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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### January 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Present in-person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez, Scott Lee, Della Seney, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick. Council absent: None. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, City Clerk Colleen Rogers, Office Specialist Hayley Brewster, 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 Casarez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: = Mayor Ceja and Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace and Wick. No: None.)

**VISITORS:** There were 15 in-person visitors and 0 online attendees including the Cub Scout Pack led by Ron Fleming.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Cub Scout Pack #405 presented the flags and led the council and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Ceja then invited the group to ask questions about city government. She was able to describe her duties and why she decided to run for mayor. Councilors Seney and Lee described why they joined city council.

Mayor Ceja and CA Harding presented the cub scouts with city awards.

**COUNCIL VACANCY DECLARATION:** Mayor Ceja called for a motion to approve the vacancy open on council. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the vacancy. Councilor Seney seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: = Mayor Ceja and Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace and Wick. No: None.)

**COUNCIL VACANCY APPOINTMENT:** Mayor Ceja called for a motion to appoint the vacant position on council. Councilor Casarez moved to appoint Douglas Cox to the vacant council position. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: = Mayor Ceja and Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace and Wick. No: None.)

**EMPLOYEE AWARDS PRESENTATION:** CA Harding presented the Police Officer of the Year Award to Officer Phillip Wright, and Reserve Officer of the Year, David Kosel. Tasha Preston, the City's Utility Clerk, was then presented with the Employee of the Year award.

CA Harding then moved on to present the Employee Anniversary plaques. Sargeant Bird was unable to attend, but CA Harding acknowledged his 25 years of service to the city. Next, City Clerk Colleen Rogers was given a plaque for her 15 years of service to the city. Brandon Blythe, though was unable to attend, was acknowledged for his 15 years of service to the city as well. CA Harding finished with presenting a plaque to Officer Wright for 5 years of service to the city.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve the January 9, 2023 city council meeting minutes as presented. Councilor Seney 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:** CA Harding presented the Winterbrook Planning Agreement for consulting services. The city currently contracts with the Mid-Willamette Council of Governments for planning services. As the city moves forward and gets closer to having development with the interchange development zone, city staff feel it would be best to bring in a planning consultant with more commercial development experience and more resources to make sure the city's interest and plans for the future are maximized. CA Harding referenced other local cities that have worked with this consulting company.

Councilor Casarez asked if the city had looking into multiple consulting companies to compare. CA Harding did contact other planning organization but were not able to make connections and checking references Waterbrook rated very high with city's who used them. Ca Harding explained the search time was short because of the application received and we felt with Winterbrooks reputation there was no need to continue to search. CA Harding assured that based off the city's goals and future projects that Waterbrook would be the good fit based on their history with large development projects.

Mayor Ceja called for a motion. Councilor Seney moved to approve the agreement for consulting services from Winterowd and Brooks, LLC, dba Winterbrook Planning on an on-call basis as presented in the proposed agreement. Mayor Ceja seconded the motion. Motion APPROVED 6-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Lee, Seney, Wallace, Wick, and Mayor Ceja. No: None)

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** CA Harding informed the council he and the mayor have several meetings set up with legislators such Senator Girod and Senator Wyden. He expresses that all of these efforts are to gain funding for the wastewater project.

CA Harding brought up a "One Stop". Business Oregon is helping with infrastructure funding, and they invite agencies with programs that will look at the city project to find the best funding options like grants and low-interest financing. It is then presented to the city and the legislative representatives.

CA Harding explained the next deadline in the compliance schedule for the sewer project is a 20% design. He mentioned that the city may be required to look into hiring consultants to help with grants, applications and contracts.

Lastly, CA Harding brought up a training date for all the councilors to work on goal setting, mock meetings and policies.

Councilor Casarez requested that during the training date, that the council would put focus on emergency planning this coming year. CA Harding stated that Chief Flowers is working on the emergency planning group, and invited him to participate in the meetings. They are collectively working on applying for a grant for a camera system, as well as a seismic analysis on the water tower.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Mayor Ceja updated that she and councilors Wallace and Wick attended a town hall with Senator Wyden, where she was able to thank them for helping with the wastewater project and expressed the city is still needing funding. Mayor Ceja also reminded council that lobby day is on the 25<sup>th</sup> where Councilors Casarez and Seney will be attending. Mayor Ceja stated she has met with the fire department as well as the elementary school and churches.

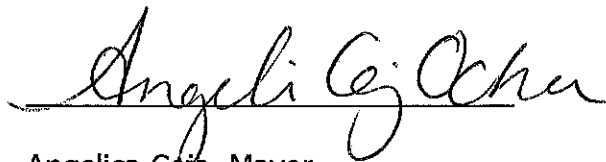
CA Harding announced the city will be participating in the Job Fair for Cascade high school on February 9<sup>th</sup> to build interest in future city jobs. He invited council to attend as well.

Mayor Ceja also announced the city is participating in "If I Were Mayor..." Contest.

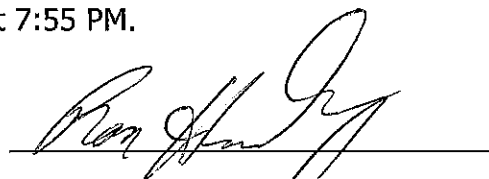
**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:55 PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator