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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

April 29, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. Present in-person were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Scott Lee, Della Seney, Katie Wallace, Douglas Cox and Walter Wick. Council absent: Nico Casarez. Staff present: City Administrator (CA) Ron Harding,

PRESENTATIONS: CA Harding showed the Council a slide presentation that covered a variety of topics.

The first topic was about organizing Council meetings and Council meeting protocols. The Council discussed how they conduct meeting decorum and how to align the meeting process with the Council meeting protocols.

The Council reviewed online Council meetings from other cities to train in situational awareness about how other elected officials have addressed issues in either a right or wrong way. The idea behind this training was to identify where Council meeting protocol and procedures can help reduce disruptive events. We do not want to see personal attacks or arguments, and in fact following meeting protocol is the best way to avoid many situations.

CA Harding discussed code enforcement issues and approach and asked the City Council for guidance. The Council consensus was to continue to be firm but fair and universal in our code enforcement efforts. The goal is to achieve compliance with no sanctions unless necessary. Council was informed that there may be situations where a large group of neighbors are all out of compliance, and Council didn't feel this changed anything.

CA Harding discussed the City's obligations under HB 3115. This legislation requires cities to create opportunities to accommodate people without shelter. The consensus was to continue to maintain no camping or sheltering in parks or residential neighborhood, and the remainder of zones would be open. The Council understands the law is vague and we are taking our best approach.

Franchise agreements: The City will need to approve a new master communication ordinance before approving several franchise renewals. CA Harding discussed the process with Council. Consensus was to continue the process working with the city attorney.

The Council discussed how many AC water lines are still within the City and the potential for water loss from these lines. This still needs to be a priority for the City and future projects will come forward on how we can begin to replace these lines as needed.

CA Harding discussed the newest water meter systems that can provide real time data and improve customer services. Staff is suggesting we install the main system that receives the data and then over time replace the meters until the entire system can be changed over. This allows us to complete the project a little at a time for operational and budgetary reasons. Older meters are being phased out and the new technology will require less staff time. Consensus by Council to move forward and bring back proposals.

Pedestrian safety and county roads had been an ongoing discussion by the Council. They would like to install crosswalks, but the major streets are owned by Marion County. Marion County policies do not really favor crosswalks. The Council discussed researching the possibility of taking over MC roads. They understand this makes the City responsible for the roads but right now there are no active maintenance efforts by the County and the City still doesn't have any say. Council felt understanding the commitment of taking over a road would help them decide next steps. Staff will come back with the process after contacting the County.

The Council discussed the current police vehicle replacement program. The vehicles are showing wear and will need to be replaced. CA Harding outlined his replacement plan that will allow purchasing of two new vehicles this year and increase our vehicle replacement contributions. Consensus was this was a good approach.

CA Harding discussed the programs available to acquire streetlights along main street in the business district. CA Harding informed the council about a program from Pacific Power that could install the lights with a small surcharge to power customers win the city. Council didn't like the idea of charges going to power customers. The Council directed CA Harding to look for grant programs or other programs that could be implemented without this process.

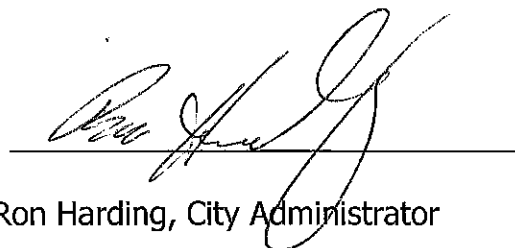
CA Harding went over the City's communication plan and current efforts.

Council agreed we could be reconvened for setting goals at another time.

Council agreed to end the meeting at 12:30PM.



Angelica Ceja, Mayor



Ron Harding, City Administrator

/s/ Respectfully submitted by Traci Nichols, City Clerk

