



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – August 10, 2020**

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Ryan Bambrick, Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, and Larry Purdy. Council absent: Della Seney. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Assistant Director of Public Works Matt Etzel, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Purdy. No: None.)

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

#### **PRESENTATION: Mixing Zone Study Update**

CA Harding introduced Chris Brugato from Westech Engineering, the city's engineer of record. Mr. Brugato presented an update on the recent Mixing Zone Study. He gave a brief background of the study, stating that the City of Aumsville entered into a Mutual Agreement Order (MAO) with Oregon DEQ to address the Wastewater Treatment Facility not meeting the permitted ammonia limit for discharge into Beaver Creek. The MAO includes a schedule of tasks that need to be completed to address the ammonia exceedances and modify or change our treatment process to meet our NPDES permit. The MOA required the city to perform a mixing zone study of beaver creek and submit it by August 1, 2020.

Mr. Brugato reported that they have completed the study and it was submitted to DEQ before the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The results of the study calculate the amount of effluent water that the city is going to need to discharge in 20 years as the city grows. This information will be used by Oregon DEQ to write our new NPDES permit for Beaver Creek and set the allowable ammonia levels. It will also be used as a guideline for developing a Wastewater Facility Plan, which is the next task that DEQ has listed in the MAO. He

explained that the lagoon system that the city uses doesn't do a good job of removing ammonia. Addressing the sludge buildup could help lower current ammonia levels.

Mr. Brugato also stated that the mixing zone study indicated the amount of stream flow is much lower than originally estimated by DEQ and may result in a lower ammonia permit requirement, once DEQ writes the permit. The good news is we are now in a waiting pattern until that occurs.

CA Harding added that one of the recommendations from DEQ for a short-term alternative solution was to use an enzyme in the lagoons to help breakdown the sludge. Public Works started this treatment August 2019. Removal of the sludge is another alternative but is an estimated cost of \$1.2M. It is going to be a pretty costly fix whatever route we end up having to go. Westech will research all available options and report back to staff. Then it will come to Council for further discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the July 27, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Purdy. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed Resolution No. 14-20 A Resolution of the City of Aumsville, Oregon Establishing a Community Support Program in Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak Using the City's CARES Act Funding Allocation from the State of Oregon.

CA Harding provided an overview of the program that was developed. He told Council it followed council direction from the last meeting and the program was developed to provide an easy business relief program with less red tape. CA Harding stated the risk of this was that the City could end up being responsible for the grant as we are relying on the business at faith value. But the city attorney has reviewed the program and contracts and signed off on them. Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 14-20 as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Purdy. No: None.)

Council reviewed Resolution No. 15-20 A Resolution Authorizing 2020-2021 Budget Amendment in the General and Park Funds. CA Harding provided a quick overview of this resolution and that it supported the business relief program and was needed to be able to accept and spend the COVID relief funds the city is receiving. This amendment was unexpected so allowed by a simple resolution by council. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution 15-20 as presented by staff. Councilor Bambrick seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Purdy. No: None.)

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

CA Harding updated Council on COVID-19 in the community. City hall safety measures are in place and operations are going well. He stated that the community has responded well to the situation.

Corn Festival Activities: CA Harding reported that the corn will be ready, and volunteers are lined up to help with distribution. We will have masks and gloves on site for volunteers. The large event tent will be set up for corn and volunteers to keep out of the sun. The Scavenger hunt is all set with QR codes that will be placed all around town and give clues to proceed to the next one. Participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes at the end. We have 32 garage sales signed up for the citywide garage sale event; there is a map on our website. Staff will launch multiple social media posts to get the word out.

We will also have our "Aumsville Together" large poster/banner board at Porter-Boone Park that community members can stop by and write words of encouragement to the community in general, specific person, city staff, or anyone you want to acknowledge with a note of encouragement.

Councilor Ceja asked CA Harding if he had a scheduled a date for the Council Retreat. CA Harding stated that he planned to wait until after the first of the year but will set up a few dates for some strategic planning meetings that really need to be completed sooner rather than later.

Councilor Purdy asked for clarification on the Public Works report regarding the speed limit on Bishop Rd. CA Harding stated Marion County has completed their traffic survey and now it will go to ODOT to approve their recommended speed limit. This process could still take some time before we see any results. Matt Etzel added that the recommended speed would be 30-35 MPH from Leverman Rd to Shayla Street.

CA Harding pointed out Chief Schmitz addressed some scams in his report. Mayor Clevenger stated that people have been receiving emails from him asking for them to purchase gift cards or miscellaneous items. He wanted everyone to know that he would never do that and to delete the email immediately.

Councilor Casarez mentioned that he got some feedback regarding the Corn Festival Scavenger Hunt. He was asked that for next year if we do this again that there be a way to participate for those who don't have smartphone technology. CA Harding stated that the Activity Committee has already been talking about how to expand this for next year.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Councilor Casarez gave a shout out to Deana Cox for her efforts to bring some fun with her community rock event she has been hosting. She has painted a rock and placed it around town for people to find. It has been very well received and everyone is having fun. He thanked her for making the best of the COVID circumstance and making it fun.

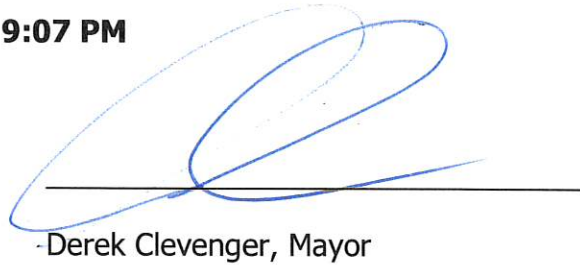
**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Councilor Purdy will not be available for the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Clevenger announced that his work travel has been put on hold again, so he will be around for upcoming Council meetings. He will let Council know if anything changes.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 9:07 PM**

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Ron Harding, City Administrator

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Derek Clevenger, Mayor