



# City of Aumsville



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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

### Minutes – October 8, 2018

Mayor Baugh called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Mayor Robert Baugh, Jr., Councilors Gabe Clayton, Brian Czarnik, Della Seney, Gus Bedwell, Larry Purdy, and Jim Case. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) and Public Works Director Steve Oslie were also present.

Councilor Czarnik made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Baugh, Councilors Clayton, Czarnik, Seney, Bedwell, Purdy, and Case. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:** Corn Festival Vice-President Amy Evans presented the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Quilt to Mayor Baugh and the city. She thanked and commended Megan McNulty for a beautiful job constructing the quilt. Ms. McNulty explained how she worked with Corn Festival President Sonny Newson to design the layout. Mayor Baugh stated that the quilt would be hung in the conference room at city hall.

Mayor Baugh appointed Carrie Murphy to the Aumsville Planning Commission (APC). She was then sworn in by the Mayor and signed an Oath of Office. She will fill the vacant position that was created when Commissioner Gus Bedwell resigned and was appointed to City Council. Ms. Murphy applied to be on the APC over a year ago and has been waiting for a seat to open. She has been attending all APC meetings and training sessions since she applied. Her dedication is appreciated.

**VISITORS:** There were 38 people in the audience of this meeting. No one requested time to speak. Mayor Baugh asked if anyone had any questions or comments before moving on to the rest of the agenda. Diane Lohse asked why the quilt was going into the conference room instead of the community center where the public could enjoy it. Mayor Baugh explained that he would also like it to be in the community center, but because the building is rented out to the public, they were concerned that it might get ruined. Staff will look into ways to protect the quilt and find a good place for it.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the September 7-28, 2018 check registers and the September 10, 2018 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Purdy. Voting in favor of the motion were Mayor Baugh, Councilors Bedwell, Case, Clayton, Czarnik, Purdy, and Seney. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

CA Harding reported that we had an Oregon Health Authority sanitary survey of our water system this month. We passed with flying colors, they felt that we had everything under control and were making progress.

The city is currently working with a DEQ representative to draft a Mutual Agreement Order (MAO) regarding new system requirements. CA Harding and Public Works staff are gathering information to better understand the process moving forward. An efficiency analysis will be done to make sure we are maximizing our current system before we would add to the system.

The November 12th council meeting falls on Veteran's observance day. CA Harding explained that staff is available and willing to come in if Council decides to maintain the meeting date as it is scheduled. Mayor Baugh asked Council if they would be available. Consensus was to maintain the meeting on the 12th with no meeting November 26th unless there is urgent business. December meetings were also discussed. Only the December 10th meeting with no second meeting on December 24th is scheduled.

CA Harding brought up the 2018 Communication Survey that the city has been conducting. We have received 208 completed surveys. Council received a copy of the results to date. He stated that it is not ready for public to view until we get more surveys turned in. We reposted it on Facebook and hope to get at least 100 more turned in before we do our final summary of the results and put it out for public view.

The city will launch a second survey soon. It will ask questions regarding the community's vision for the future of Aumsville. The survey results will be taken into consideration when the Aumsville Planning Commission (APC) begins the code update and Council will also be updating the city's Vision Plan. In addition to the survey we will work with the APC to set up some open houses to get input from the community.

CA Harding has been getting bids to upgrade our Council audio system. So far, the bids have been over our budget. He will be testing out an alternative system that could be more economical but still do what we need it to do. Becky Tilden suggested contacting someone at the high school that does the sound equipment there. Maybe we could partner with the school and their connections to get a better price on equipment. CA Harding thanked her and said he would have staff check into it.

CA Harding showed Council some of the informational brochures that staff has been working on and asked for their input. The brochures will be handed out to new residents and people who stop by city hall for information. They are just in draft form right now. He told Council that once they are finalized we will make them available to the public.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILORS:** Mayor Baugh reported that the recent League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Conference was fruitful and he was glad that he attended. He reported on the League's top six issues; tax reform and joining a lawsuit against FCC's communication policy, to name a couple. Homelessness issues were a big part of discussions. Councilor Purdy stated that he is glad he attended and felt like he learned a lot about what his role as councilor is and how he can help the city. Councilor Seney appreciated the speaker for the councilors workshop. She also attended a session on communication among the council and community. Mayor Baugh had a positive conversation with the Director of ODOT and re-iterated the railroad issues that we have been looking at.

CA Harding reported that the city had a good turnout for the presentation he and Finance Officer Hoyer gave at the LOC conference. They had 23 cities ask for assistance and a copy of our forecasting model. He added that they have tentatively been invited to a OGFOA Finance Officers and OCCMA managers conference to present the model to a city managers group.

LOC will be hosting a new councilor introductory training on January 23, 2019 in Salem. CA Harding is working on a date for Mid-Valley Council of Governments (COG) to come and do a training session for Council and anyone from the audience that might want to attend.

Councilor Clayton was unable to be at the last Corn Festival meeting. Mayor Baugh asked Corn Festival VP Evans to update Council. She stated it was another successful festival; they are just short on volunteers. There was a lot of work and not many workers. Number one priority for 2019 is to get more members. Mayor Baugh reported that there will be a change in Corn Festival leadership next year and hopes Councilor Clayton will be willing to step into the lead. There will be a celebration for outgoing President, Sonny Newson at the next Corn Festival meeting.

Councilor Czarnik gave an update on the CERT programs. They have started the next training classes with eight people and will have an exercise in December. He also talked about a video by River Fusion 22 which has a highlight of the local Palouso Winery. He reported that the Cherriot bus line is looking at adding a possible Saturday service in 2019. CA Harding reported that he is on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Intuitive Advisory Committee (STIFAC) and they plan to make a recommendation to add the Saturday service from Salem to Gates in 2019 as well as increases in weekday routes up the canyon this year.

Councilor Case reported that he has attended two "All Things Christmas" planning meetings since the last council meeting. The first meeting was a review of the 2017 event; what worked and what didn't. At the second meeting tasks were assigned and staff will bring budgets for their part to the next meeting. CA Harding explained that grants and donations govern our budgets and it looks like we will have an ample budget to make the event even better than last year. Councilor Case stated that we will be better prepared for a larger crowd this year; more soup and hot cocoa; a bigger bon-fire; and more lighting for safety, to mention a few points. They will also add another hayride wagon to transport people between Porter-Boone Park and the Fire Department. The raffle this year will be for a sleigh full of toys and a child's bicycle. He also reported on this year's street decorations; the city has received a \$4500 grant to purchase new street decorations for Main Street.



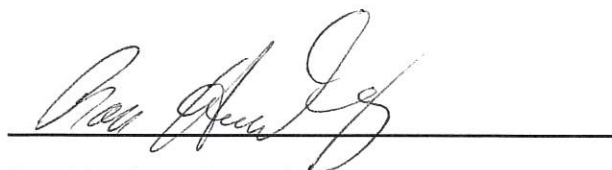
Councilor Purdy reported that he met with Police Chief Schmitz and also took a tour with Public Works Director Osie. They toured various locations and facilities around town. Councilor Purdy encouraged anyone who is interested to make an appointment with Public Works staff to tour facilities or meet with Chief Schmitz. He stated that it was very informative for him. He didn't realize how much city staff does to keep our city running smoothly. CA Harding added that the city has had to suspend ride-a-long tours temporarily, due to insurance issues, but people are welcome to make appointments to meet at a facility for a tour.

Councilor Bedwell reported on the Exchange Club that will meet on Tuesday evening at Neufeldt's. At present the Salem Keizer club is sponsoring our community to help get a branch established here with a goal to give back to the community. Each club can develop their own programs that meet the needs of their own community. He explained a little about the basis for the club, saying that their focus is on supporting activities around youth and preventing child abuse. He presented the flags that the Salem Keizer club dedicated and gave to Aumsville. The flags had the names of those who lost their lives during 911 and veterans lost in war in Afghanistan and Iraq. During Corn Festival this year they handed out 300+ small American flags during the parade and said they will be back next year. Councilor Bedwell encouraged people to join him Tuesday night at Neufeldts' at 5:30 PM if they want to learn more. In order to get a branch started here, we need people to step up and take the lead, as well as those who want to volunteer to help.

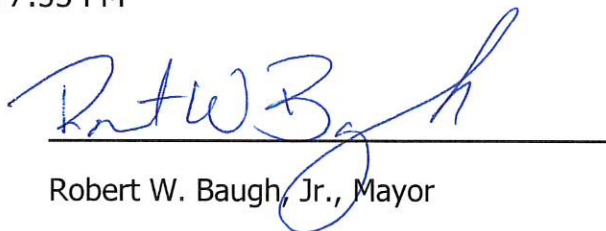
**CORRESPONDENCE:** Council received an invitation from Aumsville Elementary School to participation in their upcoming Career Connect Expo that is to be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There was no discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:55 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



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Robert W. Baugh, Jr., Mayor