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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### July 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

**PRESENTATION:** Mayor Clevenger introduced and welcomed Angie Allbee, Section Manager for the Oregon Psilocybin Services section, housed within the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division's Center for Health Protection. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/Pages/Oregon-Psilocybin-Services.aspx>

Ms. Allbee gave an overview of the Oregon Psilocybin Service Act (OPSA) stating that they plan to start accepting applications on January 3, 2023. Her agency will be administering the licensing of the psilocybin service centers. She stated that the regulations haven't been solidified and they are still working on creating the rules. She encouraged Council to visit the website to view the administrative rules that have already been adopted.

**VISITORS:** There were no in-person visitors and no online attendees.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve the July 11, 2022 City Council meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Ecclestone seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council reviewed the Westech Engineering Proposal for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Reports JO 2969.3010.0. CA Harding explained that the city is working to meet the new requirements of our NPDES permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Recently DEQ approved the city wastewater facility plan for 2022. The next step for the city is to have a completed preliminary engineering report and an environmental study submitted to USDA and DEQ by October 31, 2022. This will qualify the city to obtain some limited funding from state and federal agencies. Staff has worked closely with Westech

Engineering to access grants and discounted loans to assist with the wastewater facility planned improvements. He explained that the work proposed is essential to meeting those goals. Councilor Casarez moved to authorize the city to enter into a contract with Westech Engineering for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Reports JO 2969.3010.0 For \$81,763.00.. 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 service contract between the City of Aumsville and the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Government (MWVCOG). CA Harding stated that the Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, and state legislature HB 2345 have provided funds to assist the city in leveraging and administering the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. These funds are at a 50% match for cities with populations under 35,000. The MWVCOG charges \$82.00 per hour plus material and expenses for grant assistance. With the grants available, the city can use this service for \$41.00 per hour plus travel expenses. The contract with the MWVCOG will allow the city to draw on these resources as needed.

CA Harding explained that we are currently administering four ARPA grants and are continuing to look for additional funding grants for the \$23,000,000 wastewater facility. This contract will provide another working group for us to help access some of the available funds at a lower cost. Councilor Casarez moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign the MWVCOG contract for grant services. Councilor Ecclestone seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

CA Harding presented a draft letter draft to the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). He explained that it is part of complying with state laws that protect cultural resources. The upcoming upgrades to the Public Works facility will require some digging and grading. The state requires that the city authorizes SHPO to conduct an archeological investigation.

Councilor Casarez moved to authorize the City Administrator to sign a letter to the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office on behalf of the City of Aumsville, authorizing SWCA Environmental Consultants to conduct archaeological testing on city-owned at 955 Olney Street. Councilor Ceja seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Council discussed the Oregon Psilocybin Service Act and concluded that this topic should be referred to the voters to decide and that the marijuana ban should also be referred back to the voters at the same time.

Councilor Lee moved to authorize staff to draft a ballot measure to refer the prohibition of psilocybin-related businesses within Aumsville city limits to the voters in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Councilor seconded Casarez the motion. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Lee moved to authorize staff to draft a ballot measure to refer the marijuana ban back to the voters in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Councilor seconded Casarez the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-1: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Lee, Wick, and Mayor Clevenger. No: Seney.)

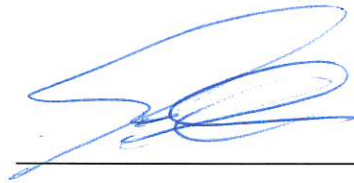
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** CA Harding reported that one of the booster pumps went out in our water system. Public Works will be getting it repaired and back online as soon as possible. With this pump offline, it puts additional load on the other pumps. It was decided that CA Harding will post on social media asking residents to conserve their usage for the next few days until the pump is back online.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.



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Derek Clevenger, Mayor



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Ron Harding, City Administrator