



# SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022  
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 7:00pm.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Isaac Butman	Assistant to the City Manager
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Laurie Oliver Joseph	Community Development Director
Peter McHugh	Councilor		
Tyler Miller	Councilor		
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor		
Peter Watts	Legal Counsel		
Ashley Driscoll	Legal Counsel		

Excused: Councilor Josh Poling; City Recorder Susan Reeves; Chief Steven Lougal

Remote: Rick; Kim Holmes

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

## **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda ~ September 6, 2022 Council Work Session minutes; and September 6, 2022 City Council meeting minutes**

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Lesowske seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ September 6, 2022 Council Work Session minutes; and September 6, 2022 City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

### **Old Business**

#### **Ordinance No.904: An Ordinance Renaming 6<sup>th</sup> Street to SE 6<sup>th</sup> Court**

Mayor Burge explained this is on second reading.

Community Development Director Laurie Oliver Joseph explained Council held a hearing on September 6, and made a motion and a second for approval.

Mayor Burge read the ordinance for a second time ~ Ordinance No.904: An Ordinance Renaming 6<sup>th</sup> Street to SE 6<sup>th</sup> Court.

Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

### **New Business**

#### **Council to discuss the request from Kat Balogh for an Ordinance banning the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores**

Councilor Miller explained since this was a request from the public that came in and we didn't have a chance to discuss it as a Council he thought it was important that we have this dialogue to see if Council wants to move forward with a draft ordinance for consideration. He did have communication with City Manager Rains regarding this and he had heard that at this point there's already a ban at the state level for selling puppies in pet stores.

City Manager Rains replied there is not a ban at the state level which is one of the reasons why they've been searching for bans at the local municipal level. she stated then we also have a sample ordinance that we could work off if this is something that council would want to pursue.

Councilor Miller stated based on the public testimony he is in favor of moving forward with a draft ordinance banning the sale of puppies and kittens at pet stores.

Councilor Lesowske stated he appreciates Councilor Miller bringing this to council's attention at least to follow up with the citizens concern and that we're addressing it and he thinks that's very valuable. He did do a little research on his own in regards to this because he was informed that there was a state bill that was actually moving through and in his research he did note that

there was a previous House Bill he believes it was in 2020 that actually died in the chambers. So there isn't currently anything in the works but he thinks there's a coalition of folks that are still trying to make that movement to be a statewide ban. He explained he talked to the management at the local pet store, and they do not sell cats and dogs there. He explained in that conversation they did acknowledge that there is a need to ensure that those that are breeders are breeding in a way that it's humane. He explain the pet store management concerns are if we do put these bands in place all it does is pushes illegal breeders into doing more illegal breeding. He explained he's not against, nor for this ordinance. He would be willing to absolutely hear it out and see how it would be drafted but he does want to at least acknowledge the voice of the business owners and how they feel about these particular ordinances. He just wanted to share that with council as we move forward in whatever direction it may be that we are very mindful of how it can impact not only the animals but also our businesses and our residents.

Councilor Santiago explained she did do some research and there's terrible stories about puppy mills and how the animals don't come very healthy, they're not taken care of and how puppies are packaged or the way that they held them. The puppies are not getting the love and affection that they need in the beginning like any kind of infant. She asked if in the ordinance we could have a possible clause that says the person has to be certified or have some type of a license.

City Manager Rains explained not having a sample in front of her, it's hard for her to say as it could be in there, but she doesn't know. She explained that's the type of flexibility that council would have to make those kind of determinations. She explained that certainly something staff could look at if Council wants to move ahead with this.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained he thinks all of us did a little research into this and he found a couple cities that have really good templates. He thinks there are a couple of reasons that people are going to different city councils and doing this. He explained maybe it's breeders that don't want members of the public that are purchasing the puppies to come onto their property. Another reason is the more cities that pass the ordinance, the more it sends a signal to the Legislators that there's a statewide concern for this end for the regulations. He thinks the operations that people are most concerned about probably don't happen within cities they probably happen in county areas and so the State is probably the best entity to regulate. He explained both California and Washington have ended this practice and he thinks there is concern that it will become more prevalent in the state of Oregon if measures aren't taken.

Mayor Burge said he does support some sort of ordinance like this. He wanted to make sure when he read through this that rescue animals were still available because he worked with rescue organizations in the past. He thinks this is also an opportunity to work with the Oregon Humane Society and find out what their thoughts are on this kind of law, and are they

supportive of this because they are the ones with the animals that get surrendered/rescued. He feels this is a good opportunity for the City to have a voice in an issue that's coming forward.

Council President Greisen replied she agrees with Mayor Burge regarding the rescue animals. She explained a storefront in city limits provides more traffic and maybe the Humane Society is in the pet store with some animals that have not been adopted out yet and it provides a space for the public to maybe be open to adopting a pet are intrigued by it. She's definitely in favor of seeing a draft ordinance. She doesn't condone people doing a mass breeding and then trying to get them sold at our pet stores but the idea of a having rescue animals at the pet store doesn't bother her.

Councilor Miller explain he fully supports the pet stores collaborating with shelters to try and adopt dogs and cats out that don't have homes.

Mayor Burge Explained the model ordinance that was provided has that in there.

Councilor Lesowske explained he too would like to hear what the Oregon Humane Society feels about this particular subject. He thinks that would definitely persuade him in understanding our organizational view.

#### **Announcements – information only**

##### **Calendar**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Rains thanked the staff and committee members that showed up at the Adventure Festival, in addition to staff members who did cleanup.

Councilor Miller explained Mitch with the Scappoose School District emailed him this morning and said that he had been in communication with the tower companies to see what the rates would be for adding the receivers there. We are waiting for a quote from Communications Northwest to see with the costs would actually be. He explained depending on what the cost is, he may come to Council to see perhaps if we could use some ARPA money for that. He explained as soon as we have that information from the tower company and the school district says they can handle that piece of it he believes that City Manager Rains is going to reach out to the 911 District and confirm that they are willing to make the connection because it does require them to cooperate and make the connection to their system. He explained in one way or another he will find funding for this to get it done. He explained as far as a new radio system

engineering they are continuing to get the interviews done with all the different agencies, which hasn't been easy, but they are making progress.

Council President Greisen explained Run with Neil was a very successful event and fundraiser and that kicked off the Adventure Fest, which she knows it took a lot of funding on our part which maybe wasn't met with an equal amount of sponsorships. She knows we want to continue this event long term and we'll probably have to make some tough decisions going forward if financially this is something we can put on. She saw a stress lifted off more from staff by using Treadway and just not having to rely so much on volunteer support and running around. She felt like people could enjoy the event. She heard so many families giving thanks to the City that they could show up to an event and experience could be had by their children that they didn't have to pay for. As a Council she'd really would like us to see how we can make something like this continue. She had a blast, it was just great! She explained there's been a lot of fall sports in full swing right now. The Scappoose School District Board of Directors voted not unanimously, but majority in favor to name the new turf field McNabb Field after the McNabb family. The dedication will be at the homecoming game. She explained she has a lot of people reach out to her about traffic concerns and she just always encourages the citizens to continue to share that but as a member of the Traffic Safety Committee there is an outlet as a citizen for you to go on the Police Department website and fill out a formal document that then comes to the committee and they review all those sorts of concerns. She explained it's election season and we are starting to see signs out and about and she just encourages citizens to take the time to visit with candidates at the county and city level, get to know them and their story and take the time to read about them to see what they potentially could do to benefit our communities.

Councilor Lesowske thanked Isaac for his time and energy with the Adventure Fest because we provided what we wanted to do for the community. He also thanked other staff members and Treadway for putting in a lot of time and effort. He stated it was truly appreciated, and it was great. He explained as Council President Greisen stated it is an event that our community members can come partake in. He explained school has started and we have more people out and about walking. He appreciates seeing more sidewalks in our community. He explained he was able to attend the Farmers Market and Bill has done a phenomenal job in addition to all the volunteers. They are always seeking new volunteers so if you want to get more engaged in the community the farmers market is a great entry point for those interested. he explained he got the opportunity to meet with ten local business owners over the weekend to just talk about what their thoughts are around the climate of how the city is moving forward to better understand their needs as the city continues to grow in both size and spirit. He was very, very happy to be able to hear from them, not a lot of complaints as they were very happy with the way that the City is moving forward which is building up their businesses. He attributes that to a lot of the work that we as elected representatives have done to move our economy forward especially with Mayor Burge's foresight with OMIC and being able to work with a variety of different agencies and other representatives to see that space over there starting to grow and

how that the residual effect is that our businesses here locally are seeing positive impacts because of it.

Councilor McHugh explained he agrees with everything that was said about the Adventure Fest. Great job Isaac, it was a lot of things to pull together. He stated it just went very well and he appreciates the visibility of our Police Department at the event. he explained last Saturday was the Out of the Darkness walk and Timmi Sue, Chief Lougal and the chaplains with the Police Department we're all part of that sponsorship and it went very well and was well attended. He said he was very impressed and it's a very important issue that we need to support.

Councilor Santiago thanked staff for all their hard work on the Adventure Fest. She talked about people speeding and said please slow down. She explained she hears from community members and invites them to come and share their comments with Council. She did the Run for Neil, which was awesome.

Mayor Burge explained the Adventure Fest was a really good event. He thinks with the financial concern what Council should do is set the date for the next advent right away. He thinks the thing that dragged the fundraising effort was we got the logo together late which delayed fund raising and then he thinks there is a little bit of miscommunication who was doing the fundraising but some of them stepped in and did some fundraising at the last minute and that worked out pretty decently. He stated early information for people helps us raise money and the money raised for sponsorships helps pay for the event. He appreciated the fact that City staff was there all day representing the City. He talked about Scappoose being the 8<sup>th</sup> best place to live in Oregon and that is something to be proud of. He stated we all should be proud of the community that we have built.

#### **Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660(2)(i) Employee Evaluations**

Mayor Burge went into Executive session at 7:38pm.

#### **Open Session**

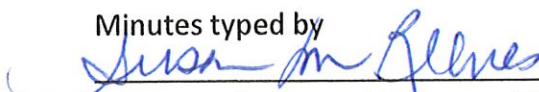
Mayor Burge came out into open session at 8:42pm.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

  
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Mayor Scott Burge

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