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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

VISITORS: There was one in-person visitor and one online attendee.

CA Harding introduced Interim Police Chief Bill Steele. Chief Steele will be assisting in the recruitment and hiring process to fill retired Chief Schmitz' position. CA Harding explained that Chief Steele's experience and resume are phenomenal. Chief Steele gave a brief overview of his experience which began 26 years ago in Washington County and he recently retired from the Tualatin Police Department after serving six years as their Chief of Police. He is excited to be joining the Aumsville Police Department and is looking forward to being able to help.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

State Revenue Sharing Hearing

Mayor Clevenger opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. CA Harding gave the staff report. He explained that the city must provide two opportunities for public comment over the proposed use of the funds before we receive the State Revenue Sharing funds. These opportunities to comment were at the Budget Committee Hearing and tonight at the Council Budget Hearing. CA Harding and Finance Officer Hoyer also conducted a community Budget Q & A session held by the city in the community center last month. CA Harding stated that, currently, the shared revenue funds are allocated to the Park Fund for operations as a matter of policy and while the community has been very supportive of our parks system, we still need to go through this process. Even if we get comments, it doesn't obligate the council or budget committee to divert funds to any request. It simply allows community members to participate on their individual priorities.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any public comments and there were none. Council then discussed possible uses of the State Revenue Sharing funds. Consensus was that our parks are a big part of our quality of life and funds should remain in the Park Fund.

Mayor Clevenger closed the hearing at 7:07 PM with no further Council deliberations.

Council Decision: Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 06-22 A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MUNICIPAL SERVICES as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 07-22 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE STATE REVENUES as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

2022-2023 Budget Hearing

Mayor Clevenger opened the public hearing at 7:09 PM. CA Harding gave the staff report, stating that the budget document before Council is the same budget that was presented at the Budget Committee Meeting. Overall, the city is in a good, sustainable position.

Mayor Clevenger asked if there was any testimony, comments, or questions.

There being none, Mayor Clevenger closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM with no further Council deliberations.

Council Decision: Councilor Casarez moved to approve Resolution No. 08-22 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS, AND IMPOSING AND CATEGORIZING TAXES as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

OLD BUSINESS: CA Harding's evaluation. Councilor Ceja coordinated the process and stated that CA Harding continues to do a wonderful job within his role. Only suggestion was to continue working on improving communication. CA Harding thanked Council for their feedback. These annual evaluations help him to know where he may need to adjust. After a brief discussion, Council consensus was that Councilor Ecclestone would coordinate the evaluation in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

The city facilitated the G-3 Restaurant ribbon cutting for their grand opening. Owner Treva Gambis provided a nice celebration with live music and food. He added that some of our council members and a couple County Commissioners were also in attendance.

At a previous meeting Council tasked CA Harding to research other cities that allow artificial turf in the front yard. This was after a citizen inquired about our ordinance restrictions for this type of landscaping. He stated that he checked with six other cities to see how they have addressed it in their regulations and found that most of them didn't have any regulations regarding artificial turf. He explained that changing the wording in our ordinance so that it doesn't prohibit artificial turf is a simple change. However, changing the development ordinance, no matter how minor, is

expensive and could take up to a year to go through the review and approval process. He suggested that we wait until we can combine it with additional changes. He consulted with the city attorney about how we could assist citizens in the meantime. It was resolved that the citizen could apply for a minor modification that would go before the Aumsville Planning Commission for review where they could put specific conditions on the approval. An internal policy would need to be developed to set guidelines for decision making. Consensus of Council was for CA Harding to move forward with developing a policy and, to prepare for a future change to the development ordinance that would not prohibit artificial turf.

Super Hero Carnival on June 25th is shaping up to be a great event this year. We've had a lot of sponsor and volunteer interest. We will also do the ribbon cutting ceremony for Maude's Village at 10:00 AM during Saturday Market that same day. CA Harding talked about the criteria for vendors that are eligible for inside Maude's. He added that, with the timing of completion of the building, we would probably not get the building full of vendors this year, as many have already committed to other markets. However, we are working with vendors that would create a draw to the market for next year.

Upgrades to the front of the community center: A new brick facade is being installed on the front of the building that will help the aesthetic of the building and lesson sound issues from traffic on Main Street. We are in the process of installing an electronic reader board next to the bus shelter. This sign will be used to inform citizens of things going on in our community. CA Harding asked if Council wanted any of these contracts to come before them. The consensus was that, unless the cost changes dramatically or is outside the approved budget, CA Harding could simply hire these small project contractors.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Factory chicken farms.

Mayor Clevenger included a draft letter in the council packets. He stated that he would be signing it and sending it to Governor Brown's office and other council members are welcome to sign the letter if they would like to.

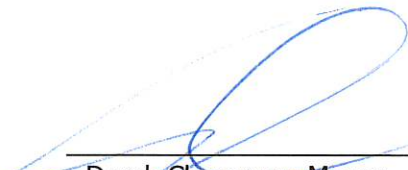
GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mayor Clevenger updated Council on his work schedule. He stated that he will be back in town in time for the Super Hero Carnival and Saturday Market. It was discussed and agreed that at least one Council member will be present each week for Saturday Market.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Derek Clevenger, Mayor