



City of Aumsville



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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – September 9, 2019

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Councilors Nico Casarez, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, and Della Seney. Council absent were Councilors Gus Bedwell and Larry Purdy. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Public Works Director Steve Oslie (PWD Oslie), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Clevenger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Casarez motioned to approve the agenda. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Casarez, Case, Ceja, 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 August 30, 2019 check registers and the August 26, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Casarez, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: Vactor Truck Purchase – PWD Oslie explained that the vactor truck purchase that Council previously approved fell through. The seller was not able to produce a clear title. Since then they have found a different truck that is ten years newer with less maintenance issues than the last one. It is owned by Owen Equipment and has been well maintained. There was a short discussion, then Councilor Casarez motioned to approve the purchase of the 2008 Vaccon Combo Truck from Owen Equipment for \$80,000, with an additional spending authority of \$6,000 for added equipment and licensing not to exceed \$86K. Councilor Case seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Casarez, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: None.)

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Special Transportation Funding Advisory Committee (STFAC): The STFAC was formed to advise the Cherriots Transit Authority on rural services and to assist in securing funding for services related to seniors and populations with disabilities. Council made it a goal of the city administrator to take an active role in this funding mechanism to assist in advocating for rural services in Aumsville and up the canyon. CA Harding stated that he was appointed to the STFAC as chair and served in that capacity for two years. The community was successful in convincing the board not to cut services up the canyon during the previous funding deficiencies and in fact has seen an increase in service, including weekends.

The passage of HB 2017 provides specific funding to public transportation. This funding dedicated a payroll deduction to new transit services. With revenue coming in better than expected the governor wants to move the funding mechanism from the general fund and authority from STFAC to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF). CA Harding said he doesn't know when this change will take effect or what the impact will be for us, but the STFAC will dissolve at some point in the future and the advisory committee is working on a new funding structure. He stated his concerns about transferring authority from local to state level. He has offered to be on the committee.

CA Harding explained that he and staff have been interviewing website vendors. Some of the things we are looking at are mobile optimization, ADA accessible, public interactive, calendar, view and search municipal codes, council videos, and online payments. He asked if there is anything else Council would like to see on the site.

Mayor Clevenger asked where the site would be hosted. CA Harding stated that most of the vendors have a content management system, but we could move the site to our own server if that is what we want to do. He estimated three to four months to go live with the new site once we decide which vendor to go with.

CA Harding announced that we have closed on the Bishop Rd park property. He said the next step is to work on a master plan to develop the land and to work toward annexing the property into the city and expanding the UGB. Council applauded the news.

City Hall will soon be hosting local artists to display their work. We want to give local artists the opportunity to show off their talents and brighten City Hall walls.

CA Harding was happy to report that we applied for a Pacific Power & Light grant and were recently awarded \$3500. The grant is for the purchase of an event tent that would be used during our Christmas in the Park and other city events. We can add up to \$2000 to the grant. He is researching tents now to find the best deal for the money.

The Aumsville Exchange group and the Aumsville Veterans group will be hosting a Veteran's Day social event on November 9th for local veterans.

Councilor Casarez asked where we are with being able to video our Council meetings. CA Harding explained that we need to update the website first, but that we have looked at various vendors and believe these upgrades can be completed co-current with the website launching.

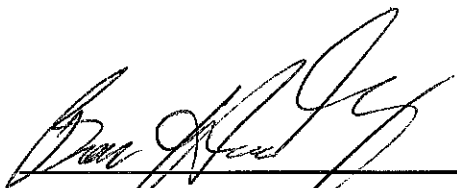
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Casarez thanked city staff and the many volunteers for all their hard work at this year's Corn Festival.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:29 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Mayor Pro Tem

Derek Clevenger, Mayor