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Oregon

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056**

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=tdvihuHm5u4.

Call to Order

Mayor Backus called the February 18, 2025 City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Joseph A. Backus	Mayor	Benjamin Burgener	City Manager
Tyler Miller	Councilor President	Chris Fluellen	Police Chief
Jeanette Santiago	Councilor	Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Kim Holmes	Councilor	Dave Sukau	Public Works Director
Andrew Lafrenz	Councilor	(left at 7:24pm)	
Marisa Jacobs	Councilor		
Joel Haugen	Councilor		

Remote: Contract Administrator Charlotte Baker

Approval of the Agenda

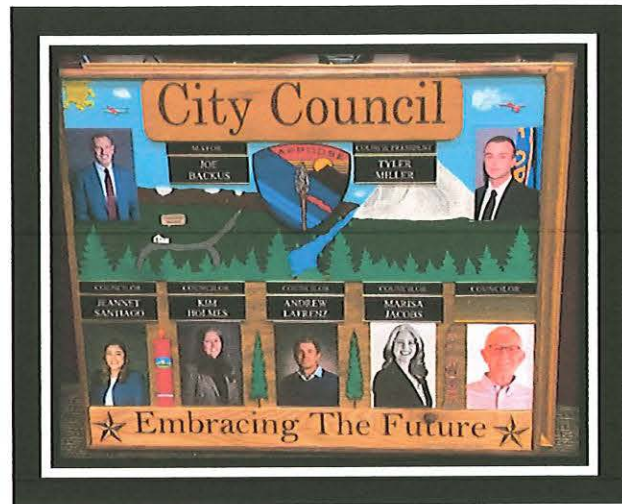
Mayor Backus explained the agenda item regarding the update from Columbia County Department of Emergency Management will be moved to an agenda in March.

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

Presentation from Brenda and Tom Woodbury

Brenda and Tom Woodbury presented the new Council plaque to Mayor and Council and explained their thoughts behind all the details on it.

Thank you, Brenda and Tom, for your hard work on the Council plaque!



Public Comment

Joseph, Warren, explained he is looking for better pedestrian and bike lanes in his area, along with a mirror as that may be beneficial. He is hoping some day maybe Warren may be integrated. He is also hoping for a skills or cultural center in the area. He also discussed a monorail system from Rainier to Portland; a bridge; and a local hospital.

Council President Miller explained that maybe attending a Columbia County meeting would be beneficial.

Mayor Backus explained the transportation package in Salem is one of the hottest topics right now. He explained, as Council President Miller mentioned, speaking with the County would be the best place to discuss the pedestrian, bike lane, and mirror topic. He explained we are working on trying to develop something like the cultural center.

Scott Burge, Scappoose, explained he wanted to thank Council for the work they are doing. He loves reading the articles about projects getting done and everything you are doing. He stated welcome aboard Police Chief Fluellen and City Manager Burgener, he is looking forward to seeing everything they can do. He stated congratulations, Tyler, for getting the Winter Hawks Hometown Hero Award. He stated keep up the good work everyone.

Mayor Backus stated we really appreciate you Scott, your sixteen years and all the years before that. He stated it is nice to see some of the projects that he started that are finally finishing and he was a big part of that, so he really appreciates that.

Consent Agenda ~ January 6, 2025 City Council work session minutes; January 6, 2025 City Council meeting minutes; January 25, 2025 Council Retreat minutes; and Contract Authorization – Oak and Myrtle Water Main Project

Public Works Director Dave Sukau and Contract Administrator Charlotte Baker gave an overview of the Contract Authorization – Oak and Myrtle Water Main Project.

Council President Miller made a motion, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ January 6, 2025 City Council work session minutes; January 6, 2025 City Council meeting minutes; January 25, 2025 Council Retreat minutes; and Contract Authorization – Oak and Myrtle Water Main Project. Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Haugen, aye.

New Business

Update from South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce

Jak Massey, Outreach Director, gave an update on the handout that went over the South Columbia County Chamber of Commerce events. She explained they are continuing to grow and that the network events are going great.

Mayor and Council thanked Jak!

2025 ~ 2026 Strategic Plan ~ Council Goals

City Manager Burgener went over the 2025 ~ 2026 Strategic Plan ~ Council Goals. He explained we had a great retreat. He explained after the retreat Assistant to City Manager/City Planner NJ Johnson was tasked with putting together what was discussed that day into a packet, which is before you this evening. He stated NJ did a good job at putting it together. He explained what we are asking from the Council tonight is making sure staff captured what was discussed at the retreat.

Councilor Holmes explained she thinks the goals were captured really well. Her only recommendation would be on page 12 under next steps where it states there maybe periodic reviews of the progress, she feels it would be nice to define that there will be periodic reviews and maybe suggest a frequency so Council can hear how things are progressing.

City Manager Burgener explained they are usually updated in the department reports and then he already brings those as part of the topics any way so as opposed to having a set time, he tries to bring them up as much as possible. He said we can state there will be periodic reviews.

Councilor Haugen would like to have more specificity, which is why he sent the open AI synopsis. He would like that shared before they move forward.

Council President Miller feels this document is more of a statement of goals, not a strategic plan.

Councilor Lafrenz explained he agrees with Council President Miller that it should say City Council annual goals.

City Manager Burgener suggested it being updated to goals and priorities.

Councilor Jacobs moved, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion that Council adopt the 2025 – 2026 the City Council strategic plan with the updates of the title of the document to City Council priorities and goals and the last sentence modified from there may be to there will be periodic reviews of progress.

Council President Miller thanked (hard to hear).

Motion passed (7-0). Mayor Backus, aye; Councilor Miller, aye; Councilor Santiago, aye; Councilor Holmes, aye; Councilor Lafrenz, aye; Councilor Jacobs, aye; and Councilor Haugen, aye.

Announcements – information only

Calendar

Mayor Backus went over the calendar.

Updates: City Manager; Police Chief; Councilors; and Mayor (This tab includes Department reports)

City Manager Burgener handed out to Council the Local Revenue Tool's Guidebook. There was a discussion on how they will proceed with City Manager Burgener's six-month review process and the decision was made to have a work session at the next meeting to discuss the review process. He gave updates on grants.

Chief Fluellen gave an update on the Police Department.

Councilor Haugen explained Chief Fluellen is the best we have had and hopefully we can keep him. He talked about the Day at the Capitol and how the idea of a shadow Council at the high school was discussed, and he thinks it would be a good thing all the way around. He thinks it is something we should seriously explore.

Councilor Jacobs thanked City Manager Burgener for facilitating a really amazing retreat. She really enjoyed it; he did a great job and she loved the output. She thanked Chief Fluellen for all of his leadership. She really appreciates him. She stated out of the police chiefs she has met in her time he is definitely one of the best. She talked about attending Senator Ron Wyden's Town Hall and she found that session to be very informational. She stated it was a good reminder of how our process works. She encourages everyone to work our system and actively engage not only with our State legislatures but also engage with our current leader of the free world. She stated it is important for people to share their viewpoints that get to the White House on how things are affecting individuals.


Councilor Santiago stated it was a great Day at the Capitol. She also had the honor of attending the LOC conference. She would like to invite her fellow Councilmembers to join the Women's Caucus with her. She stated the event with Senator Ron Wyden was great, a lot of people attended.

Council President Miller thanked City Manager Burgener for setting up and facilitating the Council retreat.

Mayor Backus thanked the Police Department for helping at Senator Wyden's meeting. He explained Senator Merkley is here next Saturday in Clatskanie. Representative Bonamici is in Clatskanie this evening. He stated they are here to listen, so we need to make sure all your voices are heard. He thanked the City for plowing the streets. He stated at this time there are no special fees on our utility bills in Scappoose. He thanked City Manager Burgener for the great retreat.

Adjournment

Mayor Backus adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.



Mayor Joseph A. Backus

Attest:



City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC