



SCAPPOOSE *Oregon*

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025, 6:30PM
URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
33568 EAST COLUMBIA AVENUE
SCAPPOOSE, OREGON 97056

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Call to Order

Chair Joseph A. Backus called the Urban Renewal Agency meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Roll Call

Chair Joseph A. Backus; Agency Member Joel Haugen; City Manager Benjamin Burgener; Assistant to City Manager/City Planner N.J. Johnson; and City Recorder Susan M. Reeves.

Excused: Vice Chair Tyler Miller; and Agency Member Marisa Jacobs.

Remote: Agency Member Jeannet Santiago; and Agency Member Kim Holmes

Approval of the Agenda

Agency Member Haugen moved, and Agency Member Holmes seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Santiago, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; and Agency Member Haugen, aye.

Public Comment ~ No Public Comments.

Approval Minutes

Consent Agenda ~ June 16, 2025 Urban Renewal Agency meeting minutes

Agency Member Haugen moved, and Agency Member Santiago seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ June 16, 2025 Urban Renewal Agency meeting minutes. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Santiago, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; and Agency Member Haugen, aye.

New Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Agency Member Haugen moved to nominate Joseph A. Backus as Chair, and Agency Member Santiago seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Santiago, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; and Agency Member Haugen, aye.

Agency Member Haugen moved to nominate Tyler Miller as Vice Chair, and Agency Member Santiago seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Santiago, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; and Agency Member Haugen, aye.

Review Grant Application ~ Columbia Feed & Supply

Chair Backus stated the Urban Renewal Agency will now begin reviewing an application for the Scappoose Urban Renewal Grant program. Staff has deemed the application before us complete and a recommendation for funding has been made by the Economic Development Committee and will be made by staff. We'll begin by allowing the applicant a 5-minute presentation on their proposal and its benefits to the Scappoose community. We, the Commissioners, will then have time to ask questions after the presentation following the Q&A, we will discuss the merits of the application and ultimately make a decision on the funding it will receive. Tonight, we have an application from Jonathan Mask of Columbia Feed and Supply. Before we begin, does anyone wish to declare a financial, business or familial conflict of interest on the application we will be discussing. He stated seeing none he then asked has anyone had any communications with the applicant related to this project outside of this meeting? He stated seeing none, we will go to Assistant to City Manager/City Planner N.J. Johnson.

Assistant to City Manager/City Planner N.J. Johnson gave an overview of the grant fund and explained currently we are at \$75,889.00. He explained tonight's grant proposal request from Jonathan Mask is for \$42,752.50, which is 50% of the eligible project cost.

Jonathan Mask, applicant, explained he and his wife recently purchased Columbia Feed and Supply here in Scappoose. It's been a long-standing company/storefront since 1974 and has a rich history of really being the local feed store in town and a place for some veterinary care. It was a John Deere dealership for decades until 2002, when John Deere removed themselves for reasons that were kind of unjust, but it happened, and they've always done small engine repair. That was kind of the business model until they purchased it. He and his wife have had a long vision for having some sort of storefront in the town that they grew up in, that would have a grocery element, and an organic natural whole food element from local farmers. He stated to kind of paint a picture of what that might look like, and before he actually does that, he wanted to say they are going to continue doing what is currently being done, but there was a lot of wasted space, and so they are going to maximize every square foot of the property to carry out their vision. He explained that half the main retail section will be dedicated to what he

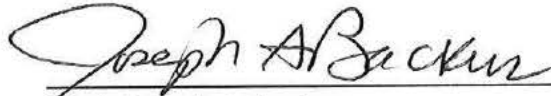
describes as sourcing from local farmers, local makers of finely crafted goods and really making it a storefront that our community will take pride in and visit often. He explained the \$42,000 they are seeking is half of what they are planning on spending based on the bids which will spruce up the outside of the building and the parking lot.

The Urban Renewal Agency members, staff and the applicant had more discussions on the application/project.

Agency Member Holmes moved, and Agency Member Haugen seconded the motion that the Urban Renewal Agency approve the grant application submitted by Columbia Feed and Supply, Jonathan Mask in the amount of \$42,752.50. Motion passed (4-0). Chair Backus, aye; Agency Member Santiago, aye; Agency Member Holmes, aye; and Agency Member Haugen, aye.

Adjournment

Chair Backus adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency meeting at 6:56pm.



Chair Joseph A. Backus

Attest:



City Recorder/HR Susan M. Reeves, MMC