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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – June 14, 2021**

Mayor Derek Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present were Councilors Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Scott Lee, Della Seney, Walter Wick, and Mayor Derek Clevenger. Council absent: Nico Casarez. City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, Finance Officer (FO) Josh Hoyer, and City Clerk (CC) Colleen Rogers were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Staff requested to add an item under New Business: Sweeper Dumpsite Proposal. Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda with the modification. Councilor Wick seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**PRESENTATIONS: Republic Services Annual Report** given by Municipal Relationship Manager KJ Lewis and Municipal Contract Administrator Travis Comfort. Ms. Lewis began with review of 2020 and the effects of COVID and China's sorting policies on their industry. She also touched on their efforts during the wildfires and ice storm to assist with meals, gift cards, lodging, generators and more. During this time, they did their best to keep trucks on the road and providing the service customers rely on.

Mr. Comfort presented their financial position to Council. He stated that the 10% increase that Council approved to get them through the end of 2020 is going to keep them whole through the end of 2022. Based on current financial forecasts they will not be requesting an increase at this time.

Ms. Lewis talked about their Charitable Giving program and some of the nationwide non-profit organizations that they support, focusing on community revitalization. She gave some examples of some of the projects they have partnered with and encouraged Council to reach out if the city has a need for this type of project. On a local level they are excited to continue their support of the Corn Festival again this year.

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the May 24, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. <u>Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, and Wick. Abstained: Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)</u>

## **PUBLIC HEARING: State Revenue Sharing Hearing**

Mayor Clevenger opened the public hearing at 7:21 PM. Finance Officer Josh Hoyer gave the staff report. He explained that the city must provide two opportunities for public comment on before we receive the State Revenue Sharing funds. The first opportunity was at the Budget Committee Meeting last month and this is the second opportunity for public comment over the proposed use of the funds. He stated that currently the funds are allocated to the Park Fund for operations.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any public comments. There being none, Council then discussed possible uses of the State Revenue Sharing funds. Consensus was that our parks are a big part of our quality of life and funds should remain in the Park Fund.

Mayor Clevenger closed the hearing at 7:25 with no further Council Deliberations.

Council Decision: Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution No. 10-21 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MUNICIPAL SERVICES as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution No. 11-21 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

## **PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-2022 BUDGET HEARING**

Mayor Clevenger opened the public hearing at 7:28 PM. CA Harding gave the staff report, stating that the budget document before Council is the same budget that was presented at the Budget Committee Meeting. He commented that the budget has some extra money in it for Council to direct toward some of the goals we have been working on the last year or two. CA Harding touched on some of the ways the city is working on funding for wastewater treatment updates that will be required by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Overall, the city is in a good sustainable position.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any testimony, comments, or questions.

There being none, Mayor Clevenger closed the public hearing at 7:32 PM with no further Council Deliberations.

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Council Decision: Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution No. 12-21 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND IMPOSING AND CATEGORIZING TAXES as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS: None** 

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Council reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Geotechnical proposal from Westech Engineering for geotechnical analysis of the soil at the current Public Works Facility and Wastewater Treatment Plan. By doing this analysis before we start these facility project we will know any stability issues with the soil and prepare accordingly, thus avoiding costly change orders and delaying projects. The proposal is \$19,900 with two-thirds of this cost being for the new wastewater treatment facility or upgrades to the current wastewater treatment facility. The other third of the cost will be for the new Public Works shop facility.

Councilor Lee moved to approve contract to complete the Geotechnical Study by GeoEngineers as described in the proposal and above at the cost of \$19,900 with 2/3 billed from Sewer SDC Fund 029-626 and 1/3 billed from Public Works Equipment Fund and Public Works Capital 016-810. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed the Canyon Contracting LLC proposal for the sweeper dumpsite at the public works facility. CA Harding explained that DEQ requires that all debris collected by the street sweeper to be housed in a confined location where the runoff cannot get into the streams and rivers. By completing this project, the runoff would drain from the pad into a catch basin and enter the wastewater treatment before going to the waterways. It would also bring us into compliance with state law. Proposal cost is \$47,264.00 and will be funded from the Streets Improvement Fund. Councilor Seney moved to approve and authorize the City Administrator to sign the proposal from Canyon Contracting LLC for \$47,264.00 from Fund 014-808 to construct a sweeper dump pad and drainage system. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**City Administrator Report:** CA Harding pointed out that Sgt. Flowers was recognized by the Oregon Chiefs of Police for his life saving efforts during the ice storm. He added that our Assistant Public Works Director Matt Etzel was also recognized earlier for saving someone's life.

CA Harding reported that our community projects are moving along. Concrete has been poured for the market village and construction will begin soon. The Dog Park is complete, except for water lines for irrigation and the drinking fountain. We are hoping to open it up by the end of July. The community center kitchen remodel is moving along. We are planning an open house

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to show it off before the beginning of the August 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. We are planning our first in-person Council meeting that date.

Staff continues to work with FEMA on reimbursement for some of the storm damage. The city should be able to recoup 75% of our actual cost.

The city has started the engineering process to extend Del Mar Street through to 11<sup>th</sup> Street. As part of this process, we will be surveying the property and conducting geo technical studies in that area. When this occurs, we will notify local homeowners with door hangers and provide dates and times. An actual construction date hasn't been set or funding identified for the project at this time. Therefore, a timeline for project completion is hard to predict, it could be one to five years depending on development and funding sources. It is an active project and a top priority for the city.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Corn Festival Grand Marshal discussion. Mayor Clevenger stated that he has reached out to the community and got a few suggestions back. Councilor Ceja would like to recognize Tonya at Lucky You. She does a lot for the community. Mayor Clevenger added that Tonya, as well as Pastor Mike Cline at Mt. View Church and Rocky Nylund from the local food bank were repeatedly mentioned by community members. He suggested that since we didn't have a parade last year that we might consider having more than one Grand Marshal. Consensus was to invite all three to be Grand Marshals and provide a float for them to ride on.

Councilor Ceja reported on an email that she received from our migrant liaison for Cascade School District Rocio Diaz. Ms. Diaz wrote that she is very appreciative of the city's efforts to improve the communication with our Hispanic community members and the impact it has had. The need for a bilingual police officer was discussed. Mayor Clevenger talked about making sure that our current officers know what resources are available to Hispanic families.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Councilor Seney announced a website that ODOT recently launched which is constantly updated with information about road work projects around the state. Mayor Clevenger suggested that we put a link on our website.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None** 

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None** 

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 8:20 PM

Derek Clevenger, Mayor

Ron Harding, City Administrator