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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – April 8, 2019

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger and Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Finance Officer Josh Hoyer (FO Hoyer), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Clevenger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

PROCLAMATION: – Mayor Clevenger read the Tree City Proclamation into the record proclaiming April 26th, 2019 as City of Aumsville Arbor Day.

VISITORS: There were 11 visitors in the audience and no one asked to speak during the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the March 28 through March 29, 2019 check registers and the March 25, 2019 council. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Council received Resolution No. 10-19 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF GERVAIS AND THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE AS TREE CITY USA SISTER CITIES. CA Harding explained that we are the first cities in Oregon to become sister cities for the Tree City USA program. Each year, on or around Arbor Day, we agree to plant a tree in honor of our Sister City. Councilor Seney motioned to approve Resolution No. 10-19 as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 11-19 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL. Mayor Clevenger recommended that the Council President be appointed as Public Information Officer for Aumsville City Council as presented in

this resolution. Council concurred with the Mayor's recommendation and Council President Seney accepted. Councilor Purdy motioned to approve Resolution No. 11-19 as presented. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 3-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. FO Hoyer explained that Resolutions 3-19 and 4-19 are basic housekeeping issues. Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3-19 as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 4-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. Councilor Bedwell motioned to approve Resolution No. 4-19 as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 5-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. FO Hoyer commented that this appropriation transfer will move USDA grant funds into the general fund to cover the new police vehicles and computer upgrades. Councilor Purdy asked if the vehicles are ordered or is this for existing vehicles. FO Hoyer explained that we already have one of the vehicles and the other should arrive in about 30 days. Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5-19 as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 6-19 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. FO Hoyer explained that this resolution will appropriate funds to cover additional staff labor on the Wildwood Park improvement project. Councilor Purdy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6-19 as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council received Resolution No. 9-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2018-2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS. FO Hoyer stated that this is another housekeeping resolution. He pointed out that the resolution in the council packets had an error of \$10. Councilor Case made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9-19 as presented with the \$10 change outlined by FO Hoyer. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Corn Festival (CF) Discussion:

2-Day Event vs. 1-Day Event: CA Harding asked Council for guidance on the proposed activities. He told Council that expanding the Corn Festival to a 2-day event will have a budget impact of approximately \$2500. We would need to increase police and public works staff to cover both days and the longer hours on Saturday. The city typically donates \$2500 to the festival as a 1-day event. After some discussion it was suggested that the city could either donate the \$2500 or the additional man hours; but, not both. Council consensus was to ask the Corn Festival Committee to decide which they would prefer. They also concurred to allow the event to be a 2-day event and to let them extend Saturday hours to 10:00 PM.

Beer Garden: CA Harding commented that the CF would like to add is a beer garden in Mill Creek Park. They have talked about having a walking-beer-garden that would encompass all of Mill Creek Park. CA Harding pointed out that this would require Council to change City Ordinances 505 and possibly ORD 405, which prohibit alcohol/alcohol consumption on any public property. He added that Porter-Boone Park has a deed restriction prohibiting alcohol even if the ordinances are changed. CA Harding asked Council if they were in support of making the ordinance amendments to allow alcohol. He told Council that he met with Aumsville Police Chief Schmitz and they agreed that the chief nor administrator were comfortable signing off on a walking-beer-garden; but, were not in opposition to a controlled beer garden with security. There was a lively discussion of the pros and cons of allowing alcohol at the festival. They talked about whether to change the ordinances to allow alcohol or make an exception just once a year for the Corn Festival. There were concerns about it changing the family atmosphere of the festival and the possibility of minors having access to alcohol. Some council members stated that they would support an enclosed (tent or fenced type) beer garden; but, they felt a walking-beer-garden was too big of a step. It was suggested to take some baby steps this year and see how it goes. Councilor Ceja asked if there was a backup location if the park can't be used. Mayor Clevenger stated that there was no backup plan.

Discussion continued about the additional liability to the city. CA Harding stated that even though we have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CF outlining responsibilities, the city takes on a lot of the liability risk. He will work with our insurance agent to do a risk analysis. He commented that he is waiting for the CF to submit a proposal of their event activities before he can create the MOU to bring to Council for final approval.

Parking: The CF is proposing closing Mill Creek Park to parking and there were questions about where they plan to make up that parking. Mayor Clevenger stated that the city has an agreement with Jerry Flowers to use three acres on north side of Boonedocks Park. There were concerns that the three acres would not be enough to replace the parking at Mill Creek Park. Mayor Clevenger stated that the CF has discussed overflow parking at one of the churches or the school and shuttling people to Porter-Boone Park. The handicap parking will be the same location as past festivals.

CA Harding invited Council to attend the monthly event planning staff meetings. City Hall, Public Works, and Police department staff representatives come together, along with Fire District staff, to review and plan city events. CF President Ed Blakesley attended the meeting this month and his input was helpful.

CF Vice Chair Walter Wick announced that there will be a CF planning workshop at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 15th at the Aumsville Fire District Hall and invited Council members to attend.

Budget Committee Meetings: The first meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for 7:00 PM, April 16th, in the community center. CA Harding explained that he will be informing the Budget Committee members on the budget process at this meeting. He hopes to get through the process in two to three meetings.


Video Taping Council Meetings: CA Harding asked Council for clarification and guidance on whether they want to have public meetings videotaped and published online. He talked about some of the cost concerns and staff time involved to make this happen. After a brief discussion it was Council consensus to table the videotaping for now, budget for future purchase of equipment, and focus on the city website upgrade first. CA Harding will come back to council with a plan on creating an outreach program.

The Aumsville Exchange Club will become official on April 24th. This will give them non-profit status. They are a group of volunteers that are dedicated to the city and have already signed up to help with several events. Councilor Ceja commented that one of the Exchange Club members helped at the clothing closet recently and it was greatly appreciated.

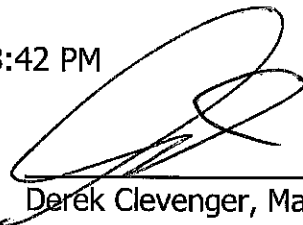
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilor Casarez asked about the status of the railroad. Mayor Clevenger announced that he will be attending the Marion County Commissioners meeting and will ask for an update. CA Harding stated that he will continue to push for abandonment of the railroad. He will also continue to look at cost saving alternatives for intersection upgrades that could be required if the railroad is put back into operation.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:42 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor