



SCAPPOOSE

Oregon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

ITEM AGENDA TOPIC	Action
Call to Order	
Pledge of Allegiance	
Roll Call	
Approval of the Agenda	
Public Comment - Items not on the agenda	
Please sign a speaker request form and turn it in to the City Recorder along with any written testimony.	
1. Consent Agenda ~ September 16, 2024 City Council meeting minutes	
2. Proclamation	
Recognizing October 14, 2024, As Indigenous Peoples' Day	
<u>New Business</u>	
3. South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce	Update
Jak Massey, Executive Director	
4. Res No. 24-15: A Resolution Declaring a Vacant Position on the City Council for the City of Scappoose	
Mayor Backus	
Announcements – information only	
5. Calendar	
6. Updates: City Manager; Police Chief; Councilors; and Mayor	
Adjournment	
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Disclaimer: These minutes are intended to summarize the conversations that took place in this meeting rather than provide a full transcript. Anyone wishing to view the full conversation can find a recording of this meeting on YouTube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ-nTAeft-Y & www.youtube.com/watch?v=K27TT5W71pU.

Call to Order

Mayor Backus called the September 16, 2024 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Benjamin Burgener	City Manager
Jeannet Santiago	Councilor	Chris Fluellen	Interim Chief/Police Lieutenant
Kim Holmes	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Andrew Lafrenz	Councilor		
Marisa Jacobs	Councilor		
Ty Bailey	Councilor		

Remote: Council President Tyler Miller; Amy Prince (left at 7:03pm); and Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll (joined at 7:20pm).

Approval of the Agenda

Councilor Bailey moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

Public Comments

Amy Prince gave an update on the Run with Neil event happening on October 12, and invited Council to participate. She explained more information can be found on their website, which is runwithneil.com.

Consent Agenda ~ August 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and Approval of water connection to property outside City limits (30731 Dutch Canyon Road)

Councilor Holmes moved, and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ August 19, 2024 City Council meeting minutes; and Approval of water connection to property outside City limits (30731 Dutch Canyon Road). Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

New Business

LOC Priorities

City Manager Benjamin Burgener and Council reviewed and discussed the LOC Priorities.

Mayor Backus went over what Council chose as the top five priorities ~ Infrastructure Funding; Restoration of Recreational Immunity; Investment in Community Resiliency and Climate Planning Resources; Funding and Expanding Public and Inter-Community Transit; and Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability.

Councilor Bailey moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council recommend the top five LOC Priorities. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

Resolution 24-14: A Resolution in Support of Measure 5-302, A Measure Brought by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, for a Tax Levy to Renew the 4-Year Jail Operating Tax Levy

Mayor Backus and Council President Miller gave an overview of the resolution in support of Measure 5-302.

Councilor Holmes moved, and Councilor Santiago seconded the motion that Council approve Resolution 24-14: A Resolution in Support of Measure 5-302, A Measure Brought by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners, for a Tax Levy to Renew the 4-Year Jail Operating Tax Levy. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Council President Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Bailey, aye.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Backus went over the calendar.

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

City Manager Burgener gave an update on his first two weeks. He talked about Council being on the Sergeant hiring panel. He went over the Excerpts About Public Meetings from the Oregon Department of Justice handout that he gave Council. He went over the department head update and the process. He explained he has an open-door policy. He went over working with the Attorney and guidance with the Council and staff and that going through him helps funnel that information and lower the costs a little bit.

Interim Police Chief/LT Fluellen gave an update on the Police Department. He thanked Mayor Backus for offering to sit on the Sergeant hiring board.

Councilor Bailey thanked everyone for the years of working together. He thinks things are on a good track. He explained there have been a lot of change in Scappoose in the last decade, and he thinks we have a good direction, and he feels like he is leaving the place better than he found it. He stated thank you all very much for putting up with him for a long time.

Councilor Jacobs stated to Councilor Bailey that she has enjoy their short time together. She is happy that City Manager Ben Burgener is here.

Councilor Lafrenz thanked Councilor Bailey for stepping in when not many did, and he wishes him the best. He welcomed Ben. He thanked Interim Police Chief Fluellen for all he is doing.

Councilor Holmes thanked Councilor Bailey and said she wishes him the best. She welcomed Ben and stated she looks forward to working with him. She thanked the Police Department.

Councilor Santiago explained it was great working with Ty and we are going to miss him in the community. She stated to Interim Police Chief thank you for your hard work. She welcomed Ben. She stated Happy Hispanic Heritage Month and read a statement ~ Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! I invite everyone to embrace and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Hispanic and Latino origins. This month offers a chance to reflect on the many contributions our community has made to our country, Los Estados Unidos/the United States.

Rather than offering a detailed history, I encourage you to explore for yourself how Hispanic heritage has enriched our nation through music, art, cuisine, theater, academia, and cultural traditions. From scientific advancements to creative achievements, Hispanic Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping the U.S. as we know it today.

We must also acknowledge those who came before us, whose efforts paved the way for future generations. Today, I'm proudly wearing my Dr. Lila Downs T-shirt. Dr. Downs is an iconic Mexican-American singer and activist, known for blending traditional Mexican music with modern genres and using her platform to champion Indigenous rights and social justice. Her work transcends borders, reflecting the depth and beauty of the Hispanic and Latino experience.

As a first-generation Latina professional, I often find myself as the only person of Hispanic descent in the room. This experience emphasizes the importance of unity, especially in today's climate, where respecting diverse perspectives is more crucial than ever.

In this time of reflection and celebration, let us come together, not just to acknowledge our differences, but also to honor and respect them. Our nation thrives on its diversity, and by standing together, we create a stronger, more inclusive future.

Thank you. Gracias.

****end of Councilor Santiago statement****

Council President Miller explained to Ty Bailey it has been a pleasure to work with him and he wishes the best.

Mayor Backus welcomed City Manager Burgener. He talked about the LOC Conference. He explained the time to vote is coming soon. He thanked Councilor Bailey for all that he did. He explained Ty was on Council from April 24, 2024 to present; Budget Committee from 2017 to 2024 and Planning Commission 2022 to April of 2024. He stated Ty has volunteered his time tremendously in this City and we're very grateful for that.

Executive Session ~ ORS 192.660(2)(f) Exempt Public Records

Mayor Backus read the Executive Session statement and then went into Executive Session at 8:06pm.

Present: Mayor Backus; Councilor Santiago; Councilor Holmes; Councilor Lafrenz; Councilor Jacobs; Councilor Bailey; City Manager Burgener; and Interim Police Chief/LT Fluellen.

Remote: Council President Miller; and Legal Counsel Ashley Driscoll.

Open session

Mayor Backus came back into open session at 8:37pm.

Mayor Backus asked about the status of Union negotiation.

City Manager Burgener gave an update.

Adjournment

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:

City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 14, 2024, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Scappoose acknowledges the rich history of this land, which has been inhabited by the Indigenous Peoples for countless generations, including the Indigenous tribes of the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose recognizes the enduring presence and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to our community and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the injustices and hardships faced by Indigenous Peoples throughout history, including forced removal from ancestral lands and efforts to assimilate their cultures; and

WHEREAS, we believe in the importance of self-reflection, truth, and accountability in addressing this history and working together with Indigenous Nations towards a better future for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Scappoose proudly joins the growing number of cities and towns across the United States in recognizing the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, providing an opportunity to reflect upon, learn about, and celebrate the resiliency and enduring presence of Indigenous Peoples in our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joe Backus, Mayor of the City of Scappoose, along with the members of the Scappoose City Council, hereby recognize October 14, 2024 as Indigenous Peoples' Day and encourage all residents to honor and respect the Indigenous Peoples of our community, both past and present, who have enriched our city with their history, culture, and contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Scappoose, to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Scappoose, Oregon, on this ____ day of _____, 2024.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest: _____
City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC

South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Semi-Annual Update

3.

Date of Presentation: October 7, 2024
Reporting for: February 2024 – July 2024

Reporting on behalf of the Chamber:
Jak Massey, Outreach Director



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP STATS

August 2022 – 114 Active Members
August 2023 – 125 Active Members
August 2024 – 145 Active Members

CHAMBER STAFF SUPPORT IS NOW A TEAM OF 2

In April the Chamber hired Ashalynn Bowers to serve the role of Director of Communications. In this capacity, Ashalynn organizes and facilitates our monthly networking and ribbon cutting events, as well as planning and promoting Chamber fundraising events with guidance from the Events Committee and Board of Directors. She manages our social media sites, website and newsletter publications.

With that, my role and focus moving forward was to increase memberships as the Outreach Director. Turning my attention to membership growth – pursuing leads, following up with expired memberships and sustaining our current memberships. Working with the Marketing Committee, evaluating our benefit plans and proposing changes that would attract new memberships and entice current member upgrades. Taking opportunities to create more awareness of the Chamber and the advantages offered

As outgoing Executive Director, handing over tasks and providing some inter-office training was needed. And as to be expected, working through some transitional matters has required open communication and a clear understanding of each role. Retaining the previously budgeted payroll hours, we share these allotted hours and work separate shifts at the office.

The Board has requested that the Chamber be open Tuesday - Friday from 10am to 2pm.

2024 AWARDS BANQUET RECAP

On March 23rd we held our Annual Awards Banquet. A Chamber fundraising event that provides an opportunity to highlight our business community and offer the largest networking event in Columbia County. With some glitz & glamour, gold carpet & paparazzi, raffle prizes, group photobooth and a Wine & Whisky Wall – we had just under 300 guests in attendance.

Having some fun with advertising our event, sharing that we are bringing a bit of Hollywood to South Columbia County, our "It's Your Time to Shine" theme offered many opportunities to do just that...

Starting with **My NW Event** providing a most of the décor and table settings and A Bushel & A Peck Flower Farm adding a touch of floral beauty. Then, kicking off the evening with a crew of inspiring young future entrepreneurs from **Vault Elite Cheer Team** and **The Klondike** providing cocktail hour appetizers. Welcoming our guests in true celebrity style entering the **Columbia County Fairgrounds** Pavilion with our promotional paparazzi represented by **Keep it Local**, **Columbia County Spotlight** and our own "on the carpet" Chamber reporter **Judy Thompson** greeting guests on the gold carpet via live social media feed. Throughout the evening, guests enjoying the free group photos provided by **Cherry on Top Photobooth**, **Beyond the Forest** & **Crooked Creek Brewery** keeping the drinks flowing and **Mr. DJ 503** keeping the music going. Sharing the love by partnering with a different vendor for our 3-course meal, **The Village Inn**, **Sunshine Pizza** and **St. Helens Tourism** serving up some delicious food for all. **AH SUCCESS!!** Bringing in about \$9,000 net income, and positive feedback from those attending, valuable take aways for next year and more creative ideas in the works.

...AND GREAT TO HAVE THE MAYOR ~~18~~ ATTENDANCE.

CONTINUING TO GROW OUR LEADERSHIP BASE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ronda Hills
Tutor Title
BOARD PRESIDENT



Kyle Boggs
Columbia River PUD
BOARD VICE PRESIDENT



Sandra Capusan
The Beauty Lounge
BOARD SECRETARY



Daron Wallace
Hurliman CPA
BOARD TREASURER



Tylor McVey
Premier Restoration Partners
BOARD MEMBER
Board Term Expires February 2027



Mark Pacheco
Columbia County Board of
Commissioners Office
BOARD MEMBER



Hailey Iverson
Edward Jones Financial Advisor
BOARD MEMBER



Beth Dennis
Understanding My Medicare
BOARD MEMBER

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- St. Helens Kiwanis Parade
- Citizens Day at the Park
- Scappoose Outdoor Fest



MORE FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT CHAMBER STAFFING

St. Helens Elks Lodge
350 Belton Road

Costumes And COCKTAILS

SOUTH COLUMBIA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OCTOBER 5th 7-11 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

...AND THANKS TO THE MAYOR AND OTHER CITY STAFF FOR
HELPING WITH SET UP AND TEAR DOWN



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RESOLUTION NO. 24-15

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A VACANT POSITION ON THE
CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SCAPPOOSE**

WHEREAS, Councilor Ty Bailey, resigned his position effective September 16, 2024, as an elected City Councilor; and

WHEREAS, the Scappoose City Charter, Section 25 - What Creates A Vacancy, states "the City Council shall declare an elective office vacant upon: ...(d) resignation"; and

WHEREAS, the Scappoose City Charter, Section 26 - Filling of Vacancies, states "Vacant elective City offices shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining members of Council. The appointee shall serve immediately on appointment and shall continue until the beginning of the year following the next general biennial election occurring more than 100 days after the appointment. At that election, a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term, if any, of the predecessor in office of the appointee";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1: Council accepts Councilor Ty Bailey's resignation.

Section 2: Council declares Mr. Bailey's position vacant and that it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Scappoose City Council and signed by me, and the City Recorder, in authentication of its passage this ____ day of October, 2024.

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE, OREGON

Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest: _____
City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC

CITY OF SCAPPOOSE

5.

October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Council meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 EDC, Noon Park & Rec, 6pm	18	19
20	21 Council meeting 7pm	22 City County Dinner, 6pm Senior Center	23	24 Planning Commission, 7pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		