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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – June 8, 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, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was: Councilor Jim Case. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Aumsville Police Chief Richard Schmitz (Chief Schmitz), Public Works Director Steve Oslie (PWD Oslie), Finance Officer Josh Hoyer (FO Hoyer), and Contract Planner Walt Wendolowski 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 Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 11 online attendees. Log in information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

PRESENTATION: Republic Services Garbage Rate Change Proposal

KJ Lewis, Municipal Relationship Manager for Republic Services. Joining her was Operation Manager for the Aumsville area Jay Lawson, Business Unit Finance Manager Will Mathias, Assistant Division Controller Kimi Chambers, Contract Administrator Travis Comfort, and Jason Jordan. Ms. Lewis gave a slide presentation to show the need for increasing service rates in Aumsville. Aumsville rates have not changed since 2016 and a lot of their expenses have gone up since then. She also pointed out that Aumsville has the lowest rates in the surrounding area and, even with the increased rates, they will be the lowest of neighboring communities. They are asking for a rate increase of 15.8% (approximately \$3.50 per customer). Council discussed different ways to keep the cost down for residents as well as delaying the effective date of the rate increase to September 1, 2020. After a brief discussion Council directed staff to draft a resolution to authorize the increase in rates and making it effective September 1, 2020. This will allow time for Republic Services to provide additional notice to the community members.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Walter Wick, Aumsville resident, commented that he understands the need for the increase and just wants to make sure that the public is well informed.

Doug Ecclestone, Aumsville resident, commented that he agrees that the increase is needed and suggested a stairstep increase rather than all at once. CA Harding explained that a phased-in increase would have a compounding effect and would actually wind up being a higher increase.

Scott Lee, Aumsville resident, posed a question regarding paying for yard debris. KJ Lewis explained that other cities include yard debris in the base rate bill. Councilor Seney commented that they asked for an opt out clause for yard debris in a previous discussion and that was granted.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the May 11, 2020 Council meeting minutes and the May 15, 2020 Council Work Session Minutes. Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

PUBLIC HEARING: State Revenue Sharing Hearing

Mayor Clevenger opened the public meeting at 8:01 PM.

FO Hoyer explained that in order for the city to receive money from the State Revenue Sharing program and adopt it into the budget, we must hold a public hearing to consider public testimony on the proposed use of state revenue sharing funds to be received by the city. CA Harding explained that this revenue is dedicated to the city parks fund and it receives approximately \$54,000 per year. Both resolutions are housekeeping for budget approval. Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any public testimony and there was none. He asked Council if they had any questions or suggestions for the use of state revenue. There was no discussion of other possible uses.

Mayor Clevenger closed the Public Hearing at 8:04 PM.

Council reviewed the following resolutions for approval:

Resolution No. 8-20 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MUNICIPAL SERVICES. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 8-20 as presented. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Resolution No. 9-20 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES. Councilor Purdy moved to approve Resolution No. 9-20 as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

PUBLIC HEARING: Budget Hearing – Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Mayor Clevenger opened the hearing at 8:06 PM.

CA Harding stated that the budget looks good and the city has good financial outlook for funding the 2020-2021 fiscal year. CA Harding discussed the budget process and that the

budget committee approved the draft budget on May 12th, 2020. He stated the approach was to continue with our assumption process used in previous years and not to alter the budget for impacts from COVID-19. The feeling was there was really no way to accurately estimate for the COVID impact. The city has built up reserves for each fund and he felt that we could weather any impacts. It will be better to adjust as needed in the next fiscal budget cycle. He also brought to Council's attention some minor changes that are outlined in the staff report.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any public testimony and there was none. He asked Council if they had any questions or comments; there were none. Councilor Bedwell thanked the Budget Committee and staff for all their hard work putting the budget together.

Mayor Clevenger closed the State Revenue Hearing at 8:13 PM.

Resolution No. 10-20 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND IMPOSING CATEGORIZING TAXES with mentioned amendments. Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution No. 10-20 adopting the 2020-21 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$11,207,183, as presented, and to levy taxes at the permanent rate of \$3.6327 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Council convened at 8:15 PM and reconvened at 8:20 PM

**PUBLIC HEARING:
Amendment to the Aumsville Development Ordinance No. 323**

Mayor Clevenger opened the public hearing at 8:21 PM.

There were no objections to reading the ordinance by title only.

Staff Report: CA Harding gave some background on the ordinance update project. He stated that this update was done mainly to clean up and clarify areas of the ordinance that were conflicting and hard to interpret. It was also to bring the ordinance into compliance with current case law and state statutes, as well as, making it easier for small businesses to develop or move into the business district. But his direction was to largely maintain the current code requirements. Contract Planner Wendolowski went through the staff report, pointing out some of the more significant changes. Council discussed the changes and asked questions of clarification. Three changes that need to be made: 1) Section 22.04(A)2, add the word *wall* to maximum allowable (wall) height. 2) 22.04(A)4, take out *600 sf* language and clarify lot coverage. 3) Section 23.04(D)4, remove the last sentence regarding evergreens for clarification. Planner Wendolowski will make those changes.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any public testimony and there was none. He asked Council if they had any questions or comments; there were none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 9:24 PM

Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any deliberation needed; there was none.

Mayor Clevenger gave the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 670 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON, ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS CHAPTER 227. REPEALING ORDINANCE 323 AND AMENDMENTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND STATING PENALTIES. IT IS FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO COORDINATE THE CITY REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE DIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND AND TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Development Ordinance as contained in the attached Exhibit "A", Adopting the finding and conclusions contained in the submitted staff report with modifications and approve the first reading of Ordinance 670. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.) With a unanimous vote, in accordance with the City Charter, Council may proceed to a second reading by title only.

Mayor Clevenger gave the second reading of Ordinance No. 670 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON, ADOPTING AN OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS CHAPTER 227. REPEALING ORDINANCE 323 AND AMENDMENTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND STATING PENALTIES. IT IS FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO COORDINATE THE CITY REGULATIONS CONTROLLING THE DIVISION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF LAND AND TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the second reading by title of Ordinance No. 670 and adopt as contained in the attached Exhibit "A", Adopting the finding and conclusions contained in the submitted staff report with modifications. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 11-20 A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE POLICY YEAR 2020-2021. Councilor Purdy moved to approve Resolution No. 11-20 as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Resolution No. 12-20 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2019-2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS IN THE WATER AND SEWER FUNDS. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 12-20 as presented. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Councilor Case Resignation: Council discussed how they want to fill the position. CA Harding outlined the options and they were discussed. Council consensus was to appoint someone to the position at the July 27th meeting. Staff will advertise the vacancy in the July newsletter. They will accept applications through noon July 13th.

Councilor Bedwell moved to accept Councilor Jim Case's resignation. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding gave a COVID-19 update. Still waiting to get the glass partition finished in city hall. Once it is in, we will work toward opening city hall back up to the public. Staff is working in alternating teams to answer phones and assist customers. He stated the city is still not assessing late fees or disconnecting customers who are behind on their water/sewer bills for those who contact city hall and make arrangements. CA Harding asked Council for guidance on when the city should start charging those fees again. He explained that most that are affected by COVID-19 have reached out and have been helped. His concern is for the customers who just haven't paid their bills and have not contacted us to set up a payment plan. Their balances are getting higher and he worries that they will have a difficult time getting back on track if we let it go much longer. Council consensus was to table the subject until the July 13th Council meeting and get an update from CA Harding at that time.

CA Harding recommends that we continue with the Zoom conference meeting for the last meeting of this month and to look at the conditions at that time to see if it warrants a change in the meeting process and it was discussed.

The kid's summer program is set to start June 19th. It will look a little different to accommodate COVID-19 safety regulations.

Saturday Market will move to Mill Creek for this season. Our first event is June 13th and we will be following COVID guidelines. Mayor Clevenger suggested that Council have a booth again this year.

PWD Oslie reported that Public Works staff continues to work on updating audio/visual equipment in the community center while it is not being used.

The Michael Way overlay is complete, and CA Harding stated that he is very pleased with the finished product. It should last a long time now.

Chief Schmitz announced that they won't be starting up the Municipal Court until next month. Judge Butterfield is doing hearings by phone until then.

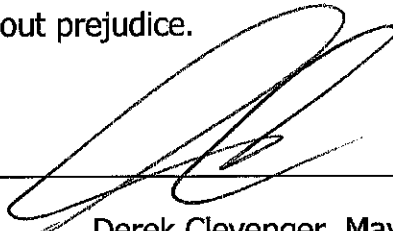
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Seney announced that she was appointed to the Steering Committee for the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT) meetings. She added that the Michael Way residents say thank you for their road.

Mayor Clevenger announced that he would be signing a letter to the Governor, along with other mayors, requesting that cities be able to appropriate COVID funding more directly.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 PM without prejudice.



Derek Clevenger, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator