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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

November 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present in person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Nico Casarez, Della Seney, Scott Lee, Doug Cox, Katie Wallace, and Walter Wick. Council absent: None. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding, Assistant Public Works Director Matthew Etzel, and Assistant Administrator Kirsti Pizzuto. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Councilor Casarez moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Agenda approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

Jayne Downing and Paige Clarkson: Information on the Center for Hope and Safety
Accompanied by service dog Maxwell, Downing and Clarkson presented on Domestic Violence within Marion County.

VISITORS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA Councilor Seney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Council present voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Westech Engineering, Recommendation for Award to R.L. Reimer- Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Improvements

CA Harding presented a brief overview of the Water Tank actions before Council heard from Assistant Public Works Director Matthew Etzel. CA Harding explained that the project did go up in cost, but the project received 3.6 million in grants from the state. CA Harding stated that this project is not one that impacts the Aumsville resident utility rate.

Etzel presented the staff report for the recommendation to award R.L. Reimer the contract for the water storage tank and pump station improvements. Etzel stated that working with R.L. Reimer on other projects with the City had been pleasant so far.

Councilor Casarez moved to approve R.L. Reimers Co.'s bid of \$3,170,250.00 for the Water Tank and Pump Station Improvements as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion passed.

b) Westech Engineering, Construction Services Proposal- Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Improvements

Etzel continued with the staff report for the services proposal. Etzel explained that the City received bids on two different kinds of tank materials. The City ended up choosing glass glass-fused bolted steel tank. Public Works will be on-site to do day-to-day inspections for this project to make sure the city's water system isn't impacted during construction.

Councilor Wallace asked where the tank will be located. Etzel explained it will be where the existing tank is, near Republic Services.

Councilor Seney moved to approve the Aumsville Water Tank and Pump Station Construction Services Proposal from Westech with a not-to-exceed amount of \$154,600.00 as presented by staff. Councilor Casarez seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion passed.

c) The Automation Group (TAG) Integrator of Record, Integrated Equipment and Programming Quote- Water Storage Tank and Pump Station Improvements

Etzel went on to present the staff report. Etzel explained it's important to have one integrator providing all automation and equipment for the project so pumps will turn on and run based on water pressure and usage in the city.

Councilor Casarez moved to approve the TAG Task Order for the Water Tank and Pump Station Integration in the amount of \$249,978.00 as presented by staff. Councilor Seney seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the motion. Motion passed.

d) Resolution 11-23 Authorizing the City to Distribute Funds Donated and Raised by the Corn Festival Event to Local Community Groups Providing Services within the City of Aumsville Service Area.

CA Harding presented the resolution for distributing funds to local service groups that volunteered at City events. CA Harding stated the distribution depends on the number of volunteers and hours they put in as well as manual labor vs hospitality volunteers. CA Harding reminded Council that in years past, the corn bagging event had roughly 25 volunteers, whereas in 2023 there were over 75 volunteers.

Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution 11-23 Authorizing the City to Distribute Funds Donated and Raised by the Corn Festival Event to Local Community Groups Providing Services within the City of Aumsville Service Area as presented by staff. Councilor Casarez seconded. Mayor Ceja and Councilors Casarez, Seney, Lee, Cox, and Wick voted to approve the motion. Councilor Wallace abstained from voting. Motion passed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

CA Harding presented his Administrator report. DEQ approved the 20% design for the wastewater facility, which allows the City to move into 100% design phase. CA Harding discussed the recent tour to a nearby wastewater treatment facility and offered to provide another tour for anyone who was unable to attend. Councilor Lee requested a weekend tour with Councilors Casarez and Cox to see the facility.

CA Harding stated there are two class action lawsuits for PFAS, which the City has not registered any contaminants. CA Harding doesn't recommend joining the lawsuit as it doesn't necessarily apply to the City currently. Etzel and Councilor Cox made inaudible comments. CA Harding stated the consensus of Council was to not join the lawsuit.

The next update CA Harding gave was that the new Public Works facility is making progress in its build. The build is moving fast and CA Harding encouraged Council to drive by. CA Harding reminded Council that city staff asked to cancel the last council meeting in November and the last council meeting in December since they are so close to holidays. CA Harding stated the consensus of Council was to cancel those meetings.

CA Harding gave an overview of what to expect for Christmas in the Park this year.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilor Wallace informed Council of the Christmas Store event the Exchange Club puts on for free for local children.

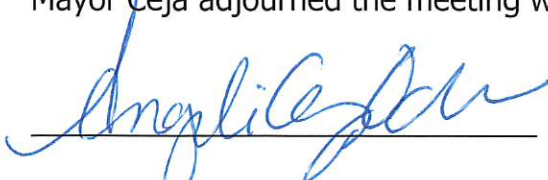
Councilor Casarez invited everyone to the Aumsville Rural Fire District Turkey Shoot event that raises funds.

Mayor Ceja summarized her week starting with the wastewater tour and a Blazer Industries tour, as well as attending a Historical Society meeting.

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