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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – January 25, 2021

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Scott Lee, Della Seney, and Walter Wick. Council absent: None. Planning Commission present: Chair Carrie Murphy and Commissioners Chris Chytka, Matthew Curran, Jennifer Molan, and Tom Youmans. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), 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 Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were two online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to make public comment at this time and listen to the discussion. Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any public comment.

Madeline Sattler from Cascade School District announced that they will be reopening schools for hybrid learning starting February 17th, 2021 on an A-day/B-day schedule. They are excited to have the energy of the children back in the school.

CONSENT AGENDA: Council reviewed the January 11, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: State of the City Presentation

CA Harding presented a slide presentation and gave an overview of 2020 Council Goal accomplishments. He reviewed the five Council Goals that were established during previous work sessions and the progress in each during 2020.

Goal #1 – Provide and maintain municipal facilities and infrastructure to support current operations and growth. The following are some of these accomplishments:

- Installed protective wall in lobby of City Hall
- Completed an Energy Audit with Pacific Power
- Completed Mixing Zone Study Beaver Creek
- In Progress for Wastewater Master Plan
- Purchased Ventrac Hillside Mower
- I-Wave Infrared Ventilation Scrubber
- Upgraded Audio/Video Equipment at Community Center

Goal #2 – Support and encourage community involvement to create a sense of community and enhance livability. The following are some of these accomplishments:

- Draft Vision 2040 plan published on website
- Main Street and 1st Street landscaping project
- COVID management
- Successfully converted the Corn Festival and Christmas in the Park to distanced and virtual events
- Grant toward Community Center kitchen remodel
- Cascade Youth Council development partnering with Cascade School District

Goal #3 – Create an environment to attract, retain, and grow businesses

- Tiny business village plans and permits
- Business grants
- Updated ordinances
- Updated Planning Commission and Council procedures manuals, pending approval

Goal #4 – Ensure a safe and prepared environment for citizens and businesses

- Wildfire Evacuations assistance
- Vulnerable Population Registry
- Completed and approved Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Coronavirus Community Health Response and Education

Goal #5 – Provide city services that are responsive to citizens and demonstrate good stewardship

- Remove the water deposit/create owner responsibility
- In House Water rate study
- New website / Logo
- Flipbook software for website for newsletter and presentations
- Filming and video creation/editing
- YouTube channel for meetings and other educational videos
- Billing and newsletter direct mailing.

CA Harding cited some easily attainable projects for 2021. He stated that there are enough funds budgeted to do most of these fairly quickly. He asked Council to consider the following projects:

- Urban Growth Boundary Expansion \$80k
- Eastside Park Master Plan \$30-40K
- Entry Sign at Mill Creek Park \$20k
- Dog Park \$10-15k
- Accessible Park Equipment Upgrades \$8-10k
- Public Works Shop Building \$1.2 Million

Council consensus was for CA Harding move forward with the Eastside Park Master plan, ADA park equipment, and the dog park project. CA Harding will get an estimate of costs for the dog park and ADA equipment and bring to Council for approval. We will have to go out for a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Eastside Park Master Plan.

CA Harding went on to talk about **"What is the State of our Community?"**

- We are facing some major water and wastewater infrastructure improvement needs
- Financials are stable based on our current operations as we move forward
- New development is occurring, but we need to continue to maintain our service levels
- Main Street is improving to meet our downtown vision
- We have accomplished a lot in 2020, despite a worldwide pandemic. We were able to continue to provide critical services to the community

In planning for the upcoming year, Council will participate in several work sessions. The sessions will be every Tuesday in February at 6:00 PM. These are some of the topics that will be covered:

- Administrative Review: Council handbook, Vision Plan approval, Council initiatives, Review of Council Goals, City's debt policy
- Economic Development: downtown commercial, ID zone, industrial, UGB expansion, barriers to development
- Vision: community art projects, new entry sign, new park development

CA Harding briefly described some of the projects they will be discussing at the work sessions. He stressed how important and necessary the following projects are to the health and wellbeing of our community:

- **Water:** Capital facility plan (2015) priority projects:
 - Emergency generator for 1M gallon reservoir (#1 priority)
 - Water rights work
 - Ongoing maintenance issues
 - New well
 - New reservoir
- **Sewer:** Facility plan (1999):
 - Treatment facility
 - Rates
- **Stormwater:** Capital facility plan (2000)

- Utility formation and implementation
- Public Works standards
- Equipment (sweeper)
- **Streets:** Capital facility plan (2010)
 - Extending Del Mar Dr. through to 11th Street
- **Public Works infrastructure:**
 - New Public Works building
 - Operations upgrades needed.

Staff is seeking and will continue to seek ways get these projects planned, funded, and completed. There were no questions or discussion from Council or Planning Commission.

The full "State of the City" presentation, without narration, will be posted to the city's website for review by the public.

CA Harding gave a brief budget review. He stated that overall, the city is doing well and on track with expenditures and slightly above expected income for our 50% benchmark at this time. He invited Council and Planning Commissioners to call him if they have any questions or concerns; he is happy to go over this with them.

CA Harding commented that he is excited about the great start we got with the new planning commission. They had a work session last week and will be doing a few more to prepare for when their first land use application comes in.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Mayor Clevenger updated Council on his work schedule. There were no other reports or initiatives from Council.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

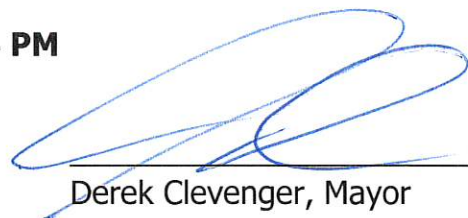
CORRESPONDENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:54 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor