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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – February 14, 2022

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present in person were Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Della Seney, City Administrator (CA) Harding, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers. Councilors Nico Casarez (arrived at 7:15), Scott Lee, and Walter Wick joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda as presented by staff. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

PRESENTATIONS: Employee of the Year Awards:

Chief Schmitz presented the Aumsville Police Department employee awards. He presented David Hagen with Reserve Officer of the Year award and officers Michael Jones and Phillip Wright received the Aumsville Police Department Employee of the Year awards. Chief Schmitz stated that the three officers have done an excellent job serving our community this past year, and we appreciate their dedication to the department and our citizens.

The Aumsville Employee of the Year awards were presented by Public Works Assistant Director Matt Etzel. He explained that the city would also be presenting two awards this year. He stated that they are both from our Public Works staff. He announced that Matt Winans and Brandon Blythe both have gone above and beyond their usual realm of duties. Both taking on projects and duties in addition to their daily Public Works duties.

Mayor Clevenger announced the Staff Longevity awards for Officer Michael Jones 5 years; Tasha Preston 15 years; Sgt. Damian Flowers 15 years; and Chief Schmitz 25 years.

Council took a 5 minute break for photos.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one online attendee and 20 in-person attendees, there was no public comment. Login information was provided for members of the community to make public comment and listen to the discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Ecclestone moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed Resolution 01-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE APPLICATION FOR OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOWER PARK. Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution 01-22 as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

CA Harding reviewed a proposal for an electronic message sign project that would be installed at city hall for the purpose of keeping citizens informed. He explained that it would be connected to our emergency backup generator to be able to post emergency information even if the power is out. CA Harding asked for input and direction to move forward with the project. It was Council consensus that CA Harding moves forward with the sign project.

Council reviewed a proposal for the electrical work at Maude's Village in Porter-Boone Park. CA Harding gave an overview of the project and the work included in the proposal. Councilor Seney moved to authorize staff to award the contract to Pacific Coast Electrical for Maude's Village electrical in the amount of \$40,950 from the general fund 010-804 with a 10% contingency for additional costs. Councilor Casarez seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

City Administrator Report:

The city has received \$1,000,000 in grant funds from Marion County using ARPA funds to help construct our wastewater treatment facility. CA Harding told Council that staff will continue applying for multiple grant opportunities as they appear.

CA Harding stated that city hall still has at-home COVID tests that are available for our citizens and rural residents in our area. These were supplied by Marion County to be given out free, one per household.

The city received payment of \$65,000 from FEMA for the costs incurred to repair our parks after the ice storm in February of last year.

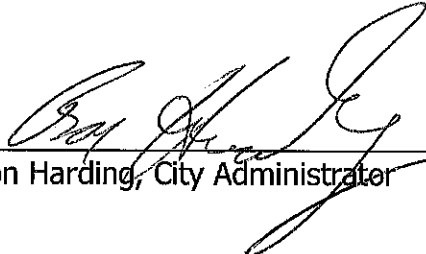
CA Harding informed Council he would be on vacation when the next Council meeting is scheduled. He suggested that they consider cancelling the February 28th meeting unless there were action items that need to be approved.

Aumsville Police Chief Richard (Rick) Schmitz will be retiring the end of April on his 26th anniversary of being hired by the City of Aumsville. CA Harding stated that Chief Schmitz has served the community well, and we wish him a happy retirement.

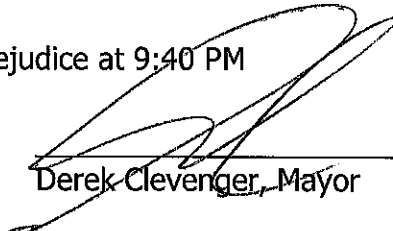
MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any reports or initiatives from Council. Councilor Casarez thanked CA Harding and staff for their dedication and tenacity in pursuing grant funds to help move projects through. He also stated that he appreciates the Mayor and Council for their part in making this happen.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Mayor Clevenger adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 9:40 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor