



City of Aumsville



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February 2, 2019 City Council Goal Setting Retreat Minutes

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 9.00 am in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Councilors Della Seney, Larry Purdy, Gus Bedwell, Jim Case, Nico Casarez, and Angelica Ceja. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding),

CA Harding walked Council through the Council Protocol Handbook discussing changes that were requested from the previous update. Council directed CA Harding to complete the changes or corrections and bring it forward for approval at the next Council meeting.

Council spent the next couple of hours in a training session reviewing other council meeting protocols and determining how those protocols would, or could, be applied to the city council meetings. Council rehearsed sample motions and scripts to make sure they were making motions consistently. The training included do's and don'ts at council meetings using outside examples.

The council and city administrator had open discussion about current projects. CA Harding asked for direction from Council regarding the continuation of those projects. The council will get an updated presentation on the city's water, sewer, and street systems; the current state and challenges, beginning in February until completed. By having a current understanding of these systems, and making it a priority of the council, they will be able to make more informed decisions.

The work plan will continue with: the repairs to Michael Way, completing a major property purchase, the community vision plan & city code updates, water reservoir recoating grant application & water quality work, purchase of an emergency generator, additions to the public works facility, operations efficiency work, new filing system work & cleaning up archives, and desk manuals. Council would like CA Harding to continue to assist with the development of a community service club.

CA Harding discussed the possibility of adding a development fee to new large developments in the city. Council would like to see that at a future council meeting in a format as discussed.

CA Harding asked about Kratom being sold in the community. The city has received a number of complaints about this product being unregulated. Council would like to see what an ordinance making the sale and consumption in the city illegal would look like, and how other city's may have addressed this issue. CA Harding will come back to Council with some additional research and get additional directions.

Council worked through lunch and discussed issues of interests. Mayor Clevenger asked about the possibility of legalizing marijuana dispensaries. After some discussion looking at a lot of different points of view, it was decided that the issue was not urgent as it could not be put on a ballot until Fall of 2020 and could be looked at later.

We discussed some community outreach efforts and the Mayor will work with CA Harding to explore ideas.

Council discussed the current System Development Charges (SDC), how they are assessed and if there is new information that could change the current SDC. After discussion it was decided that any changes in SDC would not impact any current development. It takes a minimum of 90 days and as much as 120 days to change the SDC. Because we are mostly built out, revisiting them in haste would not impact any current development. Council would like CA Harding to revisit this issue in June or July for the possibility of looking at updating them at the end of 2019.

Council addressed crosswalks and pedestrian safety. It was decided to look for alternative programs in addition to continuing to work with Marion County to try and get more crosswalks installed.

The last discussion item was: should Council allow the Aumsville Community Theatre to use the community center for its summer play. The city recently installed new benches for Council meetings and they take up more space. The concern was with the theatre stage in place we would have limited space for seating. Council decided to try it this year and see if its workable as it only impacts two council meetings.

The council reviewed the city's mission statement. Council agreed that the statement was ok but wanted to have time to think about changes. Because the council did not have enough time to continue they agreed to bring up the mission statement and goals at a future council work session for completions.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 3.00 pm



Derek Clevenger, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator