



SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Scott Burge	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Isaac Butman	Assistant to City Manager
Josh Poling	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Brandon Lesowske	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
Peter McHugh	Councilor	Kevin Turner	Treatment Plant Supervisor
Tyler Miller	Councilor		
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor		

Peter Watts Legal Counsel

Excused: Chief Steven Lougal

Remote: Kim Holmes (left at 8:10pm); and Austin Rambin (left at 8:02pm)

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Poling moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Josh Poling, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

Public Comment

Marisa Jacobs, Scappoose, explained just coming out of the Council's work session she would like to share some thoughts specifically regarding Measure 109 Psilocybin. She thanked Councilor Greisen and Councilor Santiago for really pushing the maximum amount of restrictions and regulations that we can put in place for our City. She explained as the conversation was and how she has been talking with others within our community there is so much unknown with Measure 109 and there is a lot of contradiction as was spoke about during the work session and it makes a lot of people uneasy. She stated it makes her very uneasy. She explained several weeks ago when it was brought up to defer and put a moratorium for two years and it did not pass, it was very upsetting. She explained Clatskanie as well as St. Helens who have it on the ballot, a moratorium for two years, and when she reached out to public officials in St. Helens and asked them why they did it, it was because there is so much confusion. She feels like it really was a missed opportunity here for us because we are trying to regulate something and put parameters in place when there is so much confusion and something could slip in, and it could be the detriment to our town. She explained she pulled up the numbers in terms of Columbia County and the passing on Measure 109. She thinks it is really important when we talk about majority vote. She explained 15,369 people voted yes, 15,144 people voted no. That is a difference of 225 votes. To her that does not constitute a whopping majority win. She stated that is really close to a 50/50 split. So, while we say the people voted yes, it wasn't a landslide by any means and then you couple that with all of the confusion, she feels it is a very slippery slope. She thanked Council for really pushing and putting as many guardrails around this until it is actually worked out between OHA and our Legislature. She thanked Council.

Consent Agenda – September 19, 2022 Council Work Session and City Council meeting minutes; October 3, 2022 Council City Council meeting minutes

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda – September 19, 2022 Council Work Session; September 19, 2022 City Council meeting minutes; October 3, 2022 Council City Council meeting minutes. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Josh Poling, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

Old Business

Standing Committees – Code & Bylaw changes - SPRC and EDC Resolutions

Ordinance No. 905 An Ordinance Amending Scappoose Municipal Code Title 2; modifying section 2.04.080, Appointments, and 2.04.110 Committees

Assistant to City Manager Isaac Butman went over the updates that Council asked for from the last meeting. He explained based on the requests from Council during the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting the following changes have been made to Ordinance 905, and can be seen in Exhibit A of the staff report:

- Staff move language relating to the number and types of absences that can cause a recommendation for removal to come before Council from the Ordinance to the Bylaws.
- Staff did not add language clarifying how applications for committee membership are distributed.
- Staff added more flexibility to the delegation of mediator for mediated resolutions under Section 1) a. In working through these changes Staff used every avenue to not create new language.

While the complaints process in this Ordinance is new, much of the additional language in the bylaws is taken directly from the Council Team Agreement, the Committees' Team Agreements, the Scappoose Municipal Code generally, and from the Municipal Code sections on Council Ethics.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 7:06pm.

Marisa Jacobs, Scappoose, explained she is speaking overall in favor. She thanked Council for the healthy conversation last session. She explained she had an opportunity to review this as well as with some of her peers who are heavily vested and overall, we are in agreement with a lot of the changes that are made. She explained there is one slight area she would like Council's attention to and would like consideration. She explained when we talk about article 5 Organization and Structure, Section 1 Membership, point B, it states its members shall live, work or have significant interest in parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Scappoose. She feels it would behoove us to clearly define what has significant interest in parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Scappoose. She asked what does have significant interest in parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Scappoose mean? She thinks that can be very broad and going back to what she provided in public comment last time is that she thinks it is truly important when we talk about these committees that are impacting our town, it is really the people who live here. She explained the more involvement we encourage people who are here versus people who don't live here and don't really have as well as a vested interest, she thinks that would be for the best. She explained another suggestion is to really define the perimeters of the City of Scappoose.

Mayor Burge asked are those on the bylaw changes or the ordinance?

City Manager Rains replied those are on the bylaw changes, not the ordinance.

Mayor Burge asked if there was anyone else who would like to comment during the public hearing. Seeing none he closed the public hearing at 7:08pm.

Councilor Santiago explained she did get a chance to talk to Cara Heinze, who is the Chair of the Parks and Rec Committee, and she did take a look at the changes, and she liked them. She explained that Cara wished she would have had a copy sent over to her so she could have reviewed them. She asked if we could do that in the future? She explained her and Cara did agree that they are going to meet prior to the meetings, and she will give Cara updates anytime Park & Rec is on the agenda, just to give her heads up.

Council President Greisen explained a lot of people want information or to see information, it is accessible because it is posted online.

Councilor Miller moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 905: An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Title 2.04 Council Meetings, Modifying Section 2.04.080 Appointments and Section 2.04.110 Committees as written.

Mayor Burge read the ordinance title for the first time ~ Ordinance No. 905, An Ordinance Amending Municipal Code Title 2.04 Council Meetings, Modifying Section 2.04.080 Appointments and Section 2.04.110 Committees as written.

Resolution 22-19: A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 20-17 and Establishing the Bylaws for the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman went over the staff report. At the August 8, 2022 City Council Meeting during the discussion about a complaint that had been filed regarding committee member conduct multiple members of City Council noted that both the Municipal Code and the Committee Bylaws lacked formal mechanisms to address complaints such as the ones filed. At the September 6, 2022 Council Meeting Council Members reaffirmed their request to look at a variety of changes to committee's bylaws, and to add new language to the Municipal Code to guide complaint processes in the future. During the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting, Council reviewed Resolution 22-19, and asked that a number of changes be made. ANALYSIS: Based on the requests from Council during the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting the following changes have been made to Resolution No. 22-19, and can be seen in Exhibit A of the staff report:

- Staff changed the language relating to quarterly meetings to reflect that this is a baseline number of meetings and clarified language around the committee meeting more frequently. Council asked that the Committee meet only if there are agenda items or assigned projects and clarified that Committees may share information between regularly scheduled meetings.
- Staff added additional language to Committee Responsibilities and Objectives

clarifying that the Committee can act to support, promote, and further Council Goals, and removed section G and language similar to “as directed”.

- Staff ensured that the Responsibilities and Objectives were more flexible as requested by Council.
- Staff added definition about the types of absences that can cause a recommendation for removal to be sent to Council.
- Staff removed the requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair reside in City Limits.
- Staff clarified that quorum is a majority of voting members, and that if a quorum cannot be achieved committees can still meet but cannot make decisions or take actions.
- Staff clarified that the Committee shall vote to create subcommittees.
- Staff clarified that Committees shall report to Council at least annually, and as frequently as quarterly, and that the Chair or their designee should prepare the report.
- Scriveners’ errors were corrected.

In working through these changes Staff used every avenue to not create new language. While the complaints process is new, much of the additional language in the bylaws is taken directly from the Council Team Agreement, the Committees’ Team Agreements, the Scappoose Municipal Code generally, and from the Municipal Code sections on Council Ethics. Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-19 as written.

Councilor McHugh explained he feels the majority, probably at least six members, should live within the City limits.

Mayor Burge explained he tends to agree because those are the people who are making recommendations who either directly or indirectly pay the taxes because they live within the City limits. He explained he also thinks we are in a unique situation because we don’t have a Park and Rec District. He thinks that a maximum of three members from the Park & Rec Committee may be from outside the City limits as long as they reside within the School District.

Councilor Miller explained as far as representing the City of Scappoose interests from the citizens of Scappoose within the City limits, he thinks just the majority of the members is what it needs to say. He stated in reference to the point about those who live within the City limits being represented, he doesn’t know that we accomplish that by saying it can be within a district also. He would just leave it at there has to be a majority of the committee members that live inside the City limits of Scappoose, that is his suggestion.

Council President Greisen explained she tends to gravitate towards the word majority because some of these committees don’t even have the maximum amount of people. She explained we are going to get nowhere if we are limiting dedicated community members. She has a hard time

saying the City of Scappoose limits, she feels more comfortable saying the Scappoose School District, when it comes to the Park & Rec Committee.

Councilor Poling explained he also leans towards the direction of a majority, but he thinks restricting it completely to inside City limits restricts the amount of involvement we could have. He explained it is up to the Mayor to choose those people, and the Council to approve it, so there are some other layers to this that would help keep that within a boundary. He thinks we have the opportunity to have people that bring the professionalism to that committee, and he thinks we need to leave that as open as possible to do that.

Councilor McHugh stated he is okay with majority.

Assistant to City Manager Butman asked if we could try to land on a number? He explained the reason is that as the committee grows and shrinks, if it gets to five members and it says a majority, the difficulty for staff is determining what the word majority is.

Mayor Burge replied he thinks we would want to write in a way that is says of the nine members, five must live within the City limits.

City Manager Rains asked if this were to be approved and they were already on the committee, they would be essentially grandfathered in.

Mayor Burge replied yes.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained we could modify it to say at least five members shall live within the boundary of the City of Scappoose and then up to four can live outside the boundary.

Councilor Lesowske stated this is on the recruitment backfill portion that we are trying to discuss.

Councilor Santiago explained her concern is recruitment and not having enough committee members. She doesn't agree with just the City limits, she thinks we are limiting ourselves. She stated maybe it is not a number, it is a ratio of members.

Councilor Poling stated after hearing everything he thinks we should just go back to the current wording. He stated we leave it open and nonrestrictive. His biggest concern is that we are restricting it so much that it is going to be difficult going forward.

Councilor Poling moved, and Council President Greisen seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-19, A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 20-17, and Establishing the Bylaws for the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee as written.

Councilor Miller wanted to discuss the bullet point ~ Staff clarified that the Committee shall vote to create subcommittees. He does have a little bit of concern about that just because of the legal implication and if we have enough staff to staff committees.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained a subcommittee would be a public meeting if a majority of the subcommittee shows up.

City Manager Rains explained that is why the committee would have to go to Council for approval because it would require staff time and that was not in there before and that is why staff updated that language.

Councilor Miller discussed the bullet point ~ Staff clarified that Committees shall report to Council at least annually, and as frequently as quarterly, and that the Chair or their designee should prepare the report. He explained that he wants to clarify that the intent is not to limit the committees because they can come before Council anytime to provide updates.

Assistant to City Manager Butman explained the committee can also come before Council.

City Manager Rains explained this is to increase communication, per Councils request.

Councilor Santiago explained Cara and her had a conversation, and it was clear that Cara would come before Council quarterly. She explained that she will also give updates as the liaison to the Park & Rec Committee. They are working on the communication.

Council President Greisen asked Mayor Burge if he would feel more comfortable if it said at least twice a year instead of at least once?

Mayor Burge replied yes.

Council President Greisen explained she feels comfortable with saying coming at least twice a year.

Councilor Lesowske suggested saying coming before Council to give updates a minimum of twice a year.

Councilor Poling amended his motion to add reports from the Park & Rec Committee to Council shall be made at least twice a year, Council President Greisen seconded the amendment.

Council President Greisen explained she is trying to emphasize with people who are willing to help us, and she doesn't want them to feel turned away, if it is determined by the Mayor and Council that they have a significant interest.

Motion passed (6-1). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Josh Poling, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; and Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye. Councilor Pete McHugh, nay.

Resolution 22-20 A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 20-01 and Establishing the Bylaws for the Scappoose Economic Development Committee

Assistant to the City Manager Isaac Butman went over the staff report. At the August 8, 2022 City Council Meeting during the discussion about a complaint that had been filed regarding committee member conduct multiple members of City Council noted that both the Municipal Code and the Committee Bylaws lacked formal mechanisms to address complaints such as the ones filed. At the September 6, 2022 Council Meeting Council Members reaffirmed their request to look at a variety of changes to committee's bylaws, and to add new language to the Municipal Code to guide complaint processes in the future. During the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting, Council reviewed Resolution No. 22-20, and asked that a number of changes be made, ANALYSIS: Based on the requests from Council during the October 3, 2022 City Council Meeting the following changes have been made to Resolution No. 22-20, and can be seen in Exhibit A in the staff report:

- Staff changed the language relating to quarterly meetings to reflect that this is a baseline number of meetings and clarified language around the committee meeting more frequently. Council asked that the Committee meet only if there are agenda items or assigned projects and clarified that Committees may share information between regularly scheduled meetings.
- Staff added additional language to Committee Responsibilities and Objectives clarifying that the Committee can act to support, promote, and further Council Goals, and removed section G and language similar to "as directed".
- Staff ensured that the Responsibilities and Objectives were more flexible as requested by Council.
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- Staff clarified that quorum is a majority of voting members, and that if a quorum cannot be achieved committees can still meet but cannot make decisions or take actions.
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- Scriveners' errors were corrected.

In working through these changes Staff used every avenue to not create new language. While the complaints process is new, much of the additional language in the bylaws is taken directly from the Council Team Agreement, the Committees' Team Agreements, the Scappoose Municipal Code generally, and from the Municipal Code sections on Council Ethics. Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-20 as

written.

Councilor Miller asked that the same wording be done to this resolution.

Councilor Lesowske moved, and Councilor Poling seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 22-20. A Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 20-01, and Establishing the Bylaws for the Scappoose Economic Development Committee with amendments to section I, reporting at least twice a year.

Council President Greisen explained out of both of the committees she feels very strongly about this one and the membership. She explained we had some people speaking to us during our work session who have a very vested interest in Scappoose with OMIC and PCC and especially when it comes to economic development. She would hope that those voices would be welcomed on our committee. She thinks that they are some of the experts and people leading us in the right direction for economic development. She stated thank you for leaving those.

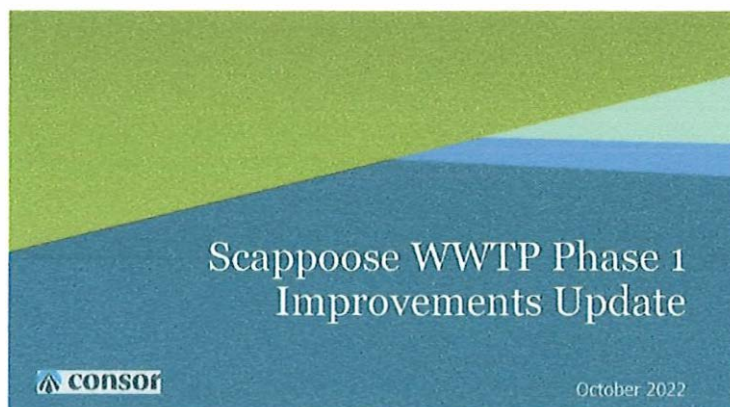
Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Josh Poling, aye; Councilor Brandon Lesowske, aye; Councilor Pete McHugh, aye; Councilor Tyler Miller, aye; and Councilor Jeannet Santiago, aye.

New Business

WWTP Phase 1 Engineering Additional Scope Discussion

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained staff wanted to take this opportunity tonight to give Council a status on the wastewater treatment plant. They have been working to get through the engineering, which has been a sizable project.

Austin Rambin, Consor Engineers, gave an update on the WWTP Phase 1 Engineering Additional Scope.



Next Steps

- Continue with 60% Design
- Procure Biosolids Dryer Equipment
- Bidding: July 2023
- Construction NTP: August 2023



Questions?



Councilor Lesowske asked as far as the biosolids dryer, what is the warranty we would get with that?

Austin Rambin replied he believes it is a year.

Councilor Poling asked what are we paying currently, through permitting and everything else, to distribute the current biosolids?

Treatment Plant Supervisor Kevin Turner explained typically it is around \$15,000.

Councilor Santiago talked about this project increasing in price.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained all along this project has been hovering at the 18 to 20 million dollars when we are said and done. He explained we have brought it into phases so that we can afford this. He stated we are phasing it in in a way that the City can afford the rate increases, combined with the loans in a reasonable construction time frame to keep the plant operations. He explained you can't just take the plant offline to build it, you have to phase it in a way that you can keep it operating while it is under remodel.

City Manager Rains explained another thing about the price is initially there were more than two phases, then the project scope changed, we needed things sooner than we thought and the phasing changed. She explained even though the total amount isn't drastically different, chunks are bigger because there are only two phases now.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained it is getting harder and harder to find fields to put this class b out and it is getting harder to get the State to greenlight new fields, it is just getting more and more restrictive. He explained the \$15,000 that was mentioned, as we lose fields and have to go further and further out shipping wise, that cost will just keep going up.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained we would have to pay for a landfill to take this. He stated there are lots of costs associated with trucking it to a dump that will take it, which is Arlington, and then the fees that they charge.

Councilor Miller asked can this piece, the biosolids dryer, alone go into service and be used or is it contingent upon other things happening for this to even be able to be used?

Public Works Director Dave Sukau replied we are trying to treat it as a stand alone to get it up and running as quickly as possible. However, with the twelve-month lead time we are out a little way before that date comes.

Councilor Lesowske asked Public Works Director Dave Sukau when he comes back to Council to please use the DEQ's interest rate.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained the entire purchase of this equipment is covered through the \$1.9 we are receiving in ARPA.

Councilor Poling explained there are a lot of other tangibles that are included, but if you look at it just as a purely cost factor. He feels we need to educate going forward.

Ordinance No. 906 Fireworks

Assistant to City Manager Isaac Butman went over the staff report. On July 19, 2021, Council received public comment relating to fireworks being used in Scappoose, Exhibit A in the staff report. Following that meeting Council expressed interest in discussing the use of Fireworks in the City. On May 16, 2022, Staff presented Resolution No. 22-11 (Exhibit B in the staff report) to City Council, which Council approved, and at the same time indicated they would be in favor of passing something with more enforceability. ANALYSIS: After Council adopted Resolution No. 22-11, they indicated to Staff that they would like to see something that was more enforceable relating to the use of fireworks brought before them and gave no direction to modify the content of Resolution No. 22-11. The logical step to increase the enforceability of a Resolution is to rewrite it as an Ordinance so that violations carry a greater consequence. Staff rewrote Resolution No. 22-11 as an Ordinance, Ordinance 906 (Exhibit C of the staff report), and drafted a new chapter of Scappoose Municipal Code under Health and Safety, Chapter 8.26 Fireworks (Exhibit C of the staff report). Ordinance No. 906 mimics the language of Resolution No. 22-11 exactly, adds Chapter 8.26 to the Municipal Code with the following regulations:

- Illegal fireworks are reinforced as being illegal in the City of Scappoose.
- The use of legal fireworks is limited to December 31, January 1, and July 2-6 of each year, unless a ban on the use of fireworks has been enacted that applies to the City.
- Fireworks are banned from City Parks, streets in City Parks, and on City Property; this does not ban the use of fireworks on streets generally.
- Legal fireworks are exempt from noise regulations when they are legally being used.
- Fireworks are banned from being used on grass, dry vegetated areas, and other areas prone to catching fire.
- Reserves the right of Council to ban fireworks all together to preserve the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

- A violation of Chapter 8.26 is a General Penalty as described in Chapter 1.08 of the Municipal Code and carries a fine of up to \$500, as many other violations of the Municipal Code do.

Council gave no direction to modify language in Resolution No. 22-11 but did indicate at other times that they thought it would be a good idea to allow the Fire District to assist with enforcing the fireworks code. Staff would like direction from Council if they would like changes to Ordinance No. 906 or would like staff to look into how the Fire District could assist with enforcement. If Council does want staff to look at the latter, staff can bring that issue back at a later date with more information, and Council could move ahead with passing Ordinance No. 906 so it is in effect before December 31, 2022. There are no fiscal impacts expected from the passage of Ordinance No. 906 as it is currently written. If no changes to the language of Ordinance No. 906 are asked for, staff recommends Council adopt the Ordinance as written.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained as far as working with the Fire District we would have to do that in coordination with the Fire Board and we would have to have some various agreements in place.

Mayor Burge opened the public hearing at 8:00pm, and due to no one wanting to speak on this matter he closed the public hearing.

Council President Greisen talked about police or fire staff having to witness illegal fireworks.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts explained this would provide a lot more tools. He explained to utilize the firefighters is a much larger conversation. He explained this is just to iron out the fines and how that process would work, which is through municipal court.

City Manager Rains explained there was a complaint from the Fire District that essentially when they would get called for complaints about fireworks, they would arrive, they would see people shooting off fireworks that perhaps were illegal, but they could not issue any kind of citation. The Fire District staff would call the Police Department, by the time the Police Department would arrive the fireworks would be gone or used, and the Police Department would explain that they couldn't issue a citation because they didn't see it happen. She explained this is just a challenging issue and so that is why this discussion has been brought up.

Councilor Miller feels we should talk to the City Prosecutor to see what he would require to prosecute this, if it is just as much as a firefighter being a witness and willing to be a witness, then they can write down the information and the police can issue the citation when they have time.

Mayor Burge asked can staff work with the Fire Department?

City Manager Rains explained it is certainly something we can discuss with them. She asked Council if this is something they want in place before New Years or do they feel the resolution is sufficient? She explained we just want to make sure Council had the opportunity to pass this before New Years if that was the preference.

Councilor Miller would like staff to follow up and talk to the Fire District to see if they are willing to be a witness. He feels staff should talk to the City Prosecutor to see if someone from the fire district can be a witness.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied we can certainly do that.

Councilor Poling moved and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council adopt Ordinance No. 906: An Ordinance Regulating Fireworks in the City of Scappoose; Amending Scappoose Municipal Code Title 8, Creating Chapter 8.26, Fireworks; and Rescinding Resolution No. 22-11 as written.

Councilor Poling stated he would just note having a further conversation with the Fire District and the City Prosecutor.

Mayor Burge read the ordinance for the first time ~ Ordinance No. 906: An Ordinance Regulating Fireworks in the City of Scappoose; Amending Scappoose Municipal Code Title 8, Creating Chapter 8.26, Fireworks; and Rescinding Resolution No. 22-11 as written.

Discussion on Council's December meeting schedule (i.e. the 5th and 12th)

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained she just wanted to see if Council was interested in amending the regular City Council meeting dates so that they are a little further away from the Holidays, just so there are no conflicts with anyone's schedules.

Council was fine with the December 5th and 12th meeting dates.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Rains explained she did attend the Homecoming game in September with Council President Greisen. She explained the Police Department does plan on doing a Halloween drive through event.

Councilor Miller explained City Manager Rains sent out an invite/poll to everyone for the radio presentation by Tait for a meeting date. He explained if you haven't done that yet, he would appreciate if you go in and select a date for that.

Councilor Poling stated this is the last City Council meeting before the Election, so he said go out and vote. He wishes everyone luck.

Council President Greisen explained Grant Watts Elementary held their fun run and Chloey and Alec, from the Police Department, were out there the entire day. She explained it was wonderful seeing them engaging with our youth and encouraging them and running with the students. She has been very pleased with Chief Lougal and his interest with the Police Department and his interest with the Police Department corresponding with our youth. She explained one of the really exciting things happening with the School District is we are going to be opening a Scappoose Early Learning Center or a District Housed Preschool. She gave an overview about the Early Learning Center. She talked about it recently being Indigenous Peoples Day and the events that took place. She explained we have so much potential as a City to really advocate for our Native History and acknowledging Indigenous Peoples Day. She thinks it would be a great opportunity for our Parks and Rec Committee to have another recreational event. She knows the Park & Rec Committee talked a lot about adding more recreation into their work, on top of what they already do. She would like Council to be thoughtful in the next goal setting session. She knows that the Park & Rec Committee has so much to do with the Parks Master Plan but maybe pushing for a more Scappoose community-based experience with our Historical Society and the Scappoose Library by doing something that acknowledges Indigenous Peoples Day and our Native History here in Scappoose. She explained the last thing is she is tired of so much of us versus them negativity and she feels this a lot with the School Board, and she made a comment the other day, just for them to hear something positive that is happening she thinks just brings a breath of fresh air to leaders. She just feels there are so many people that see something, and they don't say anything and there are some people that see something, and they say a lot. She just wishes we would go through the proper channels of contacting our leaders and our staff here at the City. She explained when we function kind of in our own personal vacuum and make assumptions without checking in, she thinks that is really where barriers are happening. She stated for those of us who use social media as an outlet to share opinions, she just encourages us to use kindness. She stated sometimes listening is more important than speaking. She stated she thinks at the end of the day we all just want what's best for our community and our families and we are not going to get their if we continue to not be willing to come together.

Councilor Lesowske explained last week he was able to go to the Port of Columbia County's State of the Port event. He explained it was very informative to hear the work that they have been doing over the last year, but also, he appreciates and recognizes that they have been met with some challenges as well. He was also able to attend the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) annual conference with Mayor Burge. He explained the sessions were very informative. He would highly recommend for Council Members to attend the conference in the future. He talked about a session on our youth. He explained he knows Council has spoken about having more youth engaging through our City Council. He feels that is a valuable opportunity for Council to continue to look at ways that we can engage with the high school students. He explained he had a great conversation with Senator Ron Wyden and something they would like to work on is hosting a youth annual town hall here in Scappoose. At the LOC conference he talked to Titus, our point of contact at U of O for the RARE program. He explained it might be an opportunity to get some additional hands on the 50-year plan moving forward. He spoke with others at the conference about loans. He explained as representatives of our local community he thinks we need to be looking at creative ways to be able to fund a lot of these improvements that we desperately need, but also that our community members have identified.

Councilor McHugh talked about appreciating the Police Department being involved. He would like to see us as much as possible being engaged where we can. He feels it is very important for us to have a really good relationship with our schools and our school board and he thinks we are on the right track. He appreciates that the Council and the other elected people he is around is that their hearts are in the right place. He feels it is really important to move forward as positive as we can and whatever differences we have it is nothing personal.

Council President Greisen explained there will be some third graders on a field trip soon that will be coming to City Hall.

Councilor Santiago explained she wanted to give kudos to the City for the new employee information that has been put on Facebook. She talked about having a conversation with Park & Rec Committee Chair Cara Heinze about historical signage. She stated to the public that you can come to any of the Council meetings or any other meetings. She stated if you have a suggestion come and share them with the Council. She explained just to streamline things it would be best to come to Council and if it pertains to other committees Council can discuss that with them. She explained her and Council President Greisen attended a Community Engagement Team meeting, and it was informative, and she hopes to get more feedback and information from them. She explained she is not able to attend the LOC Small Cities meeting on November 4. She will not be able to attend the next two Council meetings. She stated remember to vote!

Mayor Burge explained the LOC conference was a good conference. He hopes more Council and staff will go in the future. He explained he and Mike Sykes talked about having a long house

built in Scappoose that showed the Native history. He talked about the signage at Trtek highlight the area that you are seeing from the trailhead is the trading grounds of the Chinook Tribes when it was summer, and the lowlands when dry is where they would be. He has always been in support of honoring and memorizing that history.

Adjournment

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.



Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC