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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – August 9, 2021**

Mayor Derek Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Council present in person were Councilors Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Scott Lee, Della Seney, Walter Wick, and Mayor Derek Clevenger via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None. City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding and City Clerk (CC) Colleen Rogers were also present. 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 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

#### **PRESENTATIONS: Oregon Heritage Commission – Corn Festival Designation**

Oregon Heritage Commission Chair Anne LeVant Prahll presented the Corn Festival designation as an Oregon Heritage Tradition. She commented that there are only 26 events with this designation. Our festival joins other great Oregon events such as the Pendleton Roundup, the Great Oregon Steam Up, Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest, and the Portland Greek Festival. Chair LeVant listed some of the criteria that the event had to be met: continuous operation for 50 or more years; it must have a public profile and a reputation that distinguishes from other more routine events; and it must add to the livability and identity of the State of Oregon. The Corn Festival easily met the criteria for this prestigious designation. The commission was particularly impressed that throughout the 53 years of the Corn Festival it has never swayed from its original emphasis on corn. It has always been the focus of the festival and continues to keep the area's corn heritage alive.

CA Harding thanked the Oregon Heritage Commission and recognized that for 53 years there have been a lot of community volunteers that built the festival and worked very hard to keep the tradition alive. He also wanted to thank staff member Elaina Turpin who worked with the commission in applying for the designation.

**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.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council reviewed the July 26, 2021 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**PUBLIC HEARING: None**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CAAKES Unlimited Contract** – Skate Park Competition. CA Harding state this is the contract with the company that will be hosting the skate competition that is scheduled on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, during the day before Party in the Park. Councilor Lee moved to accept the agreement for Caakes Unltd. to host a skate competition in Mill Creek Park on August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**DLDC Grant Draft Letter of Support** – CA Harding explained that this letter of support is part of the requirements to apply for grants and open up opportunities for funds that are available for smaller cities, and it was discussed. Councilor Casarez moved to approve submitting the letter of support to the Department of Land Development and Conservation (DLDC) regarding our application for grant funds for our Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) expansion as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**City Administrator Report:** CA Harding recognized Public Works staff for all their hard work outside of their normal jobs. He thanked them for the hard work on the community center kitchen, the business village at Porter-Boone Park, and all the preparation leading up to Corn Festival. Along with all of that they also had to deal with a couple major breakdowns in our operating systems. He also thanked Pacific Power Foundation for the grant to help with the community center project. CA Harding updated Council on some of the other projects that are in process: the dog park is open, grass, trees, and benches coming; working on installing the ADA swing at Wildwood Park; and Maude's village at Porter-Boone Park is close to being done. He updated Council on the Corn Festival planning. He stated that overall, we are on track and will be ready.

Council discussed National Night Out and gave KUDOs to the Aumsville Police Department for making it fun for the kids and making it a successful event.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Mayor Clevenger updated Council on his travel schedule. There was a brief discussion regarding the mask issue for school children. Mayor Clevenger suggested that Council send a letter on behalf of our community to our State Representatives in support of local school district having the authority to make decisions

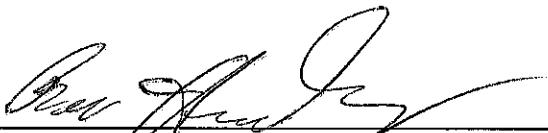
regarding mask. After a brief discussion Council concurred that staff would create the letter for the Mayor Clevenger to sign and send a copy to the School Board.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Councilor Ceja announced that Mayor Clevenger recently was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award at the Oregon Mayor's Association Conference. She cited some of the reasons that they chose him to receive the award such as; helping families in need, making Council meetings even when in service out of the country, and the work he did with the ice storm and fires last year.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

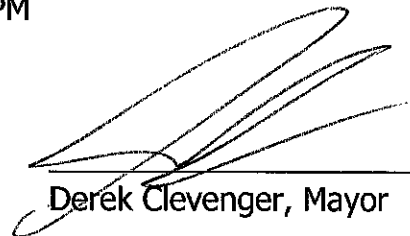
**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:37 PM



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Ron Harding, City Administrator



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Derek Clevenger, Mayor