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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Council present: Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick. Council absent: Scott Lee. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, City Clerk Traci Nichols, Office Specialist Hayley Brewster, and Office Specialist Kirsti Pizzuto.

*The meeting was video recorded to be released later.*

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Mayor Ceja requested a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Casarez motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Councilors Casarez, Seney, Wallace and Wick voted YES. Agenda approved.

**VISITORS: None.**

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Ceja swore in newly-appointed councilor Douglas Cox. Councilor Cox joined the meeting at 7:05 PM.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Councilor Seney approved the consent agenda, as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. Councilors Wallace, Cox, Seney, Casarez and Wick voted YES. Consent agenda – Minutes from January 23, 2023 Council Meeting and Accounts Payable register from January-February 2023 - approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Ceja verified there was no public hearing.**

**OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Ceja verified there was no old business.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** CA Harding introduced Ted Shepard, president of the Aumsville Historical Society, who offered the AHS yearly report. He discussed various improvements, additions and arrangement of the Museum to allow more items to be displayed. He indicated the Museum was open for 109 hours, had 192 visitors, and was up to 51 members. Volunteers donated 283 hours to the Museum.

**NEW BUSINESS:** City Administrator Ron Harding presented the State of the City report to Council. He first thanked administrative staff for aiding him in putting the presentation together. CA Harding shared a slide presentation highlighting the Council's 5 goals, and the City's steps toward implementing them. He shared the City's successes in obtaining funding

toward the Wastewater System. Through grants, awards and the City's matching contribution, there is over \$4.3 million for the System. CA Harding explained a number of immediate challenges the Wastewater System faces and expressed that it would be best to move forward with improvements sooner than later.

CA Harding covered successes in Drinking Water System improvements – currently, over \$3.5 million in grant funding toward the project. He conveyed the immediate challenges to the System.

CA Harding shared a large list of community events and outreach efforts over the past year, and the positive feedback received from citizens as a result. He showed photos from several events, while going into greater detail on the logistics and attendance. CA Harding explained to Council future community outreach endeavors, including YouTube videos and social media engagement.

CA Harding discussed the City's efforts toward providing options to highlight local businesses: development ordinance updates, newsletter advertising, website business directory.

CA Harding explained numerous actions in the way of emergency preparedness for the City, promotions and programs within the police department, and enhanced community policing. CA Harding displayed a graph, showing a downward trend in Police/Fire calls for service over the past year.

CA Harding discussed programs and services geared toward responsiveness and aid to citizens. He detailed updates to the Community Center, and recent technology upgrades to the City Hall. He discussed with Council CJIS (Criminal Justice Information System) requirements, and their implementation in the City.

CA Harding shared a list of in-process projects within the City: Road extension, new Public Works shop, Parks Master Plan updates, new reservoir, new wells and a daily work toward a new wastewater facility.

CA Harding highlighted an extensive list of accomplishments in the City since 2017.

In closing, City Administrator Harding indicated that the state of the community is vibrant and progressive. He believes there's a positive outlook for the City. He stated that in city government, the goal line is never reached – it's just a different challenge.

**PRESENTATIONS: None.**

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** City Administrator Harding advised Council that the first collective bargaining meeting was on Wednesday [February 15]. He shared with Council the Job Fair that was held on February 9. He said that the participation was high, and the City's booth was one of the busiest. This was a positive community interaction, and very well received. CA Harding mentioned the events planning committee had the first meeting, and the City is regrouping and revisiting events that had been halted due to Covid-19. He reminded

Council their retreat is March 18. He reminded Council the City's financial reports were attached to their agenda/meeting packet. CA Harding finished his report by introducing the new City Clerk.

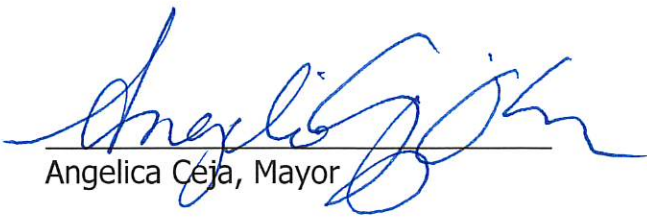
**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Councilor Seney brought forward information from the Mid-Valley Area Transportation Commission meeting. She learned Aumsville would be joining the Metropolitan Planning Organization. It will be voted on in the meeting later this month, and requirements will be sent for a designated City representative.

Mayor Ceja has reached out to do meet-and-greets with local organizations that impact the community.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 8:28PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator

/s/ Respectfully submitted by Traci Nichols, City Clerk.

