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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – June 22, 2020

Mayor Pro-tem Della Seney called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent was: Mayor Derek Clevenger. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilor Casarez moved to approve agenda as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 5 online attendees. Log in information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the June 18, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Purdy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution No. 13-20 A RESOLUTION REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 16-16, TO BE MARKED AS EXHIBIT "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 308; SETTING COLLECTION FEES FOR SANTIAM SANITARY, DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES OF MARION COUNTY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE AND SANTIAM SANITARY SERVICE. Councilor Bedwell moved to approve Resolution No. 13-20 as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 4-1: (Yes: Bedwell, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: Casarez.)

Mid-Valley Council of Governments (MVCOG) Planning Services Contract Renewal. CA Harding gave an overview of the contract services. He stated that it doesn't lock us into anything it just provides the service if we need it. Councilor Casarez moved to authorize City Administrator to enter into a Planning Services Contract Renewal with MVCOG. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

CA Harding gave an update on COVID-19. He talked about the uptick in positive cases in Marion County. The city was awarded a reimbursement COVID relief fund of up to \$15,000 for expenses that we have incurred due to the pandemic. Things like portable hand washing stations, hand sanitizer, PPE, and the new glass partition in the lobby of city hall. It can't be used for waived utility late fees, disconnection fees, and things of that nature. The state is working on an economic development grant to distribute out to cities to help with local economy. Other than the lobby being closed, we've adjusted our processes and have been able to continue serving our citizen's needs.

CA Harding opened a discussion regarding the reopening of city parks. He explained the Phase 2 requirements for opening the parks and some of the difficulties for staff to meet the guidelines. One alternative that the Governor gives if you don't have the resources is the placement of signs stating that people can use the facilities at their own risk, and practice COVID-19 safety guidelines. He told Council that the restrooms will continue to be cleaned daily. CA Harding asked if we should open Wildwood park. Several councilmembers expressed concern because the size of the park and difficulty to maintain social distancing. CA Harding also said he was receiving inquiries from community members about the park. Council should know that as the weather warms there would be continual pressure from community members wanting to use this facility.

CA Harding asked Council for feedback. Councilor Bedwell suggested that we leave the restrooms closed in all parks and it was discussed. Consensus of Council was to move forward with posting signage, leave restrooms open, and open all parks; except for Wildwood Park. It will remain closed and Council will revisit it at a future meeting. CA Harding agreed to check with other spray parks to see how they are approaching this issue and report back to council.

CA Harding recommended that Council continue with Zoom for the next meeting and Council concurred.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Purdy stated that he appreciates our Police Department and read a sample 'resolution of support'. He wants to recognize the dedication to our community evidenced by our police force. He asked for input from other councilors. Council members all agreed that they are supportive of our local law enforcement officers. The discussion was around current national events and whether this would be the right time. Council discussed alternative ways to show appreciation to the department. CA Harding suggested, rather than a resolution, add the statement to our website and it was discussed. Consensus of Council was for CA Harding

and Chief Schmitz to meet and put something together that would be from Council to the officers. We will vet it through Councilor Purdy, then bring to the next Council meeting.

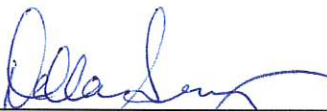
CA Harding stated the he wants Council to know that he is very proud of all city staff. They are working hard to make sure that our services continue through this pandemic. Our city police force focus on providing service to our community, their dedication to the job and residents is regardless of anything going on outside of the community. All agreed with CA Harding's statement.

Rachel Salsedo posted in the meeting that a suggestion to create an appreciation banner that the community could sign. CA Harding asked her to send him an email with her idea and she posted that she would.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Councilor Seney stated that she will be sending out the City Administrator evaluation for his review. She asked that Council return them to her by July 8th so that she can have it ready for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM without prejudice.



Della Seney, Mayor Pro-tem



Ron Harding, City Administrator