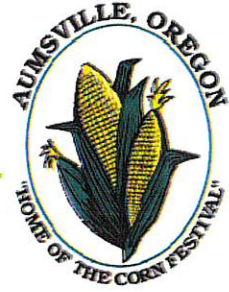




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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### Minutes – July 13, 2020 *REVISED July 27, 2020*

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:04 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: None. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) was also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve agenda with amendments; add the Cooperation Agreement for Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) Funds for Three Federal Fiscal Years 2021-2023 to Old Business. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**VISITORS:** There were 4 online attendees. Log in information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

**PRESENTATION:** Jackie Leung – House District 19 Candidate introduced herself. She thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to introduce herself and stated that she is looking forward to getting to know everyone.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the June 22, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Purdy moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** CA Harding provided Council with a quick background of the Cooperation Agreement for CDGB Funds. He stated that previously these funds were administered through Business Oregon program and Marion County recently applied to have their own CDGB program. It will allow a little more control of localized distribution of the funding. We have a choice to stay with Business Oregon or go with Marion County and it was discussed. Councilor Casarez moved to authorize CA Harding to enter into a three-year contract with

Marion County for CDBG funding. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.

**NEW BUSINESS: Discussion - City Administrator Evaluation Procedure**

Council discussed the current process and how it aligns with the City Administrator's contract. Mayor Clevenger suggested that the process be changed to annual in March of each year and rotating councilmembers to facilitate so that it is a different person each year. Councilor Bedwell suggested that Council proceed with Councilor Seney as the facilitator for this year's evaluation, since she has already been working to put it together, starting the new process in March of 2021. After a lengthy discussion, consensus of Council was to have Councilor Seney complete this year's evaluation and present it at the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting in open session. Moving forward: in January each year Council will appoint a councilmember to facilitate the evaluation and present it to Council at the first meeting in March.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

**City Hall Lobby Reopening:** CA Harding gave an update on the city hall lobby upgrades and reopening plan. He asked Council for their input about opening to the public next week and it was discussed. Consensus was to open city hall lobby once the glass partition is complete with strict COVID-19 precautions. Customers will be required to wear a mask. If they don't have one, the city will provide one. If they are unable to wear a mask, staff will come outside to assist them. Only one customer will be allowed in the lobby at a time.

**Wildwood Park Reopening:** Council discussed the current closure. Consensus of Council was to open the park but keep the splash pad shut down for the season. Public Works staff will post the same signage as other city parks.

Marion County will begin a paving project on Mill Creek Rd. starting July 23<sup>rd</sup>. They have not sent out a full schedule of the work, but we will put out a PSA on social media as soon as we have it. Commuters can expect some traffic delays during the project.

**11<sup>th</sup> & Main Flashing Light:** CA Harding explained that PP&L will need to relocate one of the poles that supports this light. The city is responsible for the cost of moving the pole, estimated between \$10,000 and \$20,000. We also pay \$75 per month for power and service to the light itself. He stated that Public Works suggested that it really doesn't serve any public safety traffic control and we should just remove the light and it was discussed. Councilor Ceja moved to remove the yellow blinking light at 11<sup>th</sup> & Mill Creek Rd. Councilor Bedwell seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.

**Police Recognition:** Councilor Purdy inquired about the police recognition project and CA Harding gave a brief update. CA Harding explained that Chief Schmitz is working with staff to put a draft together and send it out for approval. Council discussed the department's hiring process. There was discussion about providing posters for the community to write words of encouragement on. Public Works staff are working on getting the posters ready.

Mayor Clevenger suggested having the posters available on August 15<sup>th</sup> as part of our Corn Festival activities. Possibly list the location along with the citywide garage sale map for that day.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: None**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Council discussed the next steps to fill the vacant Council position. Consensus was to invite applicants to the meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> and give them 3-5 minutes to introduce themselves and tell Council why they want to be a city councilor. Each councilmember will be able to ask applicants questions. Then Council will deliberate and make an appoint to the position.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

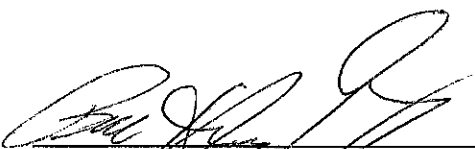
Council received an anonymous letter concerning the residency of Councilor Casarez. Councilor Casarez stated that he does live in the city limits and showed several pieces of ID for proof of residency [*Corrected at July 27, 2020 ACC Meeting*] **he also went outside during the meeting, on video, to show Council and viewers that he does live in Aumsville.**

Mayor Clevenger stated that Council received a number of letters regarding a recent Facebook post that he made. He invited Councilor Bedwell to speak on the issue. Councilor Bedwell read his statement in which he formally asked for the resignation of the Mayor. Mayor Clevenger declined the request.

After a lengthy discussion Councilor Bedwell made a motion that: Mayor Clevenger be sanctioned for his continued inappropriate conduct. Since he has proven that he holds a bias against members of this Council, staff and members of the community, which is a violation of section 6.16 of the Council Procedures. It only seems fit that his ability to facilitate these meetings, be lead representative at ceremonial events, and vote on any matters be stripped of him immediately. This should also stay in place until such a time that a majority of this Council has proof, and agrees, that his conduct on social media and in these meetings do not bring discredit upon himself, the Council, and the City of Aumsville.

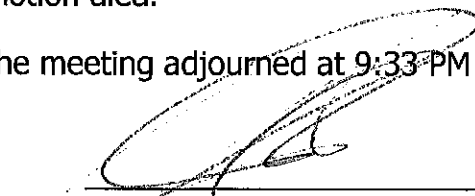
After some discussion Mayor Clevenger and Councilor Bedwell agreed that the conversation wasn't productive and agreed to disagree. Mayor Clevenger asked if there was a second to the motion on floor, there was not. The motion died.

There were no other agenda issues and the meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM without prejudice.



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Ron Harding, City Administrator



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Derek Clevenger, Mayor