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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – March 28, 2022

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Angelica Ceja, Doug Ecclestone, Walter Wick, City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers. Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, and Scott Lee joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Clevenger called for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the agenda as presented by staff. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

PRESENTATIONS: None

Visitors: There were no online attendees and one in-person attendee.

Public Comment: Mike Flewelling of Aumsville addressed Council with a request to change the Landscaping section of the City's Development Ordinance to allow, or have an exception, for artificial turf. The current ordinance is written in a way that only allows living grass. CA Harding explained the pros and cons of this type of change to the City's Development Ordinance. After some discussion Council consensus was for staff to move forward with research for this change and bring back to them at a future meeting.

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 the contract from Integrity Signs for the purchase and installation of an electronic reader board that will be placed at the south end of the community center on Main St. CA Harding explained that the sign will be an effective way to communicate to citizens during emergency events. The sign will be tied into our emergency backup generator and will work even in an electrical outage. It will also be another way to advertise city events, such as Corn Festival, Saturday Market, etc. Councilor Casarez moved to authorize

the purchase of an electronic sign from Integrity Signs in the amount of \$40,428.00 plus the cost of engineering and permitting. Ecclestone seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.) Council reviewed an Inter-governmental Agreement with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) to participate in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). CA Harding explained that the program helps pay water bills for low-income households which apply for assistance. The payments are one-time payments and a person seeking assistance would need to fall within the income guidelines of 60% state median income. The city would refer customers in need of assistance to MVCAA and, as the managing agency, they will determine eligibility. Councilor Ceja moved to approve participation in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program and allow City Administrator Harding to sign the final agreement document with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. Councilor Casarez seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

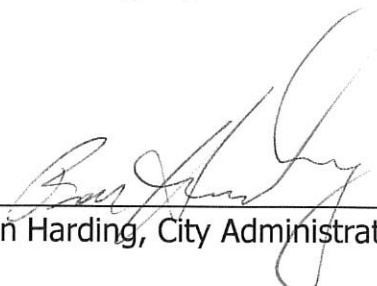
City Administrator Report: CA Harding reported that staff has been busy working on grant applications that are due by April 1st. He stated that they are also preparing for the Police Chief recruitment and interview process. The goal is to start interviews in a couple of weeks. CA Harding asked if Council wanted to convene as a full council for these interviews, and it was consensus to do so.

CA Harding informed Council that the City has been going through a lot of staff changes in the police department and are down in officers right now. City Hall is still looking to fill a couple of positions. It has been a challenge with being short staffed and getting new staff trained, but everyone is working very hard to keep moving forward.


MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any reports or initiatives from Council. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE: Council received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation announcing that the City of Aumsville, a member of the Tree City USA program, has been awarded a Tree City USA Growth Award by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management. The city will receive the award plaque in the near future and staff will present it at a future Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:37 PM.



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor