



# City of Aumsville



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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL Minutes – October 28, 2019**

Mayor Clevenger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Chester Bridges Memorial Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present was: Mayor Derek Clevenger, Councilors Gus Bedwell, Nico Casarez, Jim Case, Angelica Ceja, Larry Purdy, and Della Seney. Council absent were none. City Administrator Ron Harding (CA Harding), Public Works Director Steve Oslie (PWD Oslie), and City Clerk Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Clevenger asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Casarez motioned to approve the agenda. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**PRESENTATIONS & VISITORS:** There were four visitors in the audience, and one requested to speak. Dayadevi Heart, resident on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, asked Council if, when the work on Michael Way is being done, they would consider resurfacing a patch in front of her house. She explained that the patch was the result of a water leak. She doesn't feel the patch is large enough. PWD Oslie stated that he would go by and look at it.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Council approved the October 10, 2019 through October 15, 2019 check registers and the September 23, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

### **NEW BUSINESS: Action**

Council Reviewed The Automated Group (TAG) contract for the Water/Sewer SCADA System upgrade. SCADA is a software system that was designed to alert staff when we have a pump or system failure. PWD Oslie stated that software updates, internet, and phone issues at the city's shop location have made our emergency call-out software obsolete. The monitoring and controls of the system are working, but it is not able to send out alerts if a pump fails. DEQ has concerns about our lack of emergency notification. A SCADA upgrade would update the software, computer, and have call-out capabilities. He added that the last upgrade was in 2006 and it hasn't been working since 2015 due to technology changes.

This upgrade will ensure quicker recovery when a pump goes out and gather data that will help to answer questions that DEQ might have. PWD Oslie stated that TAG has been great to work with and recommends Council approve the award of contract to them. Councilor Seney moved to approve awarding the contract to TAG for \$19,208.00 to upgrade the water/sewer SCADA system as presented. Councilor Purdy seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

PWD Oslie gave an overview of the scope of the Michael Way resurfacing project. The project will resurface all of Michael Way from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the end of the cul-de-sac. He explained the pavement has been deteriorating for years. In 2016 the City removed and replaced a small section in the cul-de-sac area. Since then the city has received a partial grant funding of \$50,000 and has budgeted money to cover the cost of the project. The budget also includes the installation of an ADA ramp on the corner of Michael Way and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The ramp project will be under a separate contract. Councilor Purdy moved to award bid of Michael Way overlay project to North Santiam Paving Co. in the amount of \$103,000 and authorize the City Administrator to sign the contract for services as presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** CA Harding distributed an updated budget report to Council. He brought to their attention the income column. Stating that we have brought in more than our benchmark and expenditures are less than we benchmarked. He contributes this partially to the uptick in building permits at the end of last budget and that our budgeting system allows us to rollover any funds left from the previous budget. The City started out this fiscal year in pretty good shape.

CA Harding announced that City Hall will extend office hours on Halloween for trick or treaters until 7pm. Staff will be in costume and hand out candy to the visitors.

CA Harding asked Council if they would be open to scheduling a quarterly work session to discuss upcoming projects. He mentioned several projects that would be discussed: updates on where we are with the data from our speed tracking sign and how we are going to use it, Public Works shop facility addition revisions, and conducting an analysis on water rate structure and look at changing it to a tiered rate based on consumption. Council consensus was to go ahead with setting up the first work session. CA Harding will try to put a date together in December, but at the latest, early January.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:** Councilor Seney stated that at the recent League of Oregon Cities (LOC) conference one of the things they went over was how we process our check registers on the agenda. Technically we are approving them twice. We already approved the expenditures during the budget process. They recommended that we move the check registers to the City Administrator's report. Council would still get copies of the reports for review in their packet but wouldn't be approving in the Consent Agenda. Councilor Seney moved to change the review process of the check registers by removing them from the Consent Agenda and adding them to the City Administrator's Report. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 7-0: (Yes: Clevenger, Bedwell, Casarez, Case, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. No: None.)

Councilor Bedwell announced the November 9<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day celebration that will be held in the Community Center from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Aumsville Veterans group and the Aumsville Exchange Club have joined together to put on the event for local veterans. The Veterans group has done a great job of inviting representatives from several resource agencies that serve the local veterans. Veterans that attend will be able to talk to the representatives one on one. There will also be a donation bin for canned food for homeless veterans.

Councilor Casarez reported that Lucky You did a great job at their Halloween Bash on Saturday. He thanked the Holguins and all the volunteers who helped to make it a success.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER: None**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Council received a thank you letter from Aumsville residents Mr. & Mrs. Rollins who recently applied for and received grant money for repairs to their manufactured home through a home repair grant program. The City of Aumsville partnered with the Valley Development Initiatives to make this grant program available to our citizens.

Council received a letter from Aumsville resident Melissa McClintock voicing her concerns about complaints of her dog barking. CA Harding stated that this has been an ongoing issue between neighbors for the past couple of years. He commented that there have been no citations issued to date, but if credible information is provided by either a neighbor or neighbors, or the officer witnesses, a violation a citation could be issued. CA said we typically do not just issue a citation for this type of violation and they usually receive ongoing complaints before the officer gets to that point. If there is a situation where a dog is barking on a continual basis and the owner fails to work with their neighbors to mitigate the nuisances, then we typically step in. Councilor Bedwell commented that the ordinance Ms. McClintock refers to in her letter is a Marion County code. CA Harding confirmed and stated that we can't change a Marion County ordinance, but we are authorized to enforce it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: None**

The meeting adjourned without prejudice at 7:36 PM

  
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Ron Harding, City Administrator

  
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Derek Clevenger, Mayor