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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### April 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. Present in-person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Scott Lee, Della Seney, Douglas Cox and Walter Wick. Council absent: Nico Casarez and Katie Wallace. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding (via Zoom), Assistant Public Works Director Matthew Etzel and City Clerk Traci Nichols. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Councilor Seney motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

#### **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND VISITORS:**

Mayor Ceja read and signed the National Child Abuse Awareness Month proclamation, as well as the Arbor Day proclamation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

#### **VISITORS: None.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) Minutes from the March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting and March 28, 2023 Work Session
- b) Accounts Payable from March 22, 2023 and Payroll Register from March 31, 2023

Councilor Seney motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING: None**

#### **OLD BUSINESS: None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Marion County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – City Administrator Ron Harding advised this was an update to the current multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. This update is required to be done in conjunction with the County to be eligible for FEMA funding when there are emergencies or disasters. This plan also helps the City to leverage grants when they become available, to aid in implementing parts of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Assistant Public Works Director Etzel spoke to Council, advising Public Works and the

Police Chief had collaborated on the plan, with no extra costs to the City. The County approved the Plan in their meeting on April 5, 2023. The City will need to approve the [Aumsville] Addendum as part of that process. APWD Etzel reiterated this will allow the City to be eligible for funding for hazard mitigation projects, or in the event of a disaster.

Councilor Seney moved to approve **Resolution 2-23: A Resolution Adopting the City of Aumsville Addendum to the Marion County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Councilor Wick seconded. Motion passed.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

a) Police Department Monthly Report

b) Public Works Monthly Report

City Administrator Ron Harding brought attention to the Police Department monthly report. He said the Police Department continued to be very involved with community outreach – being highly visible and integrating themselves.

CA Harding advised Council on a couple of items that will be on the upcoming agenda. Last year, the City didn't immediately transfer \$100,000 into water/wastewater capital funds. It was slated as an option that could be done later, if revenues came in at the level needed. We wanted to be able to keep the rate adjustment at a 3% inflationary rate, knowing the community was impacted by other inflation costs. The plan was to hold [the \$100,000] in reserve. The revenues and expenditures have balanced in such a way that Staff will need to bring an action forward to make those transfers, which are needed for the capital projects currently in the works. There will also be an action to have a video scope of the wastewater system completed. This is a DEQ requirement that must be completed every 5 years, and this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in the cycle. The cost of the scope has gone up significantly, so the plan is to complete half of the City at a time.

CA Harding brought attention to the Public Works monthly report. He said there had been quite a bit of vandalism, and Staff is working on ways to address it.

Petition signatures for wastewater funding support are growing – the numbers are roughly 300, but he would like to see that number above 500. CA Harding said Staff was brainstorming ways to get the number at the 500 level.

The emergency generator in the reservoir has been installed, and Staff is now waiting to complete training on its use.

Event planning is going well. The Arbor Day celebration is on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. Staff will be partnering with the elementary school, and the celebration will be held there. Students will be replanting some of the trees that were destroyed a few years ago.

Mayor Ceja inquired on the goal of 500 petition signatures. She would like a higher goal of 2,000. Councilor Cox asked if it was possible for residents to gather signatures as well. CA Harding said anyone interested in helping was welcome to. He said the petition is to show the community's engagement in this issue – letting our legislators know the community is aware of this issue and encouraging them to focus on this and partner with us. Mayor Ceja would like the number of signatures to match the number of water/sewer bills that go out monthly. CA Harding said the City could print the petition on the next set of bills, as well as the website address to allow citizens to sign electronically. He said the engagement had been robust, given they had only been working at gathering signatures for a week.

Mayor Ceja addressed the community canvass the Council had made over the weekend, seeking support signatures. Her goal is to have one signature for each bill that goes out. She mentioned the Joint Ways and Means Committee is doing their circuit around the state, and after that they would be addressing cities and their requests for funding.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:**

Mayor Ceja attended a meeting with the USDA Under Secretary, which she felt was informational. She said Aumsville was not the only city facing challenges with grant application processes. Mayor Ceja felt it was a good brainstorming session. Mayor Ceja, Chief Flowers and City Staff will be going to the elementary school on the 14<sup>th</sup> to meet with representatives from the Migrant Education Program, who had asked for a presentation from the City. She discussed the weekend canvass and gathering signatures.

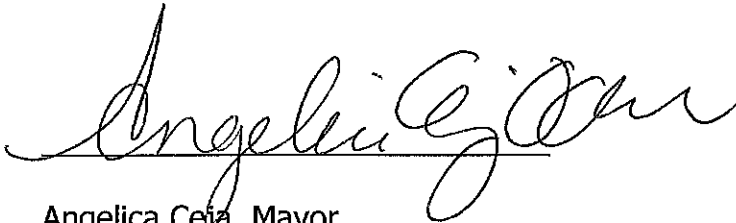
Councilor Seney attended the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation meeting on Thursday. They received many updates on upcoming projects. She said a list of projects could be found on the ODOT website.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

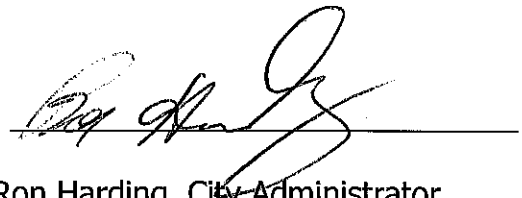
**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**ADJOURNMENT REGULAR MEETING:**

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:34PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator

/s/ Respectfully submitted by Traci Nichols, City Clerk

