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## AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

### July 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

#### **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda with the addition of [Agenda Item] 6a-Bond Counsel approval. Councilor Casarez seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Agenda approved with addition.

#### **PRESENTATIONS: None.**

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

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilor Casarez moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. Consent Agenda approved.

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

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bond Counsel Contract – Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP

City Administrator Ron Harding spoke to Council, indicating one of the things needed for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan [for the Wastewater Treatment Plant] was to bring on a bond counsel. Hawkins is one of 2 firms in the state that specialize in bond counsel and were recommended to Staff by the City Attorney. Staff has used them in the past. Bond counsel is needed, as it's a requirement from USDA – especially on a large loan like this. The bond counsel makes sure all the qualifiers are in place [for the loan]. CA Harding indicated he could have signed the engagement letter from Hawkins, but he preferred to bring this information before Council to keep them updated on the process. Staff would like to have all

the qualifiers met and application turned in before October 1. Councilor Seney moved to approve City Administrator Harding signing the letter agreeing to hire Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP to act as bond counsel in the amount of \$25,000. Councilor Casarez seconded. Council present voted unanimously in approval. Contract approved.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

CA Harding said things are moving along well with the Police Department and Public Works. There are a number of projects in the hopper, and Public Works has taken the lead on the well drilling project and scope of work with the City Engineer on the reservoir project.

The League of Oregon Cities Conference registration opens on the 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am.

CA Harding advised Council there will be some staffing changes. Traci Nichols has accepted a position in another state, and her last day is the 19<sup>th</sup>. As with any staffing changes, he will review the position's job description.

CA Harding brought up the wastewater facility tour, which is immediately following the meeting. He has a lot of information to pass on, and some members of the community will be following Council there.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:**

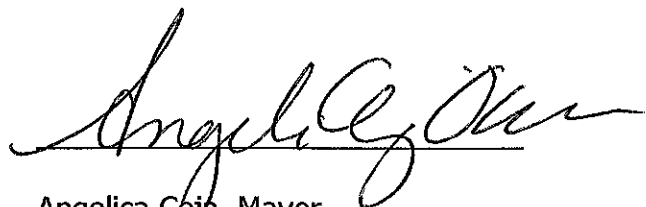
Councilor Seney went to the Salem-Keizer Area Transportation System (SKATS) meeting for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The question came up as to whether Cascade School District should be added in [to the MPO], given that [City of] Turner had been brought in along with Aumsville. SKATS is reaching out to Cascade. The next meeting is end of July or August.

Mayor Ceja went to the Marion County Fair opening dinner. There were a few elected officials, and it was a great networking opportunity. She encouraged Council to attend when those opportunities come up.

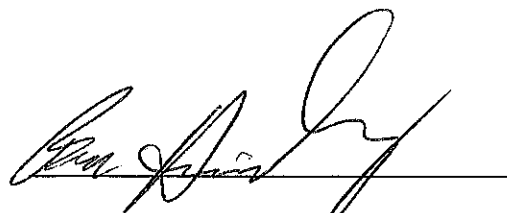
**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 7:17PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator