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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – May 11, 2020

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 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) and Aumsville Police Chief Richard Schmitz (Chief Schmitz) were present via Zoom. City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) was present in the Community Center. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilor Casarez moved to approve agenda as presented. Councilor Case seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 0 visitors in the audience, and no one asked to speak during the public comment period. A call-in service number was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

DISCUSSION: Marijuana on the November Ballot

Mayor Clevenger opened the discussion by stating that the discussion should be about the pros and cons of putting the marijuana moratorium and the police safety fee on the November ballot. Council decided to address each issue separately and started with the marijuana moratorium. He stated that personal beliefs and opinions should not be part of the discussion. He invited the rest of the council to add to the discussion.

Each council member spoke to the subject voicing concerns on both sides. They appreciated all the community input that was received. There was discussion about how council perceived the input received from the community. Members of the council discussed the issues with constituents and relayed what they believed the substance of these conversations were.

Some concerns were raised on both sides of the issue with some feeling it should be voted on again, while others felt that residents have already voted twice regarding marijuana and

it seems too soon. Suggestions were to bring it back to vote in 3-5 years. Tax revenue was also discussed.

There were also concerns about the timing and where the city staff should be focused. Such as costly issues like meeting the upcoming DEQ requirement and deadlines for major infrastructure improvements were raised. Mayor Clevenger felt city staff could multitask on multiple issues.

After a lengthy discussion Councilor Purdy moved to not put either the Marijuana Moratorium or the Police Safety Fee on the November Ballot. Mayor Clevenger asked if the motion could be separate for each subject. CA Harding asked to give a recommendation for motions. He suggested that a motion should give a forward action, not to prevent an action, and gave examples of how this could be stated. Councilor Purdy withdrew his motion. Councilor Ceja moved to put the Marijuana Moratorium on the November ballot. Councilor Casarez seconded. CA Harding asked to add a point of discussion. He clarified that if the motion passes, the way that the intent of the motion would be, you would be directing the City Administrator to draft a ballot measure. You would not be voting to put it on the ballot. That can't be done until a ballot measure is drafted and reviewed by Council. Council agreed with the interpretation. Motion FAILED 3-4: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, and Ceja. No: Councilors Bedwell, Case, Purdy, and Seney.)

DISCUSSION: Police Safety Fee on November Ballot

Mayor Clevenger reminded Council that the question isn't about getting rid of the fee, it's about putting it out to the public for a vote. He asked to hear from the rest of the council.

Councilors discussed the public comments and community input they have received. Most councilors stated that the people they spoke to were in support of the fee. There was discussion on the remedies the council has addressed in relation to issues brought up from the original wording of the ordinance. There was discussion on whether the community should have the opportunity to vote, if the fee was considered a tax, and what the alternatives would be if the fee were not in place.

CA Harding did provide an overview of the process the city used originally to approve the public safety fee. He stated that the process was lengthy and the city council spent a number of months on community outreach.

After another lengthy discussion Councilor Casarez moved to have the city administrator draft language that would set an advisory vote in regard to the Police Safety Fee. Councilor Ceja Seconded. Motion FAILED 3-4: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Casarez, and Ceja. No: Councilors Bedwell, Case, Purdy, and Seney.)

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the April 13, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Seney 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: Westech Engineering Facility Plan Proposal

CA Harding stated that on January 14th, 2020 the City of Aumsville entered into a Mutual Agreement Order (MAO) with DEQ because our current Lagoon wastewater treatment facility does not meet our NPDES Permit for Ammonia. In this MAO DEQ has required the city to perform multiple tasks with deadlines. If we do not meet these deadlines, we could face enforcement penalties.

We currently have a deadline of July 1st, 2020 to have a signed contract with an engineering firm to perform a wastewater facility plan. Westech Engineering is the engineer of record for the city and is also performing a mixing zone study for the city. The data from the mixing zone study will also be used in the facility plan. By having Westech perform both studies we will save money as the data needed for the mixing zone study will also be needed for the facility plan. We have sent the proposal to DEQ to make sure it meets all the requirements they are asking in a facility plan per our MAO. Westech Engineering has done several of these plans for systems of our size and larger. Public Works staff and DEQ have confidence that Westech will be able to generate a detailed facility plan that will provide the city with multiple options on what will be needed to bring our wastewater treatment facility up to date and meet the NPDES permit. There was no discussion.

Councilor Casarez moved to approve the proposal and contract for Westech Engineering to complete a wastewater facility plan not to exceed \$76,000.00 as presented by staff. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding announced that the new city website is up, and he reviewed some of the features. It is now mobile phone friendly and is capable of translating to multiple languages. He thanked Office Assistant Elaina Turpin for taking the lead on this and doing a good job. He also thanked city staff, most of whom contributed to the website material. He also talked about some of the ways the city is working toward more transparency and communication with the community.

Councilor Seney asked if Council will meet on Memorial Day and it was discussed. Consensus was to cancel the May 25th meeting.

The Development Code update will be coming before Council at the June 8th meeting.

CA Harding informed Council of some changes that he will be proposing at the Budget hearing.

Due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Executive Orders, Superhero Carnival has been cancelled and it looks like the Corn Festival as well. Council consensus was that we are committed to purchasing the corn. CA Harding asked Council for input on how we could still get corn out to people and still have some fun. Mayor Clevenger requested setting up a special meeting to have a work session about the Corn Festival and Council agreed.

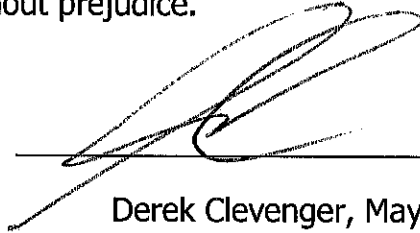
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Clevenger gave an update on his work and travel schedule. He will keep council apprised of what's happening.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM without prejudice.



Derek Clevenger, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator