



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – August 26, 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, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent were Mayor Derek Clevenger and Councilor Nico Casarez. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Public Works Assistant Director Matt Etzel, 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 Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**PRESENTATION:** Riparian Restoration of Mill Creek – Meredith Hoffman from Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) gave a brief history of the project. She explained that Assistant Public Works Director Matt Etzel came to them for help with a water quality project grant. He had developed a plan to remove invasive blackberries and English ivy from the south bank Mill Creek east of West Stayton Rd. His plan included hiring corrections facility workers to reduce the growth of ivy and blackberries that were choking out trees. New trees have been planted and a maintenance plan is in place. Ms. Hoffman stated that Aumsville could be a model department for other cities that have similar projects. She thanked Council for having great employees. On behalf of MSWCD, she presented a check for grant funds of \$7500. She stated that they would love to partner with Aumsville again.

### **VISITORS:**

There were five visitors in the audience, and no one asked to speak during the public comment period. State Representative Raquel Moore-Green was also present as a visitor.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the August 8, 2019 through August 16, 2019 check registers and the August 12, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Purdy moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Case seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Newsletter Distribution Discussion

CA Harding explained that we are losing our newsletter deliverer. He sees this as a good opportunity to review our process. One of the comments that we have received from the public is that the driveway delivery is not efficient, and many people don't pick them up. He told Council that he has been researching other ways to get our newsletter out to the citizens of Aumsville and still meet our Public Notice requirements. He has received estimates for direct mail services. He explained that he would like to try one month of direct mail to see how it goes. He went on to say that it should add value to advertisers. CA Harding asked Council how they would like him to proceed; do we recruit new delivery person, or should we try the direct mailing for a month trial. Funding, electronic delivery, and the test run for a month was discussed. Council suggested that we put an article in the issue stating that this is a test mailing and then do a survey. Councilor Bedwell suggested that, since we are doing this data collection, it's a good idea to ask about other things we may be interested in. Councilor Ceja stated that Spanish copies are available at city hall and delivered to the grade school during the school year. Council concurred that a 90-day trial would be best and to state that it is a trial with a survey after the 3<sup>rd</sup> issue to see what kind of reception we receive.


**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** None

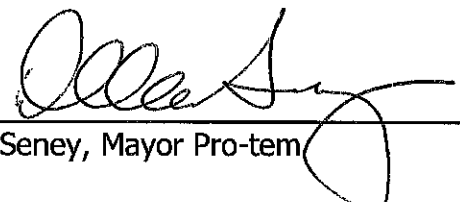
**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:48 PM

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator

  
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Della Seney, Mayor Pro-tem