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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – February 22, 2021**

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Scott Lee, Walter Wick, and Della Seney. Council absent: None. 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 Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**Budget Committee Appointments:** Council received Budget Committee applications from Kim Ferguson and Amy Evans who are applying to continue their positions on the Aumsville Budget Committee for 2021. Council re-appointed both applicants and discussed that there is still one position left to fill. Mayor Clevenger encouraged fellow councilmembers to reach out to community members who might be interested.

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to make public comment at this time and listen to the discussion. There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the February 8, 2021 Council meeting minutes and the February 9, 2021 Work Session minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** At a previous Council Meeting CA Harding presented several projects that would be easy to accomplish within the city's budget. He presented Council with estimates for a small dog park in Mill Creek Park and an ADA swing for Porter-Boone Park. We could do both projects with a budget of \$20,000. He stated that Council could approve these projects now or wait until warmer weather is closer.

Dog Park: The area would be approximately 9000 sf with a two-gate entry system. A water fountain for both dogs and their humans was discussed. CA Harding stated that the work could start soon and be complete for the warmer weather.

ADA Playground Equipment: This would be a swinging platform designed for a wheelchair to roll on to and be secured. There would also need to be some hardscape improvement to make the swing accessible.

After some discussion Councilor Seney moved to approve the dog park and wheelchair swing project with a budget not to exceed \$20,000. Councilor Wick seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed the updated Council Protocol Manual. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the Council Protocol Manual as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed the Aumsville Vision Plan 2040. Councilor Ecclestone moved to approve the Council Aumsville Vision Plan 2040 as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**NEW BUSINESS: Ice Storm 2021 – Porter-Boone Cleanup**

CA Harding presented a video that staff put together showing the damaged trees within our park systems. A total loss of 256 trees were uprooted or damaged beyond repair. Council discussed the damage and loss of trees in our parks and around the city. CA Harding explained that an arborist was called in for an assessment and plan for Porter-Boone Park. They stated that we should remove an estimated 80% of the current trees. Staff estimates the cost for repair and removal of trees in the parks to be \$10,000. He offered another option for Council to consider: we could remove only trees that sustained more than 50% damage, then try topping or trimming up those trees that sustained less damage in an effort to save them. CA Harding explained that this option could be quite costly due to difficult access to the trees and is more labor intense. The arborist does not recommend this option. Councilor Wick acknowledged Public Works staff for all their hard work to get our parks and streets cleaned up, as well as the setting up the warming shelter and manning it. Councilor Ecclestone voiced concern about debris that is building up in Mill Creek and water backing up. CA Harding stated that staff has contacted the waterway people and hopefully they will address it soon. There was discussion regarding safety of park visitors and a plan for replanting trees to replace the one that are removed. Councilor Seney moved to approve the arborist plan to remove damaged trees in Porter-Boone Park consisting of an estimated 80% of the current trees. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

CA Harding presented a request to authorize expenditures from the city's emergency reserve for clean up after the recent ice storm. He stated that Council budgeted over \$15,000 in the City Reserve Fund (022) for emergencies. This requires Council approval before any funds can be spent. Staff requested that expenditures for cleanup of fallen trees and branches at city parks be authorized from the City Reserve Fund (022). Councilor Casarez moved to approve the

expenditures of up to \$15,000 from the Emergency expense line of the City Reserve Fund, for the costs related to clean-up of fallen trees, repairs, and debris removal at city parks caused by the ice storm. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

CA Harding thanked Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Ecclestone, Casarez, and anyone else who showed up to put together and help with the warming center during the ice storm event. They coordinated getting snacks there and a food truck. He stated that this was an event that we can learn from for future events. Mayor Clevenger wanted to give special thanks to Kyle with the Foodology food truck and Tonya from Lucky You who showed up with food and beverages for the warming center.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** CA Harding gave the Historical Society 2020 report. He stated that, considering the restrictions of COVID and natural disasters, the museum did pretty good in 2020. They currently have 54 members and are hoping to open the museum for the 2021 season April – October.

There was discussion about the class photos that are in the Community Center and how the walls could be used to rotate other historical and informational displays. Mayor Clevenger asked for input from Council about how they feel about changing the wall displays.

Budget Season: CA Harding stated that he will organize a pre-budget Zoom meeting that will be open to the public so they can ask questions. He did this last year and it was successful.

Ordinance Updates: Since we approved the Development Ordinance, we have found some inconsistencies, mostly formatting and scrivener's errors. There will be discussion about some changes to the ID Zone at the work session on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will also look at fence regulations.


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


**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

**ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:15 PM**

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator

  
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Derek Clevenger, Mayor *Pro Tem*  
Della Seney