



SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

Call to Order

Mayor Backus called the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Alexandra Rains	City Manager
Megan Greisen	Council President	Steven Lougal	Police Chief
Tyler Miller	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Kim Holmes	Councilor		
Andrew Lafrenz	Councilor		

Remote: Phil L (arrived at 7:45pm)

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Miller moved, and Councilor Holmes seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

Public Comment

Janine Duehren, Scappoose, explained Movies by Moonlight are doing exceptionally well. She explained the electric charges have been getting a lot of use. She explained the challenge that we have is a real opportunity to promote Scappoose and the small businesses in the area and typically when people charge cars it is going to be anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes, and they are bored. She explained if we had a kiosk or signage talking about the City, shops that are in the area, and also extending it to parks and other things too she feels would really be beneficial. She talked about signage that Columbia County is bringing up for the Crown

Zellerbach Trail. She feels there are not enough stakeholders from Scappoose that are involved in this process, and she explained the signage was extensive. She explained Columbia County is proposing 19 signs.

Mayor Backus will check into the signage.

Council thanked JJ.

Presentation to Councilor McHugh

Mayor Backus spoke about Pete McHugh's years of hard work and dedication to the community and then presented him with a plaque.

**In special recognition of
Pete McHugh
for your outstanding service, dedication and
commitment to the Citizens of Scappoose
City Councilor
October 2019 ~ August 2023
Thank you, Pete!**



Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(f) Exempt public records

Present: Mayor Backus; Council President Greisen; Councilor Miller; Councilor Santiago; Councilor Holmes; Councilor Lafrenz; City Manager Rains; Chief Lougal; and Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll.

Mayor Backus came out of Executive Session and into open session at 7:45pm.

TEAMS issue/did not record

Consent Agenda – July 17, 2023 Executive Session minutes; August 7, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; Appointment of Nathan Haner to the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee; and Reappointment of JJ Duehren and Bryan Hammond to the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee

Council President Greisen moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda – July 17, 2023 Executive Session minutes; August 7, 2023 City Council meeting minutes; Appointment of Nathan Haner to the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee; and Reappointment of JJ Duehren and Bryan Hammond to the Scappoose Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

New Business

Scappoose School Bond PAC

Sanna Lager explained she is here to represent the “Yes, on School Bond PAC Committee”. She gave an overview of the Scappoose School Bond. She explained the primary things they want to do with this bond is build a new middle school and do other District wide improvements. She would like to have the Councils support. She explained there are a few ways to connect with them; Scappoose School Bond on Facebook; the website at www.scappooseschoolbond.com or you can email them at scappooseschoolbond@gmail.com.

Council thanked Sanna.

Resolution No. 23-13: A Resolution Declaring a Vacant Position on the City Council for the City of Scappoose

City Manager Alexandra Rains explained before the Council is a resolution declaring a vacancy following the resignation of Councilor Pete McHugh. She explained this simply states that we accept his resignation, that the vacancy is created and if the Resolution is passed, we will begin advertising for the open position.

Councilor Santiago moved, and Councilor Miller seconded the motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 23-13: A Resolution Declaring a Vacant Position on the City Council for the City of Scappoose. Motion passed (6-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Greisen, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; and Councilor Lafrenz, aye.

City Manager Rains went over the tentative schedule.

The schedule was updated to have the application deadline September 22, 2023 and hold interviews on Monday, October 2.

Flag and Banner Presentation

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained this is more of a discussion versus a presentation. He went over the staff report. ISSUES: #1 - The City of Scappoose does not currently distribute and fly American Flags on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July in any manner other than the permanent flag poles within city facilities. #2 - The City does not have banners for the highway corridor for any other season besides winter. The Public Works Dept. has researched these topics and has some suggestions. In regard to the flags, the City used to install flags on business fronts along the highway corridor, based on evidence of existing brackets. This has not been done in many years and attaching flags to buildings is generally discouraged by City Staff. We would propose drilling holes into the sidewalks just behind the curbs and installing sleeves for wood posts to temporarily mount. These could be installed in regions determined by Council. Staff proposes the highway corridor and downtown district near City Hall. Staff is also suggesting the City consider purchasing additional banners for the highway corridor that would be posted for the portion of the year that the winter banners are down. There are approximately 30 of these banners attached to streetlight poles along the highway. The American Flags on 8' poles can be purchased for approximately \$45 each plus the cost of sleeves and other installation materials. Staff is estimating the need for approximately 75 flags. In 2021, the City paid approximately \$120 each for the banners and allocated a budget of \$5,000.00. Total costs combined for these projects would be approximately \$9,000.00. Scappoose Public Works is seeking Council's direction on whether to move forward with either of these projects and to what extent, including budget limits.

Councilor Santiago talked about waiting on the banners until the branding has been decided.

City Manager Rains explained there are lots of different options for the banners.

There was a discussion on the different banners and the general consensus was to pause on the banners until the branding has been decided.

There was a discussion on putting up the flags and taking them down on certain holidays and the general consensus was to move ahead with the American Flags for special holidays.

Public Works Director Dave Sukau explained he will look into placing the flags on the existing poles and come back to Council with updates.

Council thanked Dave.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Backus went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Rains explained she attended Adventure Fest and Touch a Truck, and those were great events. She thanked all the staff who participated and spent time putting that together, Isaac in particular and Dave and Chief. She thanked the Police Department for all their work for Movies in the Park. She thanked Pete McHugh for all his time and service on Council. He was great to work with and he will be missed. She gave an update on the project at the Senior Center for the PSU assessment and explained training is being kicked off tomorrow.

Chief Lougal gave an update on the Police Department staff.

Councilor Lafrenz thanked Pete McHugh again for his years of service. He thanked Alex, Isaac, Dave, Chief, Lieutenant and the new Sergeant for their work at Adventure Fest. He explained he really hopes that we have a significant amount of people who apply for the Council vacancy.

Councilor Santiago stated she agrees and hopes a lot of people step up and apply for the vacancy. She talked about being a part of the Run for Neil. She thanked staff for their hard work on Adventure Fest. She stated she knows how hard Isaac works with Treadway. She gave updates on OMIC events. She talked about what JJ brought up earlier about getting involved on the signs for Crown Zellerbach. She gave an update on the Parks & Rec Committee.

Councilor Holmes thanked staff for their work on Adventure Fest. She stated it is a good community event and she only hears great things from the community about it. She thanked the Parks & Rec for all of their hard work. She thanked Cara for all her work. She also encourages folks to get engaged in their local government.

Councilor Miller thanked Isaac and all the City staff for the success of Adventure Fest. He thanked Pete McHugh for his service and said he is going to be missed.

Council President Greisen explained the energy and the momentum that we have for Adventure Fest is really great! She explained so many families can't believe the rides and the experiences are free and she thinks it is really important that we can offer that. She talked about the School Bond and reminded everyone to just continue to educate and communicate

and share that with your fellow neighbor. She explained school will be starting again and gave an update on upcoming school events.

Mayor Backus thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Pete McHugh and said he is going to miss him. He stated it was a great Adventure Fest. He thanked Isaac for all his work and hours he put in there. He thanked the Police Department for having someone their all weekend. He explained he placed first in the Run for Neil in his age bracket. He thanked the Park and Rec Committee and explained the new Committee Chair is Mike Sykes.

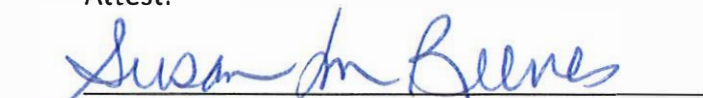
Adjournment

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Joseph A. Backus", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Susan M. Reeves", written over a horizontal line.
City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC