



# City of Aumsville

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## ACC Visioning Meeting Minutes August 28, 2017

Mayor Baugh called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon.

Council present were Mayor Robert Baugh, Jr., Councilors Brian Czarnik, Della Seney, Lorie Walters (arrived at 7:18 PM), Gabe Clayton, Kevin Crawford, and Trina Lee. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Baugh read a Proclamation into record proclaiming THAT THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS: "*VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK.*" Councilor Seney made a motion to accept the proclamation as written. Councilor Lee seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Mayor Baugh. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council received the August 8th, 2017 through August 15, 2017 Check Registers, the August 14, 2017 Aumsville City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Czarnik seconded; voting for the motion were Councilors Clayton, Crawford, Czarnik, Lee, Seney, and Mayor Baugh. Motion passed unanimously.

**VISIONING/GOALS DISCUSSION:** Topic: Main Street beautification, Branding, and Economic Development.

Main Street Beautification: "How do we recognize downtown?" The following items are ways that we can bring recognition to our downtown:

- Visually clean and appealing.
- Continuity of sidewalks – finishing missing pieces of sidewalk for walkability.
- Decorative street poles – uniformity and use for decoration now, add lights later.
- Add trees to Main Street business landscape.
- Underground utilities.

Council also discussed becoming a Tree City USA participant city. CA Harding explained the program criteria. The types of trees that would be best for the city were discussed. Mayor Baugh suggested that we look into trees that are on the endangered list. CA Harding will bring a list of preferred trees for Council to review. We would need mature

trees to allow 7' of clearance below the canopy. Council concurred that CA Harding should move forward with the application process to become a Tree City USA city.

The concerns about street parking on Main Street and the challenges of creating continuity were discussed. CA Harding talked about how our city code may not be consistent with the planning commission's intent for store front requirements. He will work with them on updating the code to reflect their intent and be more business friendly.

Council concurred that they support:

- Decorative street poles – uniformity and use for decoration now, add lights later.
- Gardens, flower baskets, and park areas to beautify downtown.
- Following-up on the information that came out of the charrette to help to develop projects.
- Underground utilities for new businesses such as the Dollar General.
- Finish Main Street sidewalks – fill in the gaps.
- Welcome signs at all entrances to the city.
- Develop and recognize service groups.
- Enhance community events.
- Develop a small retail village. CA Harding will research location options.

Enhancing and continuing to brand the city as "A Great Place to Live" was discussed. They liked the idea that the branding will continue to reinforce family and community events. Council concurred to continue forward with this branding.

A downtown drinking fountain was also discussed but Council was split and asked to table the discussion until a later date.

Community Art – silhouettes of children and families were discussed. Council likes the idea of a theme and tying in the silhouettes from our entry sign on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. They talked about placing art pieces on top of the flower basket hangers and how community art adds to the Small Town USA feel. Council also discussed ways to fund art projects.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Council gave KUDOS to city staff for their work on the Corn Festival, and they also commended the Corn Festival Committee for a good job. Special KUDOS to Mayor Baugh for wearing the new mascot suit during the festival. Mayor Baugh thanked council members for participating in the festival parade. CA Harding reported that the eclipse event went well and stayed low key within the city with no traffic issues.

The annual volunteer picnic was discussed. It will be a community-wide potluck event with a dessert contest. We will have a general program thanking all volunteers for their service and introducing volunteer opportunities to community members. The city will provide pulled pork and there will be softball, horse shoes, trivia, and other games.

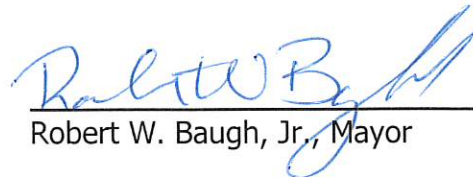
Mayor Baugh has been working to put together a leaders forum to be scheduled in October. He spoke with Julie Wisser at Riverview Bank and she would be willing to champion the start up of a business association. Santiam GROW will provide resources for businesses.

Holiday activities were discussed. A community-wide decorating contest, a hay ride around town, a Christmas Store for kids, and carolers were some of the ideas talked about. City staff will schedule an "All Things Christmas" meeting to schedule and plan the city's upcoming holiday events.

Council received the Year-to-date actual vs Budget spreadsheet. CA Harding gave a brief review of the document and it was discussed.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 9:15PM

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator

  
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Robert W. Baugh, Jr., Mayor