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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### December 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Councilor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Nico Casarez, Angelica Ceja, Scott Lee, Della Seney and Walter Wick. Council absent: Mayor Clevenger. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, City Clerk Colleen Rogers, and Office Specialist Hayley Brewster. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Councilor Ceja called for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney, Wick. No: None.)

**VISITORS:** There were 3 in-person visitors and no online attendees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Katie Wallace, addressed at 924 Highberger Loop, on behalf of the Aumsville Exchange Club, thanked the council for supporting their Christmas Store event benefitting local families. Katie gave updates on additional volunteer work that they have done in the month of December.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve the November 14, 2022 city council meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney, and Wick. No: None.)

### **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance No. 711, Amendments to Ordinance No. 705, The Development Ordinance**

Councilor Ceja opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 PM.

CA Harding presented proposed changes to definitions, zone regulations and conditional uses associated with the legalization for marijuana and psilocybin related businesses. He reminded Council that the City of Aumsville voted to pass the measure banning those businesses.

He gave a brief overview of the goals that Council has set to continuously improve the Development Ordinance. He noted the difference between Accessory Dwelling Units and Accessory Structures and why updating these definitions would benefit the city.

Within the Landscaping section, CA Harding explained the amendment regarding noticing neighbors within 100 ft of landscaping changes. He is recommending removal of that for landscaping. The final change CA Harding noted was regarding ivy, as it is an invasive plant that staff no longer feels is appropriate under the Ordinance.

Councilor Ceja asked if there were any public comments or testimony on the subject. There being none she closed the public hearing at 7:15 PM.

There were no Council questions or deliberations.

Councilor Ceja called for a motion on the first reading. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 711, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 705 the Development Ordinance as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney and Wick. No: None.)

Councilor Ceja called for a motion on the second reading. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the second reading by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 711, an ordinance amending ordinance No. 705, the Development Ordinance as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney and Wick. No: None.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** CA Harding presented Ordinance No. 712, to extend the Pacific Power Franchise Agreement to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Councilor Angelica Ceja noted that staff has been very busy and need extra time to complete updates to the Franchise Agreement. There was no discussion and Councilor Ceja called for a motion. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 712 an Ordinance extending the franchise agreement granted to PacifiCorp DBA Pacific Power via Ordinance No. 619; declaring an emergency as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney and Wick. No: None.)

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CA Harding presented background information on the addition the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) of Environmental Proposal. He stated city staff has been working on finding grants to fund the projects. USDA Grant Incentives would be an option because of the low to moderate income rates of Aumsville. CA Harding states the USDA Grant application requires more testing be done to meet the standards USDA has set; this would be a \$16,600.00 add on to the current contract.

Councilor Casarez asked what kind of testing would be involved. CA Harding stated it is determining floodplain maps, and treatment facilities with potential treatment plan designs that would be done in the design phase.

Councilor Ceja called for a motion. Councilor Seney motioned to approve the new Not To Exceed fee of \$98,363.00 from Westech Engineering for the addition of Task 4 to the PER and Environmental Proposal as presented by staff. Councilor Casarez seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Lee, Seney and Wick. No: None.)

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** CA Harding presented the electronic communications board outside the community center. Staff have been trained to program messages and so far it's been a success. The project is completed aside from landscaping that will wait till spring when plants are more readily available.

CA Harding explained the contractor has finished insulating Maude's. Marion County wanted this finished now, rather than later in 2023, when it was originally planned. He told council that the city can now receive a \$15,000.00 prosperity grant from a different agency because of this project being finished. The walls will be covered soon.

He reminded Council of the Veteran's Memorial event coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

CA Harding informed Council the water reservoir emergency generator is taking a while to get to the city because of supply chain issues.

He finished his report by explaining there are two vacant Council positions, and we have two applications so far. Council will be able to appoint these positions at the January council meeting.

CA Harding extended an invitation to Representative Ed Diehl for a tour of the areas of needed improvements within our wastewater system.

He explained the city auditors have completed the annual financial audit and should have it to Council in January.

CA Harding announced that he will give the State of the City presentation at the second meeting in January.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Council received the Notice of preliminary population estimate of 4,212 people from Portland State University.

Councilor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:37 PM.