



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – April 13, 2020**

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was: None. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) via Zoom, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) was also present in the Community Center.

**VISITORS:** There were 0 visitors in the audience, and no one asked to speak during the public comment period.

#### **PRESENTATION: NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the March 9, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the March 17, 2020 Emergency Meeting minutes. Councilor Purdy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

#### **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council reviewed for approval:

- Resolution No. 5-20 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE EMERGENCY. Mayor Clevenger asked to have the duration clarified and asked that it be amended to coincide with the State declaration. Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 5-20 with the amended duration to the end of the State of Oregon declared emergency. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, and Seney. No: Purdy.)
- Resolution No. 6-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE APPLICATION FOR OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR PLANNING OF EASTSIDE PARK. CA Harding gave a brief overview of the grant and it was discussed. Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6-20 as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: none.)

- Resolution No. 7-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE APPLICATION FOR OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOWER PARK. Councilor Purdy made a motion to approve Resolution No. 7-20 as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: none.)
- Deferred Compensation Agreement. CA Harding explained that Senate Bill 1049 (SB1049) that was passed January 2020 changes the way we handle PERS employees who retire and then return to work. The Bill requires employers to pay PERS for this employee at a higher rate retroactive back to January 1, 2020. The city will be billed in July for the first six months.

On February 23, 2015 Council approved a variance to the personnel rules that continued a 10% deferred compensation payment for Chief Schmitz. In 2013 Chief Schmitz, Lieutenant at that time, proposed taking an early retirement and being rehired by the city. At which point the city would no longer be charged contributions against his salary by PERS. In exchange for this, it was proposed that the city instead contribute an amount equal to 10% of his salary into a deferred compensation plan. This agreement saved the city a significant amount compared to employing an active PERS employee.

CA Harding stated that, in light of SB1049, Chief Schmitz is in agreement with the staff recommendation for Council to repeal the variance approving the 10% deferred compensation proposal.

Councilor Purdy moved to repeal the active variance approved on February 23, 2015 and discontinue the 10% deferred compensation contribution for Chief Richard Schmitz and authorize the full PERS contribution to be paid on behalf of the city effective January 1, 2020. Councilor Casarez second. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: none.)

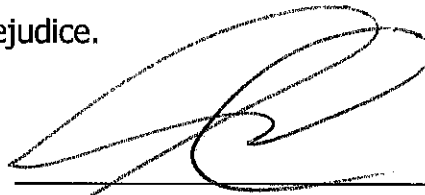
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** CA Harding stated that there have been no emerging issues since the last council meeting, with the exception that the Corn Festival Board has chosen not to participate in the event this year. Staff discussed it in a planning meeting and are taking needed action to move forward.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Council received a letter from the City of Stayton Police Chief to commend Officer Flowers for his part in apprehending a graffiti artist and stated that his professionalism is appreciated.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: NONE**

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM without prejudice.



Derek Clevenger, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator