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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – August 24, 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 Della Seney. Council absent: Larry Purdy. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding) 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 Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Seney. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 3 online attendees. Log in information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Clevenger stated that the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services has requested that the City of Aumsville proclaim the first week of September 2020, be known as "Home Inventory Week." He explained that September is National Preparedness Month, a time of year to get ready for all types of disasters. Fires, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, and winter storms are just a few reasons to build an emergency kit and plan an escape route. Having the right insurance coverage and an up-to-date home inventory are critical to financial resiliency. Mayor Clevenger read the staff prepared declaration into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the August 10, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Bambrick, Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, and Seney. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding updated Council on the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Funds process. He stated that the Mayor, staff, and two council members completed the review and recommended approval of the applicants. Staff has notified the recipients and the funds will be distributed this week.

CA Harding reported that the "Great Corn Giveaway" on August 15th was a fantastic success. Staff and volunteers handed out approximately 1500 bags of corn to more than 500 vehicles as they drove through. He announced that the "Corny Video" Contest is still going. We haven't received many videos yet. There is a \$1000 grand prize for the winner. Entries close on August 30th. We also donated a truck load of the corn directly to the local food bank and the Marion/Polk County Food Share.

Public Works has been dealing with some significant repairs in one of the sewer lift stations. There is money in our budget for such repairs to be done.

Our utility bills are going to be different starting this next billing. Staff has been getting this information out to our customers in the September newsletter and posting it on Facebook.

CA Harding stated that the upcoming Council meeting agendas are going to be light. He suggested that instead of having an additional strategic planning meeting, we insert some of those strategic discussions into the agenda under New Business at the regular meetings. He listed several of the topics that need to be discussed; most importantly, water and sewer issues. Mayor Clevenger added that people have been asking about water rates and potentially adjusting the tiers and suggested that it also be part of the discussions.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Casarez praised staff and volunteers for their hard work on the Corn Festival event. The event was well organized, and we had lots of positive feedback from citizens. CA Harding added that Republic Services sponsored the corn for the event so the event was low cost to the city. The drive-up method was a big hit and went very smoothly.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Last Saturday Market event on September 12th was discussed. Councilor Casarez and Ceja volunteered to be present at the city booth.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 7:18 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor