



2021 STATE OF THE CITY

Aumsville – A Great Place to Live

2020 Accomplishments

*also meets a Vision 2040 goal

Goal 1

- Lobby wall
- EV Charging Grant app*
- Energy audit *
- New Ventrac hillside mower
- Wastewater treatment study*
- Mixing Zone Study*
- Business Oregon Grant for study
- I-Wave Infrared Ventilation Scrubber
- Upgrade Audio/Video Equipment at Community Center

Goal 2

- 2040 Vision draft
- Main/1st Street entry plantings *
- Updated Street Tree list *
- Covid management
- Corn giveaway / Video Contest / Scavenger Hunt /Aumsville Together
- Summer program and movies continues*
- Christmas in the Park virtual events*
- Grant toward Community Center kitchen remodel
- Cascade Youth Council

Goal 3

- Tiny Business village building plans and permits
- Business grants
- Updated ordinances*
- Updated Planning Commission and council procedures manuals, pending approval

Goal 4

- Wildfire Evacuations assistance
- Vulnerable Population Registry *
- Completed and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Coronavirus Community Health Response and Education

Goal 5

- Get rid of deposit/create owner responsibility
- In House Water rate study
- New website / Logo*
- Flipbook
- YouTube *
- Billing mailing with return envelope
- Zoom*
- Filming and video creation/editing*

Received Grants in 2020



Pacific Power Community Center Grant



Mixing Zone Study and Wastewater Master Plan from Business Oregon



Coronavirus Relief Funds



Community Prosperity Grant



In total over \$170,000

Council Goal #1

Provide and maintain municipal facilities and infrastructure to support current operations and growth.



Installed wall in lobby of City Hall



Completed an Energy Audit with Pacific Power



Completed Mixing Zone Study Beaver Creek



In progress for Wastewater Master Plan



Purchased Ventrac Hillside Mower



I-Wave Infrared Ventilation Scrubber



Upgrade Audio/Video Equipment at Community Center

COUNCIL GOAL #2

Support and encourage community involvement to create a sense of community and enhance livability.



Branding and Vision

- **Draft Vision 2040** Plan published as flipbook on website
- Requested community feedback of draft Vision plan
- Developed and Council approved **new city logo** to coordinate with “A Great Place to Live” brand
- **New website**



Events and Community

- Converted **Corn Festival** and **Christmas in the Park** to distanced and virtual events
- Moved the **Saturday Market** to the Mill Creek park which has increased vendor participation and community involvement despite COVID restraints
- Continued encouragement of business support in events and community activities
- Completed this with no covid transmission tied to these events



Technology Updates

- Converted **Council meetings to Zoom** platform, increased public accessibility
- Video recording posted **YouTube**
- Increased use of video in events, promotions, and education
- **Increased social media presence and interaction**
- Auto subscriptions
- **New laptops** for remote working
- **New subscriptions** and software to better serve the community: flip book, video design software



Volunteerism

- **Exchange Club** supported events, such as Corn Giveaway
- Making changes to volunteer recognition program
- **Coordinating with Cascade School District to form and support the Cascade Youth Council**



Tangible Improvements

- **Main Street and 1st Street** landscaping project
- Grant toward Community Center kitchen remodel
- **New website**
- **New business village** project started

GOAL #2 HIGHLIGHTS



Drive Thru Corn Fest

- 1,500 bags of corn to residents, over 550 vehicles! 13 tons went straight to the Marion/Polk Food Share. The event also included:
- “Corny” video contest
- Aumsville Together message board
- Garage Sale Map
- QR Code Scavenger Hunt



Holiday Updates

- Virtual Tree Lighting Video
- Continued Santa Visits with small changes for social distancing
- Holiday Lights and Décor Contest
- Letters from Santa



Communications and Outreach

- New Website
- Increased social media presence
 - With personal answers from staff by messaging
- Newsletter & Utility Bill Mailing outsourcing
- Video City Council Meetings

Updated Development Ordinances to streamline business entry. Enforced standards to upgrade business, enticing others to invest in our community.

Working with representatives from Marion County and governor's Resource Solutions team on paths forward.

Council Goal #3

Communicating with realtors about barriers and partnerships.

Continue to meet with our state and Federal representatives to discuss our issues and make sure they're on their radar.

Create an environment to attract, retain, and grow businesses.

Tiny Business Village designed, permitted, and ground broken.

Facilitated \$50,000 in Small Business Grants.

2020 Accomplishments

Market / Ace Hardware
(in progress)



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Chevron Gas Station



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Animal Clinic / Jeff
Stewart State Farm



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Goal #3 Highlights

- Updated Ordinances allow for businesses which are outright permitted to go through a Type 1 licensing and permitting process quicker.
- Tiny Business Village has the forms set and the conduit in place for electrical. Still working through some land use concerns but plan to have it constructed prior to the 2021 Saturday Market start.
- Small Business Grants to help during COVID -19 shutdown/restrictions.



Ensure a safe and prepared environment for citizens and businesses.

COUNCIL GOAL #4

Created Vulnerable Population Registry for emergencies

IGA with Marion County for dual storage of CERT equipment

Supported Marion County emergency FEMA grant for shared assets

Completed and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan

Provide emergency preparedness information quarterly for the newsletter and website

Assisted in Wildfire evacuations and support/resources

Continued and utilized Aumsville emergency management board, included citizens, police, fire, public works, admin, school district, and regional partnerships

Working on updating section of the Aumsville Emergency Plan

Coronavirus Community Health Response and Education



Goal #4 Highlights

- Assisted in Wildfire Emergency Management with State Police, Marion County Sheriff
- Created local Emergency Alerts
- Community worked together to support our neighbors up the Canyon
- Had Evacuation Plan in place, which we thankfully did not need to use
- Communicated regularly with elected officials and community to keep everyone informed about concerns and eliminate panic
- Prepared policies and a plan to respond to COVID-19 early to ensure safety of staff and community allowing alternative business methods



Council Goal #5

Provide city services that are responsive to citizens and demonstrate good stewardship.



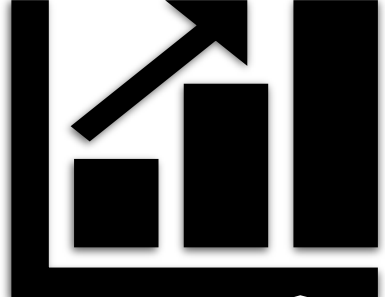
Mailing of water bills with return envelope and mailed newsletter.



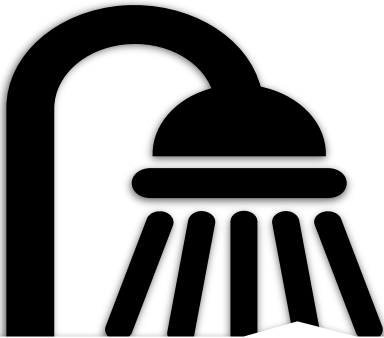
Updated city fee schedule so that growth pays for growth during the application process.



Revised leases to make sure city benefited as needed.



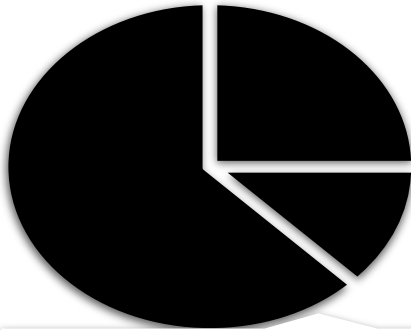
Current city finances are sustainable for operations and funds meeting their perspective reserve targets.



Analysis of utility rates to bring them in line with expenditures. In House Water Rate Study. Removed water/sewer deposit with owner responsibility.



Approved the 24-hour drive-up voter ballot box.



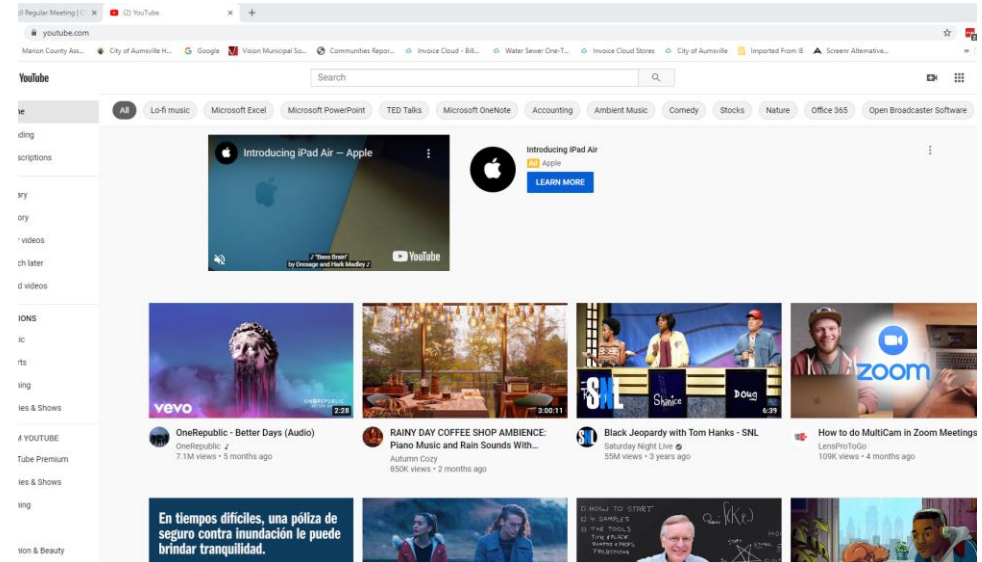
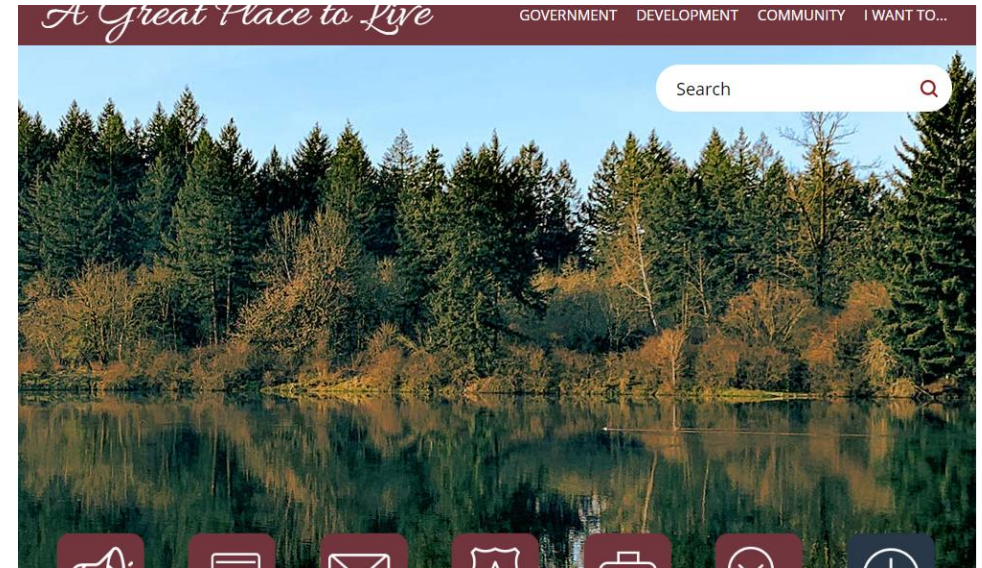
Moved investments to highest yield accounts (LGIP) average return in interest exceeds 10k per month across funds.



Updated methods of communication to include more virtual means so that citizen could still interact while distancing.

Goal #5 Highlights

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- Updated methods of communication to include more virtual means so that citizen could still interact while distancing.
- New city website increased social media presence.
- Vision Plan



Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the City's financial position. In the case of Aumsville, assets exceeded liabilities by \$9,417,736 at June 30, 2017.

City of Aumsville Statements of Net Position (Modified Cash Basis) June 30,

	2017			2016		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,130,850	\$ 1,188,193	\$ 2,319,043	\$ 847,833	\$ 986,369	\$ 1,834,202
Non-depreciable capital assets	430,974	495,832	926,806	428,624	495,832	924,456
Depreciable capital assets, net	4,001,919	4,179,326	8,181,245	4,062,804	4,284,215	8,347,019
Total assets	5,563,743	5,863,351	11,427,094	5,339,261	5,766,416	11,105,677
Deposits	6,950	56,034	62,984	15,655	57,960	73,615
Long-term liabilities						
Portion due within one year	8,900	85,109	94,009	31,564	84,335	115,899
Portion due in more than one year	19,800	1,832,565	1,852,365	77,568	1,929,599	2,007,167
Total liabilities	35,650	1,973,708	2,009,358	124,787	2,071,894	2,196,681
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	4,404,193	2,757,484	7,161,677	4,382,296	2,766,113	7,148,409
Restricted	304,569	360,251	664,820	159,847	311,327	471,174
Unrestricted	819,331	771,908	1,591,239	672,331	617,082	1,289,413
Total Net Position	\$ 5,528,093	\$ 3,889,643	\$ 9,417,736	\$ 5,214,474	\$ 3,694,522	\$ 8,908,996

The *Net Position - Restricted* are funds that are legally restricted for capital projects and other specific purposes.

The *Net Position - Unrestricted* may be used to meet the City's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The *Net Investment in Capital Assets* represents the cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt incurred for the acquisition of capital assets.

CITY OF AUMSVILLE CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The City's total revenues were approximately \$3.2 million of this an approximate 78% were from charges for services, fines, fees, permits, licenses and other sources. The remaining 22% came from property taxes.

The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$2.7 million. Costs for utilities were approximately \$1.1 million (44%) and the remainder was for general government, public safety, streets, highways and other governmental activities.

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Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,671,813	\$ 2,946,714	\$ 5,618,527	\$ 2,295,718	\$ 2,628,292	\$ 4,924,010
Capital assets, net	4,894,506	4,478,838	9,373,344	4,674,712	4,456,100	9,130,812
Total assets	7,566,319	7,425,552	14,991,871	6,970,430	7,084,392	14,054,822
Current liabilities	3,660	62,528	66,188	1,795	61,116	62,911
Long-term liabilities	126,125	1,564,798	1,690,923	10,900	1,721,030	1,731,930
Total liabilities	129,785	1,627,326	1,757,111	12,695	1,782,146	1,794,841
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	4,768,381	2,914,040	7,682,421	4,663,812	2,735,070	7,398,882
Restricted	479,618	1,475,673	1,955,291	504,076	1,263,564	1,767,640
Unrestricted	2,188,535	1,408,513	3,597,048	1,789,847	1,303,612	3,093,459
Total Net Position	\$ 7,436,534	\$ 5,798,226	\$ 13,234,760	\$ 6,957,735	\$ 5,302,246	\$ 12,259,981

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CITY OF AUMSVILLE CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The City's total revenues were approximately \$4.4 million, of this an approximate 81 percent were from charges for services, fines, fees, permits, licenses and other sources. The remaining 19 percent came from property taxes.

The total cost of all programs and services was approximately \$3.4 million. Costs for utilities were approximately \$1.4 million (41 percent) and the remainder was for general government, public safety, streets, highways and other governmental activities.

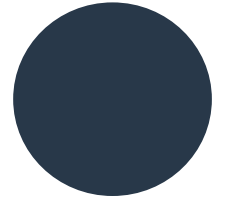
Significant Challenges

- **Under enforcement action with DEQ for wastewater discharge**

- We discharge our treated wastewater into Beaver Creek during the winter-spring.
- This discharge has ammonia levels that are higher than our permit allows.
- Our current lagoon treatment facilities do not have the technology or capacity to treat this issue.
- In order to meet the levels required by DEQ, we may need to build a mechanical separation plant.
- If we do not, we face \$1,000's in fines a day.
- A treatment plant will cost us between \$12-20 million to build.

- **We're Running out of Water**

- Our wells output continues to decrease every year.
- Due to the layer of volcanic soil in our water table, we pull silt in the water until it eventually decreases the supply, and we must re-drill.
- We currently have two storage tanks: Water Tower, which holds 100,000 gallons, and Million Gallon, which holds just under a million gallons.
- Million Gallon needs to be resealed on the inside. It is starting to bubble and flake, which gets into our water supply.
- We will not have enough capacity to supply the town with Million Gallon tank offline for resealing.
- We also need an emergency generator. Right now, we must pump water to the higher elevations. When the power goes out, that pump goes out.
- We need seismic retrofits to the million-gallon tank.
- We need additional water rights.
- We need another water tank.
- With gravity feed we can last about 2 hours before there is not enough water to supply the higher elevations in town.





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Wastewater & DEQ Enforcement

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Public Works

- **Evaluated water and sewer system**, provided recommendations to Council
- **Re-drilled tower well** with increase water production
- Purchased new-used **Vaccon truck**
- Mill Creek **stream restoration project** 1,100 trees planted
- **Completed rebuild of Michael Way** in 2017, received a grant, funded and bid Michael Way resurfacing project within budget.
- Installed rumble strips on problematic streets
- Deployed radar signs to monitor speed in neighborhoods.
- **Approved MOA with DEQ**
- Install additional aeration
- Completed efficiency study
- Completed Beaver Creek **mixing zone study**

Parks and Rec

- **Highberger Park property addition**
- Completed the **Wildwood Park expansion** and upgrades, including new restrooms. Received a grant for 75k toward the project
- **Completed purchase of 23-acre park property**
- Negotiated **3.3-acre park** donation north of Porter-Boone Park, approved transfer documents
- **Tiny Village project underway**
- Received a \$2,000 grant to upgrade kitchen in community center
- **Upgraded sound and video equipment in community center**
- New chairs, paint, and blinds in community center

Events and Outreach

- Developed safe-alternative community events that encourage family participation: **Christmas events, Santa visits, virtual tree lighting, Christmas decoration contest, drive thru corn fest, QR code scavenger hunt.**
- Continued to support community service organization of volunteers, the **Exchange Club**
- Moved the **Saturday Market** to the park which has increased vendor participation and community involvement
- Formation of event planning committee
- **Pacific Power Grant for two large event tents**
- Appointed chair of the transit special funding advisory board. Appointed to the statewide transit special funding advisory board
- Changed newsletter to direct mail
- **New website and logo completed**

Emergency Management and Public Safety

- **First city to receive StormReady designation in Marion County**
- Completed **LiDAR mapping** of the City of Aumsville
- By March 8th 2020, established operational contingency plans for COVID-19, including a long-term operational plan to be able to serve the community if virus became a long-term event
- Upgraded VPN city-wide and new laptops for remote working
- **Completed Safe Routes to School Grant**
- **Received 300K grant in partnership with Salem and Turner to study stormwater.**
- USDA grant to replace police vehicles
- Grants to upgrade servers and licenses.

Land Use

- **Tree City USA**
- Street Tree list approved
- **Updated the development code**
- **Approved draft vision plan**
- 11 downtown projects completed and hundreds of inquires for possible upcoming development
- Development of Flowers Meadows
- Development of Clover Ct

Milestone Accomplishments since 2017

2021 Projects to Consider

- Urban Growth Boundary Expansion \$80k
- Eastside Park Master Plan \$30-40K
- Entry Sign at Mill Creek Park \$20k
- Dog Park \$10-15k
- Accessible Park Equipment Upgrades \$8-10k
- Public Works Shop Building \$1.2 Million





We face major water and wastewater infrastructure improvements needs



Financials are stable, for now.



New development is occurring, but we need to continue to maintain our service levels.



Main Street is improving to meet our downtown vision.



We have accomplished a lot in 2020, despite a worldwide pandemic. We were able to continue to provide critical services to the community.

What is the state of our community?

- Administrative Review: Council handbook, Vision Plan approval, Council initiatives, Review of Council Goals, City's debt policy
- Economic Development: downtown commercial, ID zone, industrial, UGB expansion, barriers to development
- Vision: community art projects, new entry sign, new park development

Council Retreats
Administration and Policy Discussions

Council Retreats Infrastructure Discussions

- Water: Capital facility plan (2015) priority projects: 1. emergency generator for 1M gallon reservoir, 2. water rights work, 3. ongoing maintenance issues, 4. new well, 5. new reservoir
- Sewer: Facility plan (1999), treatment facility, rates
- Stormwater: Capital facility plan (2000), INI, utility formation, public works standards, equipment (sweeper)
- Streets: Capital facility plan (2010), Del Mar extension to 11th, Del Mar & 1st, 8th St,
- Public Works infrastructure: new public works building, operations upgrades needed.



Thank you!