



# City of Aumsville

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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes April 9, 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 were Mayor Robert Baugh, Jr., Councilors Brian Czarnik, Gabe Clayton, Kevin Crawford, Trina Lee, Della Seney, and Lorie Walters. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Finance Officer Josh Hoyer (FO Hoyer) and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

**Agenda Approval:** Councilor Lee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded; Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, Walters and Mayor Baugh. The motion passed unanimously.

**VISITORS:** There were no visitor comments.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Tamra Goettsch, Director of the Community Services Department of Marion County, presented a slide show to Council addressing the issues of child abuse and neglect in Marion County. She provided handouts for Council and talked about how they can help prevent child abuse. Council watched a short video showing how others are pledging to help in the prevention of child abuse in Marion County. Tamra asked the council to support child abuse awareness by doing their part to spread the word about the information she presented this evening and to approve a proclamation declaring April child abuse prevention month.

Mayor Baugh read into the record a Proclamation, proclaiming **"April as Child Abuse Prevention Month."**

Kristin Ramstad for the Oregon Department of Forestry presented Council with a signboard, flag, and plaque recognizing the City of Aumsville as an official Tree City USA city. She talked about the program, stating that Aumsville joins 63 other Tree Cities in Oregon. She thanked the council for their support of the program. CA Harding commented that the requirements to become a Tree City were easy to meet because we were already doing most of the required activities.

Mayor Baugh also read into the record a Proclamation, proclaiming **"April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as**

## **Arbor Day” in the City of Aumsville.**

Council recognized the City of Gervais as our Tree City USA sister city. City Manager Susie Marston was present to receive a gift of a maple tree from the city. Kristin Ramstad said as far as she knows we are the only city to enter into a sister city partnership as a Tree City; she said this would be a great tradition for others to model. Mayor Baugh read a Proclamation, proclaiming the **“City of Gervais and the City of Aumsville, Oregon as Sister Tree Cities.”**

Ms. Marston thanked Council for the partnership. She stated that their Mayor is passionate about the Tree City USA program and children in their community. She loves to do special events with kids for Arbor Day. She will invite Mayor Baugh to come to Gervais when they do one of these events.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Council reviewed the March 29, 2018 and March 30, 2018 Check registers and the March 26<sup>th</sup> Aumsville City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Crawford seconded. Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

FO Hoyer walked Council through the staff report for Resolution No. 06-18 A RESOLUTION AMENDING 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND AND INVESTING IN AUMSVILLE FAMILIES & CHILDREN FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS. He explained why this appropriation of funds is needed to balance this fund. Councilor Clayton motioned to approve Resolution No. 6-18 to transfer budget appropriations as outlined in Resolution 06-18. Councilor Czarnik seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed for approval: Resolution No. 07-18 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2017-2018 WATER FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFER. Councilor Lee motioned to approve Resolution No. 07-18 to transfer budget appropriations as outlined. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

CA Harding shared a sample letter that Marion County will be sending out to property owners in the floodplain in every community and requested Council input. The purpose of the letter is to get surveys done of these properties to aid in mitigating some of the flooding. The study associated with a \$300,000 grant partnership among Salem, Turner, Marion County and Aumsville, as well as various other groups, will help define projects that will reduce long-term flooding. Turner and Marion County are the lead agencies. Council consensus was to go forward and send letters as presented to our Aumsville citizens living in the floodplain.

Police Report: CA Harding asked Chief Schmitz to track the calls to which they respond, to assist other cities, and how many times other cities respond to us. Several citizens ask about

this information with concerns that we are using city resources in other communities. CA Harding said the mutual aid agreements which we use to ask and to return assistance is not intended to be a one for one trade-off. Its simply to provide the authority for other cities to help us when we need help and for us to help them when they need help. He gave Council a printout from 911 Dispatch and explained that, according to the report, the number of calls that we have received assistance from Turner and Stayton is higher than the number of times that we have assisted them. He reiterated that the mutual aid agreement between cities is not about the number of calls. It is about having back-up when it is needed, when a situation might be dangerous for a single officer, or when an officer is not available, but because of this request he wanted the city council to have the information.

Baker Well Lease: CA Harding followed up on the well property lease that Council discussed at the last meeting. He spoke with the owner and will move forward with securing the well site and allow access to the owner's shop.

The historical "Buggy Whip Tree" at 8<sup>th</sup> and Church Streets has some rot issues, and the new owner wants to take it down. It is in the City right-of-way. The owner had an arborist inspect the tree and it was determined hazardous due to the amount of rot the tree is showing. He is willing to pay for the removal of the tree. Public Works Director Steve Osie called the Aumsville Historical Society (AHS) to make them aware of the situation. It was suggested that photos could be taken and documented. The previous owner also had the tree inspected which confirmed the tree is rotting. After discussion and Council consideration Councilor Clayton moved that the tree is a safety hazard and the city should allow the owner to have it removed. Councilor Czarnik seconded the motion. Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Walters. Voting against the motion was Mayor Baugh. The motion carried. CA Harding will attend the next AHS meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> and speak with them about the need to remove the tree.

CA Harding and Executive Assistant Lora Hofmann met with a group of volunteers regarding the summer children's program. As a result, it looks like it is going to be a good program this year. However, there will be some changes to the schedule. The city will step back into a supporting role and the volunteers will lead the program. CA Harding said they have some great new ideas and we are excited to see the programs positive changes this year.

The budget committee meetings will start Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The format will be similar to last year. We have several new budget committee members.

Tower Well drilling contract extension is through the end of April. It is taking longer due to some sediment in the water. They are putting a lot of time into making sure we have good clean water with a good yield.

#### **MAYOR'S/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:**

Councilor Czarnik announced that Aumsville CERT training is coming up the next two weekends.


Mayor Baugh described a smart phone app called Flash Alert that would automatically send a message alert to citizens if an emergency should arise. The city would have to subscribe to the service, but would it be a free download for citizens. He stated that he would do a demonstration of how the app works at a future meeting.

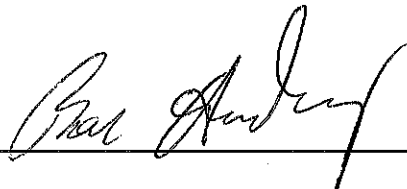
Mayor Baugh commented that the annual evaluation for CA Harding is due. Councilor Seney stated that it is scheduled for a July Executive Session.

CA Harding announced that the Aumsville Planning Commission would receive training on the nuts and bolts of planning and the common workload that they have. The 4-hour training is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and they have invited other cities to join them.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

The meeting adjourned without objection at 8:48 pm

  
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for Robert W. Baugh, Jr., Mayor Council President

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator