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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING Minutes

November 13, 2017

Mayor Baugh called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon.

Council present were Mayor Robert Baugh, Jr., Councilors Gabe Clayton, Kevin Crawford, Brian Czarnik, Della Seney, and Lorie Walters (arrived at 7:12 pm). Council absent was Trina Lee. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Police Chief Richard Schmitz, Finance Officer Josh Hoyer (FO Hoyer) and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Baugh read into the record an Arbor Day Proclamation, proclaiming the last Friday in April each year as Arbor Day in the City of Aumsville, Oregon.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Baugh presented the City of Aumsville "Employee of the Year" award to Finance Officer Josh Hoyer. The mayor cited FO Hoyer's accomplishments over the past year and congratulated him for a job well done.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PROPOSED PUBLIC SAFETY FEE: Council heard comments from the audience regarding the proposed Aumsville Police Department Public Safety Fee that is needed to maintain the current 6th officer position and to fund an additional 7th officer position to ensure consistent 24/7 police coverage.

Mayor Baugh read the guidelines for the comment period of the meeting. Chief Schmitz gave an overview of the proposed Public Safety Fee, and Mayor Baugh opened the floor to public comment.

Scott Bradley, non-resident, suggested scheduling 8-hour shifts instead of 10 hours. He feels this could make it easier to cover more of the 24 hour goal. Mr. Bradley also suggested that Council do a door to door survey to reach all of the citizens.

Kathy Cary, Resident, stated that she came here because of home costs. She told Council that it is important to her that we have police coverage, they saved her life.

Steven Sugg, resident, voiced concerns that, by prohibiting marijuana dispensaries, the city is not taking advantage of all the tax revenue that is available. Chief Schmitz explained that the city doesn't allow dispensaries because the citizens of Aumsville voted to prohibit them. Mr. Sugg stated that the citizens should be able to vote on this current issue as well. CA Harding explained the process of getting an initiative on the ballot for vote. It would cost the city approximately \$5000 of tax payers' money to submit the initiative. Once on the ballot, it would only be valid if there was at least a 50% turnout of voters. Historically, Aumsville's voter turnout averages 37%. Mr. Sugg wants to see citizens have input on the controls that are put in the Ordinance.

Becky Tilden, resident, voiced her concerned about the fee going into the general fund where the money could be allocated to any department. She would want a guarantee that the fees collected will be used where they are intended. She also inquired about whether there would be discounts for seniors and people on a fixed income. CA Harding stated that the proposed ordinance states that the dollars are strictly dedicated to the police department budget and the budget process was discussed. He explained that if Council chooses to give discounts to fixed income citizens that discounted amount would then fall onto the general public to make up the difference. He also stated that specific controls can be put into the ordinance.

Nico Casarez, resident, asked CA Harding about comprehensive review of the city's budget. CA Harding stated that staff has looked at the revenue streams and they are not keeping pace with inflationary rate. He stated that the newly developed forecasting was created to help plan the future more responsibly. The current budget is posted on our website. CA Harding stated that with the new forecasting model we have changed our spending where there were shortfalls. He talked about how all departments have had cut backs where it is feasible. Mr. Casarez asked if there was a plan B if a fee is not imposed. Chief Schmitz said yes, the sixth officer position would be cut at the end of the budget cycle. Mr. Casarez asked how the fee will impact mobile parks since they are on one meter. CA Harding explained that it will be per dwelling unit.

Anita Northcutt, resident, stated that our police lives are worth \$12 per month to her and is in support of the fee. She has concerns about the current state of danger in our country.

Cindy Gordon, resident, voiced her concern about the city not seeking Marion County Sheriff back up. Chief Schmitz addressed her concerns and explained our agreement for back up service with Marion County Sheriff's Office. Marion County is wide spread and they may not have a deputy available and the response time is typically more than a few minutes. Ms. Gordon also asked if Council has explored other revenue options.

CA Harding talked about the 5-year forecast and explained the methodology behind the amount of the fee.

Mayor Baugh opened the floor for Council comments. Councilor Crawford stated that he has taken time to visit with neighbors about the fee and overall they support it. Councilor Clayton stated that Council members are citizens too and are affected by the fee the same as other residents. Councilor Seney said she does her best to talk to community members and educate them on issues that will affect them. Councilor Walters stated that she is willing to pay the fee, the safety of the community and our officers is worth it.

Councilor Czarnik thanked everyone for their comments on social media. They have been civil and well thought out. He commented that regardless of the city's growth, we need 24/7 police coverage. Marion County Sheriff Deputy response time is long and can't guarantee that they will have someone available when we need them. Neighboring city police departments are short staffed as well, so we can't rely on them. The police department continues to look for ways to cut cost. The state motor pool recently raised the price on leased vehicles; we will replace one of our leased SUVs with a used patrol car. Councilor Czarnik also reiterated that the proposed ordinance stipulates that the fees collected can go toward where it's supposed to go. He ended by urging those in attendance to get involved during the budget process.

Mayor Baugh asked visitors to go out into the community and talk about what they heard here tonight. Help to spread the word and encourage citizens to attend the next meeting in December.

Council recessed at 8:40 PM and reconvened at 8:47 PM

CONSENT AGENDA:

Council received the October 17, 2017 and October 28, 2017 Check Register, and the October 23, 2017 Aumsville City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Seney made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and Councilor Clayton seconded. Voting for the motion were councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters and Mayor Baugh; the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Council reviewed the contract information provided by JMS Engineering for the New Tower Water Supply Well Work. CA Harding gave an overview of the history of the bid process and it was discussed. Work could start right after the first of the year if Council approves the contract. We have adequate funding with SDC and Water Improvement funding to complete the project. Councilor Seney moved to approve the contract and move forward with the Tower Water Supply Well Work; Councilor Crawford seconded. Voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters and Mayor Baugh; and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading of Ord. No. 659 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL BUSINESSES AND PEDDLERS IN THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, FIXING FEES, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER FOR ENFORCING THIS ORDINANCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 269 AND 567. Councilor Seney moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 659, Councilor Clayton seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 659. Councilor Czarnik motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ord. No. 659, Councilor Crawford seconded voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Seney motioned to adopt Ord. No. 659. Councilor Crawford seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading of Ord. No. 660 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A TREE CITY TREE CARE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON; TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE BY PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE PLANTING, MAINTENANCE, AND REMOVAL OF TREES, SHRUBS, AND OTHER PLANTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF AUMSVILLE. Councilor Crawford moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 660, Councilor Czarnik seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 660. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ord. No. 660, Councilor Crawford seconded voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Seney motioned to adopt Ord. No. 660. Councilor Clayton seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

First Reading by title only of Ordinance No. 661 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A TREE BOARD FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON; PROVIDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE AND DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF; MAKING THE ORDINANCES OF SAID CITY APPLICABLE TO AUMSVILLE TREES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID CITY. Councilor Seney moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 661, Councilor Crawford seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Second reading by title only of Ordinance No. 661. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the 2nd reading of Ord. No. 661, Councilor Clayton seconded voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Crawford motioned to adopt Ord. No. 661. Councilor Czarnik seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 14-17 ESTABLISHING UPDATED CITY SERVICE FEES AND PUBLIC RECORDS/INFORMATION REQUEST POLICY. Councilor Seney moved to adopt Resolution 14-17 as presented and Councilor Clayton seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Seney, Walters, and Mayor Baugh, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Public Works Report: There was a malfunction at the Tower Well pump causing it to overflow. Staff took care of the problem quickly so there was no damage or issues with service.

Safe Routes to School: The city has received a draft agreement from ODOT for the project. The city engineer is currently reviewing the project costs and engineering cost to make sure we understand the city's commitment before we bring it to Council for approval; possibly the first meeting in January.

Park Master Plan: The final changes have been made and will be brought to Council in December.

Housing Authority Grant for CDBG: The Valley Development Initiative is opening up \$400K to be divided with a joint pool of surrounding communities. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) can be used for housing rehabilitation; including repairs to mobile homes.

Main Street member: We have joined the Main Street Program as an affiliate member. We are hoping this program will provide some opportunities to assist Council as they implement the Main Street vision developed last year.

Forecasting model: CA Harding and FO Hoyer will be showing our forecasting model as an example of good budget and finance practices. The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) is hosting the class and has let us know that all seats are full.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mayor Baugh recently attended the Annual Oregon Mayors Coalition. He stated that he made some good contacts and it was helpful to hear what other cities are going through.

Council received an application from Aumsville citizen Gus Bedwell for the Planning Commission. Council consensus was to appoint Mr. Bedwell to one of the vacant positions. The commission is still seeking two more applicants.

Councilor Walters reported that the PARC storage shed, located at Porter-Boone Park, has been vandalized. The Police Department is investigating at this time and it has not been determined if anything is missing.

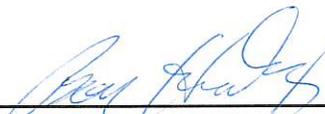
CORRESPONDENCE: Council received a letter of resignation from Planning Commissioner Vivian Bronec. Vivian has been part of the commission since 2005. Her services to the city are greatly appreciated and Council wishes her the best for the future.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 9:45 PM



Robert W. Baugh, Jr., Mayor

Della Seneq,
Council President



Ron Harding, City Administrator