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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes – March 14, 2022**

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Doug Ecclestone, Della Seney, Walter Wick, City Administrator (CA) Harding, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers. Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, and Scott Lee joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Clevenger requested an amendment to item #3 Consent Agenda by correcting the Council Meeting Minutes date to February 14, 2022. Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda with the correction as stated. Councilor Wick seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**PRESENTATIONS: None**

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was one online attendee and no 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 Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded the motion. 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:**

Council reviewed an agreement with the Oregon Department of Administration (DAS) to receive Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) Grant dollars in the amount of \$300,000. CA Harding explained that the funds are a direct dedication to the City from State Representative Moore-Green's office. This agreement will allow us to accept the funds. Councilor Seney moved to approve the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recover Fund, Contract No.8183 for the \$300,000. Councilor Casarez seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

The City of Aumsville was recently appropriated \$300,000 of ARPA funds from Representative Raquel Moore-Green's office along with \$2.5 million from house bill 5006 with the help of

Senator Deb Patterson and Representative Raquel Moore-Green for water improvements. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the Westech Engineering Proposal in the amount of \$240,000 for Task 1 Design and Bidding Services for new tank and pump station, and \$64,000 for Task 2 Design and Bidding Services for drilling and testing two new wells from fund 024-626 Water SDC-Engineering/Survey/Project Services Fund. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed the purchase of the Veteran's Memorial from Randolph Rose Collection, Inc for \$38,000. The piece is titled Celebrate Diversity. The City applied for a grant to install a Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall facing the flag. Our concept is to install a plaque or monument as part of this project to honor all of those who have served our country. The project total is estimated to be around \$62,000, and the City received a grant award for \$48,700. The remaining cost will be matched by the City. City Council previously approved this concept and selected the statues. Councilor Ecclestone moved to authorize the purchase of the Veterans Memorial bronze statues from Randolph Rose, Inc. in the amount of \$38,000; 50% to be paid now with the balance due on completion. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed Resolution No. 03-22 authorizing 2021-2022 budget amendment in the General Fund. The City has been awarded a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), for the purpose of building a veterans memorial at City Hall. \$48,700 in total has been awarded, which will cover a large portion of the project costs. This grant and the related project were not anticipated in the budget, so an amendment is needed in order to appropriate the revenues for expenditure. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution 03-22 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND as outlined. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed Resolution No. 02-22 for approval to apply to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program to build restrooms, a small children's playground, and exercise equipment in Highberger Park. Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 02-22 A Resolution Authorizing and Supporting the City of Aumsville Application for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant for Development of Highberger Park as presented by staff. Councilor Ecclestone seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council reviewed the Aumsville Safety Manual Inclusions. Extreme heat and wildfires have been increasing in the past several years. This has caused concern with the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR OSHA). OR OSHA has made new requirements for employers to have plans and policies to protect their workers from these hazards. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the inclusion of the Heat Illness Prevention Plan and the Wildfire Smoke Policy into the Aumsville Safety Manual. Councilor Ecclestone seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**City Administrator Report:**

CA Harding commented that the projects that Council just approved are legacy projects that have been on our wish list for many years and it's good to finally see them coming to reality. He stated that the City was awarded three America Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grants: \$900K for a much needed new Public Works facility, \$1M to help with the City's sewer project, and \$757K to finish funding the water improvement project that Council just approved. CA Harding explained that there have been more grants available in the last two years than in previous years. Mainly due to the pandemic and recovery efforts through the federal government. Staff is taking every opportunity to apply for grant funds as they become available to buy down the cost of upcoming major water and sewer projects. The more grant funds we receive the less cost we must pass on to our citizens.

**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**

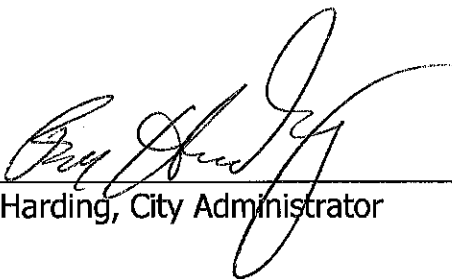
Mayor Clevenger closed the regular meeting at 7:25 PM and entered into Executive Session at 7:26.

Council met under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(j) to carry on negotiations under ORS chapter 293 with private persons or businesses regarding proposed acquisition, exchange or liquidation of public investments.

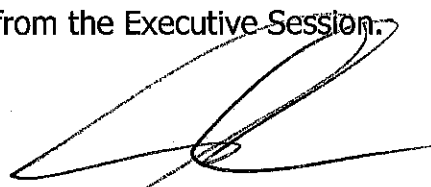
***This was an executive session, and the discussion was off the record, matters discussed are not to be disclosed.*** No decision was made in the Executive Session.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 7:32 PM.

Executive Session Outcome: There was no outcome from the Executive Session.



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor