



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – March 11, 2019**

Mayor Pro-tem Seney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was Mayor Derek Clevenger. 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 Pro-tem Seney asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**VISITORS:** There were 21 visitors in the audience and no one asked to speak during the public comment period.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the February 21, 2019 through February 28, 2019 check registers, and the February 25, 2019 council minutes. Councilor Purdy made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** CA Harding reported on his follow-up to a discussion at the February Council Visioning Retreat concerning the sale of Kratom within the city limits. He explained that he did some research on the product. Kratom is a plant-based substance from SE Asia. The plant is in the opioid plant family but is not under FDA regulations at this time. There have been 36 confirmed deaths involving Kratom in USA and currently there is a nationwide recall on the product due to salmonella poisoning. CA Harding found that there have been other cities in Oregon that have banned the sale of this product. He presented Council with copies of Ontario, Oregon's Ordinance banning Kratom. Councilor Purdy would like to see the list of banned substances broadened to include some of the Ontario list. Councilor Bedwell would like the city to have a conversation with business owners first. Try to build a relationship with the business and reach out to work with them before we take the step. Councilor Casarez suggested inviting businesses to the table. Councilor Ceja also wants an expanded list. Councilor Seney would like to see an updated list, as the Ontario list is 10 years old. CA

Harding will continue to research and bring information back to Council. Councilor Case felt it might be beneficial to bring in an expert. Councilor Purdy suggested that the Police Academy might have someone. Council directed CA Harding to continue his research and bring an updated list of substances that have been banned by other cities.

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**Presentation: Potable Water System – Steve Oslie**

Public Works Director Steve Oslie (PWD Oslie) gave a slideshow presentation of Aumsville's Potable Water System. He gave an overview of the system and how it operates. He explained that there is approximately 18,000 ft. of old piping that will need to be replaced. Using a hypothetical time line Oslie outlined a thousand feet of replacement per year would still take the city 18 years and currently we haven't budgeted any money to conduct pipe replacement. CA Harding noted that the city water system rates just do not have the capacity to include either the recommended water system maintenance or the CA water line replacement projects. Some of the old pipes have leaks and seepage that causes water loss. They have found and repaired several of the leaks, but eventually all will have to be replaced. He estimates that this could cost over \$1.8 million.

PWD Oslie described the current water supply and demand on the existing system and the projected water demands in the future as our population grows. He explained his concern that our current production from existing wells is diminishing as wells begin to age out. He stated that planning for bringing a new well online needs to begin now. CA Harding explained the difference between water rights, which is the right granted by the state of Oregon to use water from the ground and water availability meaning drilling a well and actually finding water in sufficient quantities to use.

Another area of concern is the city's water storage capacity and needed repairs. Our two storage systems consist of the 100K gallon tower reservoir and the 1M gallon ground reservoir. As the city grows this will not be enough storage. PWD Oslie explained that the 1M gallon reservoir needs interior re-coating. To do the maintenance, it would need to be drained and taken offline for up to 45 days. Leaving us with only the 100K gallon tower reservoir to serve our customers. Which is not enough to meet supply and demand. One option would be to add a new reservoir before taking the existing one offline. The city can set up our system to pump directly into the distribution line, but this water would not be filtered, and the public will see a difference in taste and color of the water during that period.

PWD Oslie named the top five Water System Improvements that are needed:

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| • Re-Coating 1 MG Reservoir Interior               | \$ 360,250         |
| • Emergency Generator @ 1 MG Reservoir             | \$ 192,634         |
| • Re-drilling Well (Boone #1)                      | \$ 445,769         |
| • Looping Water Line 11 <sup>th</sup> St. to Olney | \$ 396,585         |
| • New 0.750 MG Reservoir & Booster Station         | \$1,257,112        |
| <b>Total estimated cost for all projects:</b>      | <b>\$2,652,350</b> |

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

CA Harding reminded Council of the upcoming continuation of their Visioning Retreat from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. They will continue looking at goals and setting priorities. He invited everyone to come to the Exchange Club Sponsored Community Bingo event at 4:00 PM after the retreat on Saturday.

April 20<sup>th</sup> is our Easter Egg Hunt event in Mill Creek Park. The hunt starts at 9:50 AM Sharp. We have our Super Hero Carnival scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. CA Harding told everyone to put this on the calendar

Corrected at March 25,  
2019 meeting

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Councilor Casarez gave recognition to the Aumsville Fire ~~Department~~ **District** and Police officers that responded to a fire at his house recently. He was very thankful for their quick response and action.

Mayor Pro-tem Seney reported that she met with the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWWAC) meeting. The topic was the I-5 Aurora/Donald interchange updates and design frames. The changes are supposed to alleviate I-5 delays due to traffic back up at that exit ramp. During the next couple months, they will be going through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund and Statewide Transit Network Programs solicitation processing and reviewing requests for program funds such as the new buses for Charriots and the CARTS program that services our area and up the Santiam Canyon.

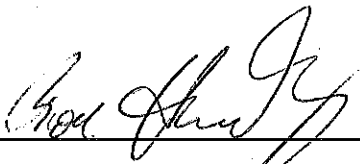
Mayor Pro-tem Seney asked if there were any questions from the audience. There were none.

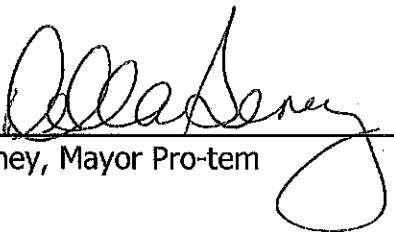
Council convened into an Executive Session at 8:32 PM under the authority of ORS 192-660(2)(b), to consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.

Council reconvened into the regular session at 9:22 PM

Executive Session Outcome: Council announced that there will be no action at this time and they will continue the Executive Session at the March 25<sup>th</sup> council meeting to allow for additional investigation can be completed.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 9:24 PM

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator

  
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Della Seney, Mayor Pro-tem