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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Derek Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, Walter Wick, City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, and City Clerk Colleen Rogers. Mayor Derek Clevenger, Councilors Angelica Ceja and Scott Lee joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: Doug Ecclestone. 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 Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney, Wick and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**Visitors:** There were two in-person visitors and one online attendee.

**Public Comment:** Marion County Circuit Court Judge Erious Johnson introduced himself to Council. Judge Johnson told Council that he has been attending city council meetings at many Marion County cities in an effort to give a face to the judicial court. He talked a little about his philosophy as a circuit court judge and invited Council to come visit his court anytime. Council thanked Judge Johnson for coming to the meeting.

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

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS: Water/Sewer Rates Resolution 05-22**

CA Harding stated that at the April 25, 2022 meeting, Council discussed recommended utility rate updates in conjunction with an examination of the updated five-year forecast of expenses. After deliberating, Council came to a consensus to continue the regular inflationary operating increase of 3% for the next fiscal year rather than keeping pace with the current inflation rate to operate, which would increase rates 5-10% per fund at the current inflationary rates. Council acknowledged that the community needed some relief if only for one year to help with the rising costs of fuel and food.

City staff recommended the continuation of the yearly 3% increase in both water and sewer rates, which aligns with the city's budget proposal.

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

**City Administrator Report:** CA Harding stated that his written report along with the Police report and Public Works report are in their packets and asked Council if they had any questions. They did not.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: NONE**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Mayor Clevenger updated Council on his June schedule. He stated that he will be back in town for the Superhero Carnival.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

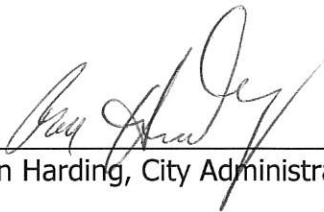
The regular meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:12 PM.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Council convened the regular meeting and went directly into Executive Session under the authority of ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

This was an executive session, and the discussion is off the record, matters discussed are not to be disclosed.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:27.

Executive Session Outcome: This was an informational session, therefore there was no outcome to announce.



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Ron Harding, City Administrator



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Derek Clevenger, Mayor