



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – February 10, 2020**

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 and Councilors Gus Bedwell, Angelica Ceja, Nico Casarez, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was: Councilor Jim Case. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Clevenger asked for a motion to approve the agenda with staff recommended changes to remove item 6B due to a needed correction to one of the attachments. Councilor Casarez motioned to approve the agenda with changes as requested by staff. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**VISITORS:** There were 6 visitors in the audience, and no one asked to speak during the public comment period.

**PRESENTATION:** Aumsville Historical Society (AHS) Vice President Russ Snow (VP Snow) presented their 2019 Annual Report. He stated that the museum was open 100 hours and members worked 306 volunteer hours. They had 237 visitors tour the museum and 4900 visits to the AHS website. AHS had an income of \$8266 with an ending balance of \$2697.26. They had 57 members.

VP Snow reported that museum visits were down in 2019. They have contributed part of that to Saturday Market moving to the park and that they had no 4<sup>th</sup> graders from the elementary school like they had in past years.

VP Snow told Council AHS will be putting emphasis on local family history in 2020. He stated that many people don't know how much family history is available at the museum. They have many local artifacts for people to view, but they want visitors to know they can research family history as well. Council thanked him and had no questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the January 27, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the January 29, 2020 Council work session minutes. Councilor Seney moved to

approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council reviewed Resolution No. 03-20, A resolution to approve the delay of the automatic utility rate increase from December 2019 to June 1, 2020. CA Harding gave a quick overview of why this resolution is before Council. He explained that we need a new resolution every year to delay the increase. Once our codes are updated, we will change the automatic increase to June 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Then a resolution will no longer be needed. CA Harding informed Council that the draft code updates will be coming to them soon. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 03-20 as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** CA Harding addressed the Council Retreat scheduling, stating that it has been difficult to find a Saturday that everyone is available the whole day. He proposed changing it to several evening work sessions instead and it was discussed. CA Harding asked Council to review the Council Goals and let him know if they have any concerns. After some discussion, Council consensus was for CA Harding to schedule the multiple evening work sessions.

Bethel Baptist Church street frontage improvements were discussed. CA Harding asked Council to consider authorizing the city to contribute up to \$10,000 from our Street Fund toward the improvements. He stated that the street parking in front of the church is a benefit to the community and the church has been generous with the use of their property for community events. Councilor Seney reported that they are in the bid process at this time and the total project is estimated \$190,000. Council was in support of providing a small contribution toward the street and sidewalk improvements but would defer the amount until a formal cost estimate is available.

CA Harding announced that the city is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM for people who have volunteered for city events. Spaghetti and chicken parmesan will be served. The event will be by invitation only. Previous years have been potluck style, but this year we want the volunteers to come and enjoy without having to prepare anything.

At 11:00 AM on April 22<sup>nd</sup> the city will host an Arbor Day Celebration by planting a Hiroshima Peace Tree in Mill Creek park. Staff has partnered with the elementary school to have students participate in the celebration. They are estimating 300 students will be present. We will also have a donation of 300 tree seedlings to hand out at the celebration through a donation from Freres Lumber Co.

CA Harding announced that he is planning a Budget 101 workshop that will be open to community members interested in our budget process; it will also include the current

Budget Committee members. The workshop is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM in the community center. He plans to videotape the workshop and make the information available on our website.

Corn Festival discussion: CA Harding responded to concerns raised by Council that the Corn Festival Board (CFB) is down to only a few members and whether they will have funds or volunteers to execute the 2020 event. They were also concerned about the lack of communication between CFB and city staff. After much discussion it was Council consensus to have CA Harding schedule a meeting with the CFB president to discuss some options for moving forward. Council's direction was to only contract a smaller portion of duties to the CFB this year and allow them to build up membership and organization to have the capacity to manage events in the future. Council wants CFB to focus on managing the corn portion this year, which is a large portion of the event. The city will take over a greater responsibility in managing the event itself.

Council received the January 29<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 check registers, Police Chief Schmitz' and Public Works Director Oslie's monthly reports, and Aumsville staff meeting notes for review. There was no discussion or questions.

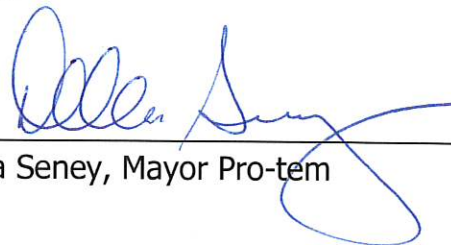
CA Harding informed Council that he will be meeting with the Vision focus group on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> to review the draft vision plan. He also let Council know that he has been working on a city logo and will present some draft samples for their input at the next Council work session. He has received the draft Development Ordinance amendments and is ready for the Planning Commission to review and talk about the changes.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Councilor Seney stated that she attended a recent Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) meeting. They were given the list of potential projects for 2024. She will print the list and bring to a future Council meeting for review and input for those who are interested.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM without prejudice.



Della Seney, Mayor Pro-tem



Ron Harding, City Administrator

