A lady named Annie is coordinating that effort and working on educating moms and dads who have children attending these schools. There is an ask that people show up at the 911 board meeting on June 30th at 9 am at the 911 center on McNulty way in St. Helens and also write letters to the 911 board. If you contact me, I can connect you with Annie. My contact information is on the city website under the City Council page. On a slightly separate topic, City Manager Rains has been communicating with the Executive Director of 911 and the board to try to get them to collaborate with the City on the planning of the new radio system. That is because there is a lot of concern about their plans and the lack of engineering and just many other steps where the cart is way in front of the horse. From the Advisor Committee meeting City Manager Rains and I attended, it really is looking like they are going towards the option the consultant said would cost taxpayers over \$35 million and only give our first responders 65% coverage throughout the county, and most of that coverage isn't where it's needed. It's on hilltops instead of down on roads, streets, residential and commercial areas where it would actually be useful. City Manager Rains and I have talked to professionals in the pubic safety radio system design and management arena and there is other options that actually give the first responders more coverage for less cost, however, there is a very apparent and concentrated effort by 911's Executive Director Mike Fletcher to block the city from bringing forward any alternative ideas or engineering, which we have access to for no cost to the city or the 911 District. There is baffling conduct going on by the 911 District and I hope to be able to update this City Council and our community with more information after the 911 board meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>. On that note, citizens, teachers, parents, elected officials, PLEASE show up to the 911 board meetings or, write a letter if you can't attend and let your concern, your voice, be heard. Our 911 District needs to SERVE this community and take care of this community's 911 public safety needs.

We have our community's safety on the line, our children's lives on the line, our teacher's lives on the line and our first responders lives on the line. I take this matter very seriously and will continue to advocate for what is best for our safety and our taxpayer's interest. I hope as we

move forward, this City Council and the community will join this effort to the services and systems our 911 agency is providing.

Councilor Lesowske welcomed Carol to the City Hall family, and said we are very excited to have you. He thanked Brian for his leadership and for stepping in. He thanked Councilor Miller for his work with 911 and for being the liaison and keeping Council informed. He explained what he just shared was very insightful. He thanked Councilor Miller for his continued efforts in leadership to make sure that not only our community is safe, but those who serve our community as well. He explained we do have our Independence Holiday upon us. He stated over the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> he wanted to share again that the City is allowing fireworks during those times, but also being mindful of how the weather plays out. He stated he thinks we as citizens also have to be mindful of how we impact the area especially with our legal fireworks here in Oregon. He hopes everyone has a safe Independence Day and also recognizing what makes our Nation so great that it is based on unity so hopefully we can continue to work to come together.

Councilor McHugh welcomed Carol and said she is part of a good team. He thanked Councilor Miller for his insight, passion, and advocacy for the safety of our children, our students, law enforcement and all of the first responders. He just doesn't know where to start, how much more of a wakeup call do we have to have after what we saw in Texas, that we need to have some of these basic things covered in our schools. He knows this isn't the School Board, and we don't have any authority there, but he does know the worst thing we can do is ignore it.

Councilor Santiago welcomed Carol. She acknowledged Juneteenth and what it means for our Country. She thanked Councilor Miller for the very important work that he is doing. She asked Isaac to share a little bit about the City event coming up in September.

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman gave an overview of the Adventure Fest occurring September 10.

Mayor Burge welcomed Carol. He talked about Juneteenth, commonly known as Freedom Day. He stated it is a good time to look at the past and where we have come, including Independence Day coming up. He gave an of the US Conference of Mayors that he recently attended.

**Adjournment** ~ Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:44pm.

Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:

City Recorder Susan M. Reeves MMC