



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – January 14, 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 Della Seney, Larry Purdy, Gus Bedwell, Jim Case, Nico Casarez, and Angelica Ceja. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers), Chief Richard Schmitz and Public Works Director (PWD) Steve Oslie were also present.

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

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

CA Harding administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Clevenger, and Mayor Clevenger then administered the Oath of Office for Councilors Elect Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, and Della Seney. Congratulations to all.

Mayor Clevenger presented outgoing Mayor Robert Baugh, Jr. with a plaque of appreciation for his time in office. CA Harding presented Mayor Clevenger with his personalized gavel.

Aumsville Community Theatre President Shannon Rempel introduced herself to Council. She gave a brief overview of the history of the group. The purpose of her visit was to ask Council for permission to use the community center April 6<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The play will be a melodrama "Peril on the High Seas." They would need three weeks to build the set and do rehearsals, then three weekends of performances. Staff will check availability and get back to Council.

**VISITORS:** There were 63 visitors in the audience and one person asked to speak during the Public meeting process.

Eric and Brianna Sloane Aumsville residents. Mr. Sloane explained that his son was recently hit by a car on 9<sup>th</sup> St. He requested that Council please do something about the speeders on their street. He pointed out that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time a child has been hit on their street. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane thanked the community for their generosity for the gifts and their help for their son. CA Harding explained that the city has new radar devices that they are using as a citywide emphasis to get people to slow down and one of these signs has the ability to gather

information on speed. He will come back to Council with a report based on data collected to make sure any suggestions align with what is actually occurring to make sure the fixes truly have a positive impact. He is hoping to have something for discussion.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the November 8<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 check registers and the November 12, 2018 council meeting minutes. Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Casarez. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** The second reading by title only of Ord. No. 667 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICE SERVICES ACT, ORDINANCE 662. Mayor Clevenger asked Council if there were any objections to reading the ordinance by title only; there was none. He then asked if there were any questions or comments from the public and there was none. Councilor Bedwell motioned to approve the second reading by title only. Councilor Ceja seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: Casarez.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resolution 01-19 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DELAY OF THE AUTOMATIC UTILITY RATE INCREASE FROM DECEMBER 2018 TO JUNE 1, 2019. CA Harding explained that the resolution re-aligns the automatic annual increases with the city's fiscal year making it better for budgeting purposes. Councilor Casarez made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-19 with the following modification; delay until fiscal year 2020. Councilor Case seconded the motion. CA Harding explained that delaying an additional year would be a budgetary impact that Council is not addressing. Councilor Casarez asked if it is something that we can bring back to the table for discussion. Councilor Purdy made a secondary motion that Council adopt Resolution 01-19 as presented. Councilor Bedwell seconded the motion. Secondary motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: Casarez.) The main motion failed.

Mayor Clevenger asked for nominations for Council President. Councilor Purdy nominated Councilor Seney. There were no other nominations. Councilor Seney was voted Council President 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Case, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

CA Harding stated that Oregon State Law requires the city to hire an outside independent auditor to conduct an Annual Financial Audit Report. He is happy to report that we had a clean audit. CA Harding pointed out that this report is available for review on our website, and hardcopies at City Hall. He added that on page 3 of the report Council would find a high-level overview of the city's comparative years. Indicators show the city heading upward. He told Council he would be happy to answer any questions. Councilor Purdy stated that he did read through it and wanted to commend previous councils and staff for the actions they have taken over the years to get us to this position.

CA Harding announced that after 30 plus years with the city, Judge Feitelson is retiring. He explained that this is a Council appointed position. City staff has begun the process of researching the six candidates that have expressed interest in the position. CA Harding will be conducting phone interviews on Thursday and invited Council to sit in on them if they were interested. The proposed candidate will come back as a recommendation to City Council at the

January 28<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The city is also in the process of hiring a new city engineer to replace JMS Engineering due to retirement. We received three applications from interested firms. We are setting up interviews. This is an appointed position by the City Administrator; he will appoint the top firm that will fit the needs of our city. Council was encouraged to attend the interviews.

CA Harding updated Council on accepting proposals from interested parties to provide legal services to the city. We have had three submittals from interested firms. He is working on a recommendation to bring to Council. This will also be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Last year the city applied for a housing rehabilitation grant program. This was in partnership with the City of Mt. Angel, Stayton, Turner, Marion County, and Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG). Stayton is lead fiscal agency. Aumsville contributed \$1000 in grant match and collectively \$306,000 has been received. Previous grants excluded manufactured homes. This grant was geared toward manufactured home repairs.

CA Harding talked about the upcoming Council retreat. He explained that each year Council has a one-day 8-hour training session. It is especially important to make sure it happens this year because so many of the council are new. Several dates were discussed, and it was decided that Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the best for everyone.

CA Harding reported that the city did a test batch of newsletters translated to Spanish. Councilor Ceja stated that the translation was 99% accurate. She distributed some copies to the Migrant Education Program group where it was well-received. CA Harding stated that the Spanish version is available online and by request at City Hall.

CA Harding reminded Council that our second Public Open House meeting to continue our visioning process is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm here in the community center. We will be working on an overall Vision Statement. Once the vision statement has been created we will give it to John Morgan to begin the Code updates. The next step will be to hold additional open house meetings and ask people to serve on an ad hoc committee. CA Harding will recruit members to serve on this committee, anyone who would like to be on the committee please contact CA Harding. The committee will be taking all the current information and creating a draft vision plan. He estimates it will take several months. Once complete we will begin some open houses to test the plan and make changes as needed before it comes back to Council for approval.

Tomorrow, January 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Exchange Club lunch in the community center. Typically, we would meet in the evening, but we haven't had many participants show up. So, we decided to try a lunch time meeting to see if that would make a difference. Pizza lunch will be provided.

Council received the Annual System Development Charges (SDC) Report.

Council received Chief Schmitz' Police Department monthly report, PWD Oslie's monthly report, and Staff Team Meeting notes; there was no discussion on either report.

**Mayor and Council reports: None**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

CA Harding reminded Council of the MWVCOG Dinner coming up on February 20, 2019. The COG is an agency that offers services to cities. Once a year they organize a recognition dinner. It is a good place for city officials to network with other cities. He asked Council to let CC Rogers know by tomorrow if they plan to attend.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Council received the Aumsville Planning Commission (APC) Notice of Decision 9755 Willamette St. – information only. There was no discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Clevenger closed the public meeting at 7:43 PM and Council convened into an Executive Session under the authority of: ORS 192-660(2)(e), to carry on negotiations under ORS chapter 293 deliberation with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and (f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

This was an executive session and the discussion was off the record, matters discussed are not to be disclosed. No decision was made in this Executive Session.

Mayor Clevenger closed the Executive Session at 8:21 PM and Council reconvened the open public meeting at 8:25 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OUTCOME:** There was no discussion or outcome.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:26 PM

  
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Derek Clevenger, Mayor

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator