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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Present were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez (via Zoom), Della Seney, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick. Council absent: Scott Lee, Douglas Cox. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, 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: None.

VISITORS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b) Accounts Payable and Payroll Register

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) Sewer Collection Cleaning and TV Inspection

Councilor Seney motioned to approve the proposal by C-More Pipe Services Company for the cleaning and TV inspection of 33,000 linear feet of the collection system in the amount of \$68,500 from Fund 019-604: Sewer Improvement. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present unanimously voted to approve the proposal.

- b) Resignation of Planning Commissioner – Term Ending December 31, 2024

Councilor Seney motioned to approve the resignation of Tom Youmans from the Planning Commission. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present unanimously voted to approve the resignation.

c) Resolution 3-23 – A Resolution Authorizing 2022-2023 Budget Amendment in the Water and Sewer Funds

Councilor Seney motioned to approve **Resolution 3-23**, as presented by Staff. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present unanimously voted to approve **Resolution 3-23**.

d) Agreement for City-Wide Special Event – Street Dance

City Administrator Ron Harding brought forward a draft contract with Treva Gambs, owner of G-3. The contract would allow G-3 to plan and fund a Street Dance [taking the place of the Party in the Park event that kicks off the Corn Festival]. CA Harding brought up the advantages of having G-3 hold the event: no cover charge, family-friendly, food and beverages would not have to be transported in. Mayor Ceja said this is a big event, and she is concerned about the quality of the entertainment. She asked about the contract language that allows the Council to have a say in the bands/entertainment hired for the event. CA Harding explained the language allows us to reject bands, but not select the bands ourselves. Councilor Casarez (via Zoom) spoke up, saying he felt it was worth a shot to allow another entity to plan the event; Councilor Wick mirrored his sentiment. CA Harding brought up that our community events have all been an evolution, where new things were brought in and later evaluated to decide whether they worked. He explained that contracting out pieces of our events prevented Staff from being shouldered with all the logistics and allows more events without a cost to residents. Mayor Ceja asked if there was funding to pay for the band. CA Harding explained that wasn't needed – G-3 plans to fund everything involved.

A concern regarding parking came from citizen Derek Clevenger. CA Harding said it was a 5-hour event that occurs once per year. A robust discussion ensued between Council, CA Harding and Derek Clevenger. CA Harding stated that G-3 was already established, had the food in place and room around their business to hold the event. CA Harding advised Council that Staff needed a motion to approve the contract with G-3, and if Council did not wish to approve the contract, he would need guidance on how to proceed. Mayor Ceja verified that without a motion, the contract wouldn't be approved. Councilor Casarez inquired as to what the concerns may be among the Council. Mayor Ceja said she wanted quality entertainment, businesses to make money, no cover charge, and family friendliness. She said parking is a concern. Councilor Wick said his main concern was parking. CA Harding brought up an example of renting out the Community Center. He said parking was addressed in a special event situation like that, so we have a parking plan already identified. Councilor Wallace asked how many attended last year; CA Harding said about 300. Mayor Ceja said that was *with* a cover charge, and it would likely be more than that with no cover. Councilor Wick said he didn't know where to go from here because parking was a concern. CA Harding said Staff could work with G-3 on parking options. Mayor Ceja asked if the City could provide a shuttle [for parking off-site and transporting attendees to the Dance]. Councilor Casarez said we could work with G-3 on parking options. He reiterated the City should try this option. Councilor Casarez moved to enter into an agreement with G-3, with the change of Staff working with them to identify appropriate places to park and alleviate the street congestion. Councilor Wick

seconded. Councilors Wallace, Seney, Wick and Casarez voted in favor. Mayor Ceja opposed it. CA Harding said Staff would work with G-3 to identify parking areas where people have given us permission, and any overflow parking would be the park – and as people parked further out, they would have to walk more. Councilor Wick said he thought this [contract with G-3] was a great idea and we would do the best we could. CA Harding discussed a shuttle, and how it would be considerable expense.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

City Administrator Harding advised Council that we needed nominations for Grand Marshal for Corn Festival. There isn't a current list of potential nominees. Mayor Ceja asked for a list of the previous Grand Marshals, so there wouldn't be duplicates. CA Harding asked Council to send any ideas for the Grand Marshal to him or City Clerk Nichols.

CA Harding said funding hadn't been finalized for the new Public Works facility. The City has until May 1 to award the contract, based on bids already received. He hoped that by mid-week, funding would be secured. A special meeting may have to be convened to approve that contract.

CA Harding mentioned the Arbor Day ceremony at the elementary school, which will be held on April 28th.

CA Harding reminded Council of the half-day retreat being held on April 29th.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES: Mayor Ceja said an article had come out in the Statesman Journal on the Wastewater Treatment facility. She said it was informative, and there was a lot of good information in it. It covered many of the challenges [the City] is facing, and what led to it.

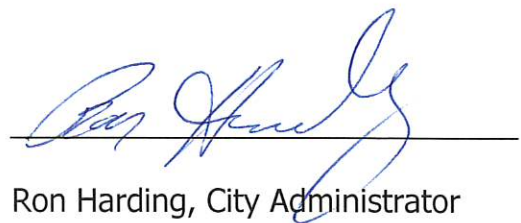
GOOD OF THE ORDER: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:42PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator

/s/ Respectfully submitted by Traci Nichols, City Clerk

