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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – September 23, 2019

Mayor Pro-tem Seney called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez (arrived at 7:07), Jim Case, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent were Mayor Derek Clevenger and Councilor Angelica Ceja. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro-tem Seney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Purdy motioned to approve the agenda. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 4-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Case, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS:

There were five visitors in the audience, and no one asked to speak during the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the August 22, 2019 through September 13, 2019 check registers and the September 9, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Purdy moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Case seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Purdy and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: City Website Upgrade Discussion

CA Harding has been researching upgrade options for the City's outdated website. He is recommending that the city uses Municode as our website vendor. He explained the reasons for recommending Municode. The recommendation is from the positive feedback from other cities that have used them, and that they have done more government websites than other companies that he researched. He explained that all of the website proposals were generally the same budget impact over time. CA Harding demonstrated the differences between the basic website package and custom websites offered by Municode. Councilor Purdy asked about the difference in cost. CA Harding replied that the basic website is a onetime cost of

\$4,600 and a custom website would be an additional \$3,500. He stated that the City has already budgeted for the custom site in our current budget, but he wanted Council to discuss it first. CA Harding explained that there would also be a per year cost for product licensing of \$1800-2000. He said that our current website is outdated and can't be upgraded for mobile phone optimization or ADA accessibility, and these are important reasons for the website upgrade. A question was raised from the audience, asking if we could start from the basic site and upgrade later. CA Harding said no, it's one or the other. He explained that the basic is not upgradable. The custom site can be changed and upgraded as we find the need for additional options. Councilor Bedwell expressed that if we do the basic, we would have to start over when we needed more, and that the custom is the way to go. Mayor Pro-tem Seney said that the custom one would give us the longevity, and that would save money in the long term. Councilor Bedwell asked what CA Harding needed from Council. CA Harding asked for confirmation that Council agrees with his process in choosing Municode with either a basic or custom website. All five Councilors present agreed that the process was sufficient, and that the custom website would be best for the city and save money in the long term. They also liked that Municode only does government websites. Councilor Casarez moved to approve using Municode with the custom website and Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Purdy and Seney. No: None.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding said that we have been awarded a \$3,500 grant from Pacific Power for an event tent. The original grant we applied and budgeted for was for \$10-12,000. CA Harding explained that a 30'x40' tent would be as small as we could go for community events, and the cost is in the \$8,000 range. He asked Council for guidance on whether we should add \$4,500 from the general budget to make up the difference. Councilor Bedwell asked if this tent he is considering is brand new. CA Harding said yes, and that a used one has no guarantees. Councilor Seney said that the canvas of a used one is almost as expensive as a new tent. Council asked CA Harding to research some choices for different sizes and prices and bring it back to them at the October 14th Council meeting.

CA Harding reported that the October newsletters were sent out to a printing service this month. There was some difficulty with gathering mailing addresses for the manufactured home parks and some of the apartment tenants. Staff will work to improve the process as time goes on.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: None

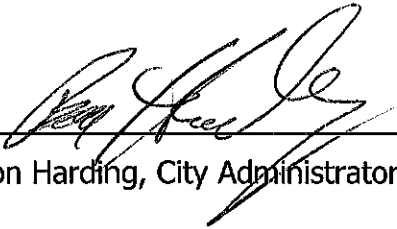
GOOD OF THE ORDER: A question was raised from the audience, are the microphones on tonight? CA Harding said no, they were not set up.

Councilor Bedwell asked about videoing Council meetings. He stated that this needs to be a conversation with the full Council before staff puts much time into it. He urged Council to think about the purpose of videoing the meetings. CA Harding said that we are looking into doing a live feed on a YouTube channel and it was discussed. Councilor Bedwell expressed that he wants more clarity on the reasons why and how we should video Council meetings. It was agreed to add this discussion to the next agenda.

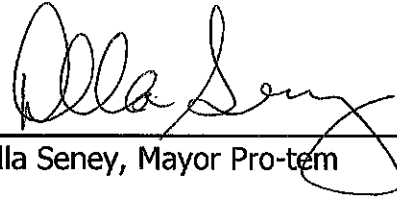
CORRESPONDENCE: Aumsville citizen, Dayadevi Heart, wanted to know why the microphones were not on. She said it made the meeting difficult to hear. CA Harding responded that because we reconfigured into a smaller space for this meeting staff just felt it wasn't necessary. Previously when we configured into this smaller space hearing was not an issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:11 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Della Seney, Mayor Pro-tem