



595 Main St. Aumsville, Oregon 97325
(503) 749-2030 • TTY 711 • Fax (503) 749-1852
www.aumsville.us

AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present in-person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, and Councilors Nico Casarez, Scott Lee, Della Seney, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick (arrived at approximate 7:09 PM). Council absent: None. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, City Clerk Colleen Rogers, and Office Specialist Kirsti Pizzuto. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mayor Ceja called for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to section 6 New Business, with the addition of Maude's Drywall Bid Proposals for Review. Councilor Casarez seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: = Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, and Mayor Ceja. No: None.)

VISITORS: There were 11 in-person visitors and 3 online attendees. This meeting was also live streamed on Facebook where there were up to 13 viewers at one time.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Former Mayor Clevenger was thanked for his time as mayor, and given a key to the city of Aumsville in the form of a tie pin, pocket knife, and a glass display. Former Mayor Clevenger acknowledged the community, city council, and city staff for their support and assistance in his time as mayor.

Mayor Ceja took her Oath of Office as the new mayor.

Councilors Casarez and Seney were re-elected and took their Oaths of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL POSITIONS: Council reviewed three applications for the two vacant Council positions. Council could only appoint one of the seats until after January 10th due to election policy. After a brief discussion, Councilor Wick moved to appoint Katie Wallace to the vacant seat. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes = Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None.)

Councilor Wallace took her Oath of Office.

Councilors discussed the two applicants for the upcoming appointment. Both applicants were mentioned as strong candidates.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Mayor Ceja was the previous Council President. Councilor Seney offered that she would be willing to take on the position. Councilor Wick moved to appoint Councilor Seney as Council President. Councilor Lee seconded the

motion. Councilor Seney accepted the nomination. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: There were two vacancies, and two applicants who were both previous commissioners in good standing. Councilor Casarez moved to re-appoint Chris Chytka and Jennifer Molan as Planning Commissioners. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilor Casarez moved to approve the December 12, 2022 city council meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Surplus Public Works Equipment: CA Harding explained that there are a number of pieces of outdated public works equipment that haven't been used in an extended period of time. Some of these items include a 1995 Crown Victoria Police Car, a 1979 GMC Vactor Truck, a DewEze Side Hill Mower, a Kubota Lawn Tractor/mower, a Craftsman Lawn Tractor, a Columbia Par Car, and a Military Generator. Most of these items have been replaced, as they do not run, and haven't for several years. With limited space and a number of upcoming Public Works projects, it would be beneficial to move these pieces of equipment out of the yard. CA Harding recommended sending these items to the state surplus through our State Surplus Agreement.

Councilor Casarez moved to surplus out the equipment as recommended by staff. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

Maude's Drywall Proposals: CA Harding provided a background of the Maude's building, explaining that it was not in the original plans to have electrical or insulation installed as soon as it has been, but that Marion County has required specific upgrades. Council previously approved the contracts for electrical work and insulation as required by Marion County. There is now enough funding in the budget to finish the drywall, and, if started now, the project should be complete by the beginning of summer. 5-Star Drywall's approval includes a level of finish and thickness of sheetrock greater than the other two bidders. CA Harding recommended approving the drywall project to be completed by 5-Star Drywall in the amount of \$12,150.00 from Fund 010-804. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the Maude's Drywall Project as presented by staff. Councilor Lee seconded. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: CA Harding briefly touched on the police report, and stated that the Chief of Police is fitting into his new role well. There is a strong pool of candidates for the open positions with the city.

CA Harding advised that the city will be going to bid on the water reservoir project, which will include two new wells. Further updates on the reservoir project's status are expected in February.

CA Harding met with some representatives to discuss what they would like to see in a capital request. The capital request was submitted and distributed to representatives. CA Harding researched other grant resources for the infrastructure projects at length earlier in the day to try to reduce the debt to the city.

Recently completed projects included the installation of the Watchfire Reader Board sign, and the Veterans Memorial project unveiled last month in front of City Hall. The Watchfire Reader Board has been used to display announcements for holiday events and weather alerts with current temperature. The Veterans Memorial ceremony brought approximately 30 viewers, including a speaker and a color guard from the Oregon National Guard.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Councilor Casarez mentioned that he will be going to City Day at the Capitol on January 25, 2023 to promote Aumsville's projects to the state representatives, and that he suggested Aumsville as a stopping point for Governor Elect Tina Kotek in her Marion County tour. Mayor Ceja and Councilor Seney are also signed up for City Day at the Capitol.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mayor Ceja advised that she will be out of town through January 16th, but will be available by phone.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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



Ron Harding, City Administrator



Angelica Ceja, Mayor