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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – February 25, 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, Councilors Gus Bedwell, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, and Della Seney. Council absent was Nico Casarez and Larry Purdy. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) 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 made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 19 visitors in the audience and one person asked to speak during the public comment period.

Michael Hauck of Aumsville asked if each of the councilors had received the formal complaint against Mayor Clevenger that he had delivered to city hall. Mayor Clevenger confirmed that they had all received it. Mr. Hauck asked Council if there was any follow up information after Jason Yarmer's verbal complaint about Mayor Clevenger's behavior on social media at the last council meeting. He was told that there was none. He then addressed the council with his own concerns about Mayor Clevenger's activities, which he considered bullying. He stated that as a community it is our responsibility to be good examples for our children. There is too much bullying and it needs to stop.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the February 6, 2019 through February 15, 2019 check registers, the February 11, 2019 council minutes. Councilor Case made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: None.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Council received a copy of the Westech Engineering, Inc. contract for approval. CA Harding explained that Westech was the top choice of firms that submitted qualifications to be our new city engineering firm. He explained that in early 2018, long-time engineer, Jim Schuette, gave notice of his retirement. Mr. Schuette stayed on to finish some projects that were still in progress, which gave the city time to find a replacement firm. CA Harding explained the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. He stated that we conducted interviews with the top

three firms. Westech Engineering, Inc. was our first choice. Part of the RFQ process is to give a 7-day appeal notice to the other firms. That period will be up on March 1st, 2019. Councilor Bedwell made a motion to authorize the city administrator to sign a contract for engineering services with Westech Engineering, Inc. to be effective March 1st, 2019 unless an appeal by another firm is filed. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: None.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

CA Harding announced the Exchange Club will be hosting free bingo night here in the community center. He invited Council to attend. The event will be March 16th beginning at 4:00PM. The theme for the event is to “Come Meet your Neighbors”. There will be refreshments and prizes.

CA Harding reported that he was re-elected chair of the Special Transportation Funding Advisory Committee (STFAC) for 2019. They met last week and awarded rural dollars to maintain our transportation programs with CARTS.

CA Harding proposed March 16th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM for a follow-up meeting of the Council Retreat. Council will continue with their goal-setting process. Council consensus was to accept the proposed date and time for the meeting.

Councilor Ceja asked when there will be another vision meeting for the community. CA Harding stated that it will be after we have our ad hoc committee work done. He has eight people that have shown interest in being on the committee along with Councilor Seney and one Aumsville Planning Commissioner.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

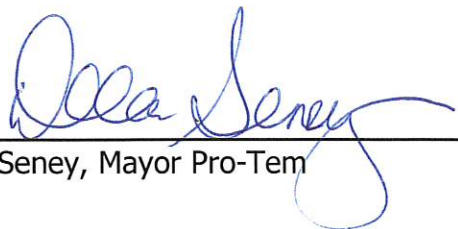
Councilor Seney reported that Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) will meet on March 7th. She will be attending and let her know if anyone has any concerns that they want her to bring up.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any questions from the audience. There were none.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:14 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Della Seney, Mayor Pro-Tem