

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**Scappoose Council Chambers**

**33568 East Columbia Avenue**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Burge called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**City Council Members Present:**

Scott Burge	Mayor
Rich Riffle	Councilor
Patrick Kessi	Councilor
Megan Greisen	Councilor
Joel Haugen	Councilor

**Staff Present:**

Michael Sykes	City Manager
Susan M. Reeves	City Recorder
Alexandra Rains	Assistant to City Manager
Laurie Oliver	City Planner

Excused: Council President Reed and Councilor Sanders

**Legal Counsel**

Peter Watts

Press: Nicole Thill, Spotlight

**Approval of the Agenda**

Councilor Riffle moved, and Councilor Haugen seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda ~ November 6, 2017 City Council ~ Interviews/Work Session minutes and Appointments the Parks and Recreation Committee**

Mayor Burge explained the Parks and Recreation Committee appointments will be Brian Degerness, Bryan Hammond, and Dana Pricher as full members, and Kristin Person as an alternate.

Councilor Riffle moved, and Councilor Kessi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda ~ November 6, 2017 City Council ~ Interviews/Work Session minutes and the Parks and Recreation Committee appointments will be Brian Degerness, Bryan Hammond, and Dana

Pricher as full members, and Kristin Person as an alternate. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

## **Old Business**

### **Resolution No. 17-31: A Resolution Approving the Sale of City Owned Real Property and Authorizing the City Manager to take All Necessary Steps to Complete the Sale on Behalf of the City**

Mayor Burge read the opening statement and opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. He asked if there was anyone who would like to comment on this issue.

Nancy Erickson, Scappoose, explained she hasn't been here for very many years and this kind of upsets her. She explained she has read a lot of different things from people saying they are concerned about how long it has taken to get that swimming pool built, and we have a piece of land and now you want to sell it. She is just concerned about how many more years it will take to get another piece of property and get more funds to move forward.

Mayor Burge explained he knows we had that property looked at to do pool development, and it wasn't large enough between parking and amenities to really build what you would want as a pool. He stated that money will pay off the loans and whatever is left will go back into the pool fund.

City Manager Sykes explained the site is too small, and not only that it is probably the most expensive piece of real estate in the City, or close to it. He explained at a minimum we would probably need at least three or four acres.

Nancy Erickson explained as a senior she would like to have a pool for exercise classes. She also has grandchildren who would like to have a pool.

Mayor Burge closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

City Manager Sykes explained this resolution is required by State Statute in order to determine that the property is surplus, so the City can proceed to sell it. He explained the reason the City decided to sell this property is it really is too small to fulfill the needs of a community pool. He stated the good news is it gives the City the ability to eliminate debt on that property and actually grow that fund by about a half million dollars, which gives us the resources to be more serious about buying a piece of property that might actually work.

Councilor Kessi asked when do we decide where the extra money goes, and how it is allocated in the future?

City Manager Sykes replied that is really a decision Council could make at any time.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts replied he suspects members of the public might want to weigh in on this so it might be a good idea to put it as an agenda item later.

Councilor Greisen stated she feels the extra money should go back into the pool fund.

Councilor Kessi agrees with the money going back into the pool fund, for a community center with a pool.

Mayor Burge stated his intention is to put it back into the pool fund.

City Manager Sykes replied he thinks we might want to have a conversation about it sooner rather than later. He feels the public needs that assurance that this is our intent.

Councilor Greisen stated she thinks a lot of people need to hear that.

Councilor Haugen moved, and Councilor Riffle second the motion to approve Resolution No. 17-31: A Resolution Approving the Sale of City Owned Real Property and Authorizing the City Manager to take All Necessary Steps to Complete the Sale on Behalf of the City. Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

#### **Ord No. 867: OMIC Annexation ~ An Ordinance Approving Annexation of Property to the City of Scappoose and Amending the Zoning Map**

Mayor Burge explained this is on second reading. Mayor Burge read Ordinance No. 867 for the second time ~ Ordinance no. 867: An Ordinance Approving Annexation of Property to the City of Scappoose and Amending the Zoning Map. He asked if there is any further discussion by the Council. Seeing none he asked for Council to vote on the motion.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

#### **New Business**

#### **IGA with Scappoose Bay Watershed Council**

Assistant to City Manager Alexandra Rains went over the staff report. Working with the City of Scappoose, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council was awarded a Bonneville Power Grant (SPA) of \$361,678 to implement stream restoration activities on portions of the South Scappoose Creek near Veteran's Park, the parcel just upstream from the park and the parcel south of JP West Road on the west side of the creek. These activities will address seasonal flooding issues, incision of the channel, severe erosion, lack of a continuous riparian corridor and disconnections from historic side-channels, that has resulted in damage due to flooding, a loss of habitat, excessive stream temperatures and erosion concerns. The project is scheduled to complete designs and permitting in Winter 2017-18, with construction in mid-to-late summer 2018.

Vegetation planting will occur between November 2018 and March 2019. The City has dedicated both financial support, \$75,000 cash from FY 17-18, and in-kind support worth \$15,000 towards the project. The Watershed Council plans to apply the City's funds to cover engineering costs and in-kind excavation work. This arrangement between the City and Watershed Council will be finalized in an intergovernmental agreement that lays out the responsibilities of both parties, including how the City's funds will be used and the level of involvement the City can expect throughout the duration of the project. The Watershed Council needs to finalize this agreement before beginning the engineering phase of the project. The City has already dedicated \$75,000 cash from FY 17-18 towards the project and committed to \$15,000 worth of in-kind support. No additional financial commitments are required. City Staff recommends Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and expend the \$75,000 budgeted for the South Scappoose Creek Restoration Project.

Councilor Riffle moved, and Councilor Greisen seconded the motion that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and expend the \$75,000 budgeted for the South Scappoose Creek Restoration Project.

Councilor Kessi explained he is a little concerned about the budget, if we don't do the construction work this summer then the budget could inflate in 2019.

Assistant to City Manager Alexandra Rains stated after discussions, the decision was made to move forward with this next summer.

Legal Counsel Peter Watts stated the City's contribution is capped at \$75,000.

Motion passed (5-0). Mayor Burge, aye; Councilor Riffle, aye; Councilor Kessi, aye; Councilor Greisen, aye and Councilor Haugen, aye.

## **Calendar**

Mayor Burge went over the calendar.

## **City Manager, Police Chief, Councilors, and Mayor**

City Manager Sykes explained we have negotiated with Columbia County on the Transient Room Tax that we have adopted, and it will go into effect January 1, 2018. He explained we are tentatively scheduling the Boards & Commission Appreciation dinner for Thursday, Feb 1, 2018. He explained the Annual Town Meeting will be on Feb 10, 2018, at the Scappoose High School. He reminded Council that the City County meeting will be on November 28, at Warren Country Inn. He explained we were successful in getting our five-year maintenance permit for South Fork. He also wanted to mention that the Parks & Rec Committee, and others, are talking about ways to do fundraising for our parks. He explained at the meeting they talked about creating a sub-committee "Friends of the Scappoose Parks", and one of the things is they would help with different projects, along with fundraising.

Councilor Kessi gave an update about the garbage and recycling service. He explained since garbage is once a week and recycling is every other week they asked Waste Management can recycling be once a week as well, and they responded it is only \$2 extra if someone wanted to have recycling every week as well as garbage.

Mayor Burge asked is it all or none, or can it be on an individual basis?

Councilor Kessi stated from his understanding an individual can have recycling service every week.

Mayor Burge stated welcome back Councilor Greisen. He stated we are very happy for you.

Councilor Greisen replied thank you and that she only missed one meeting.

Councilor Haugen wished everyone a pleasant Thanksgiving.

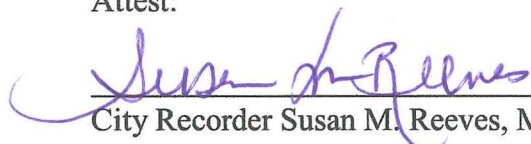
Mayor Burge stated Happy Thanksgiving. He mentioned on Monday, November 27 is the Watts House lighting and Santa will be there.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Burge adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

  
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Mayor Scott Burge

Attest:

  
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City Recorder Susan M. Reeves, MMC