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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Angelica Ceja called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Present were Mayor Angelica Ceja, Councilors Della Seney, Doug Cox, Katie Wallace, Scott Lee, and Walter Wick. Council present via Zoom: Nico Casarez. Staff present: City Administer (CA) Ron Harding, Chief of Police Damian Flowers, Assistant City Administrator (ACA) Kirsti Pizzuto, Assistant Public Works Director (APWD) Matt Etzel, Finance Officer Joshua Hoyer, Community Outreach Coordinator Hayley Brewster, Administrative Assistant Celia Lemhouse, Police Officer Philip Wright, Reserve and Reserve Officer David Hagen. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Councilor Seney moved to approve the agenda as amended, adding items 3C and 3D as presented by staff. Councilor Lee seconded. Council present voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda. Amended agenda approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

A) Marion County Youth Tobacco and Substance Use: Marion County Tobacco Education and Prevention Program Coordinator Conor Foley and Marion County Substance Abuse Coordinator Diana Dickey presented on the recent trends in youth substance abuse. They presented data collected via surveys from schools within Marion County.

B) Aumsville Historical Society: Aumsville Historical Society President Ted Shepard presented a yearly report on the Museum and the Aumsville Historic Society.

C) Employee Awards Presentation: Chief of Police Damian Flowers presented the Officer of the Year award to Officer Phillip Wright and the Reserve Officer of the Year to Officer David Hagen.

CA Harding presented Employee of the Year to APWD Matthew Etzel. CA Harding then presented 10-Year Longevity Awards to APWD Matthew Etzel, Finance Officer Joshua Hoyer, and a Five-Year Longevity Award to Public Utility Worker III Matthew Winans.

Mayor Ceja thanked all staff for their dedication and hard work.

VISITORS: Conor Foley, Phoebe Barker, Diana Dickey, and Ted Shepard.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

A) Resolution 01-24, Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-3034 and Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Street Fund and Public Works

Equipment Fund: Mayor Ceja opened the public hearing at 7:33 on 01-24 Adopting a Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Street Fund and Public Work Equipment Fund.

CA Harding explained that the City approved a couple of projects that were budgeted before the bids were received and the bids were higher than the approved budget. For the Public Works Building, Fund 16, the bid came back higher than the budget and the City got a fill-in loan. Now, the budget needs to be amended to reconcile the difference between the amount originally budgeted for and the amount of the loan.

CA Harding then discussed the Street Fund budget, Fund 14, also needed to be amended as the City has received a \$250,000 grant and the engineers have estimated the cost of street improvements to be about \$400,000. The street improvements have not been sent out for bid yet.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Ceja closed the public hearing at 7:36pm.

Councilor Seney moved to approve Resolution 01-24, to modify Budget Appropriations as presented by staff. Councilor Wick seconded the motion. Council present voted unanimously to pass the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

CA Harding discussed the City's audit report and stated the report looked good and the City is doing well financially.

CA Harding presented the State of the City presentation to Council. CA Harding showed slides with the Council's goals and highlighted repairs; improvements; grants; and new projects including drilling for a new well, new public works building, and street improvements the City has made to accomplish them.

CA Harding explained the current projects the City is working on: the new public works building, Eastside Park, water storage tank and pump station, and the new wastewater system.

In closing, CA Harding discussed the progress and hard work City staff does as they implement Council's goals to improve the City.

CA Harding detailed the City has two bills in the Oregon legislature asking for aid in funding the sewer project and portable water project. CA Harding highlighted that staff is tracking bills that will affect Aumsville and how the City is still implementing legislative changes from the last two sessions.

Mayor Ceja commented, referencing the slide on grants received since 2018, how much work applying and working on grants is and that it's a community effort. Mayor Ceja stated it shows how far Aumsville has come and she is very proud of staff.

MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Councilor Seney stated there is a SKATS meeting on February 27 where she will be giving a presentation. Mayor Ceja will also be attending in support of Councilor Seney.

Mayor Ceja commented the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) dinner is February 28th and the Spring Conference is coming up. Mayor Ceja explained she has been to the school a couple of times and has been invited to present on what a city council does to 4th graders. Mayor Ceja also mentioned she will be participating in a radio interview with Stayton, Sublimity, and Turner mayors on the "If I Were Mayor" contest.

Councilor Wallace asked what the South Marion County Community Meetings were and if Council members should attend them. Mayor Ceja encouraged Councilors to attend any meetings they thought would be beneficial or relevant to the community.

Councilor Seney explained that the South Marion County Community Meetings are where Councilors can go meet with the commissioners to talk about community needs, wants, and what they appreciate from the commissioners. Both Mayor Ceja and Councilor Seney have attended meetings in the past.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Councilor Seney stated last week at the food pantry they had 62 families representing over 174 individuals.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Mayor Ceja adjourned the meeting without prejudice at 8:27 PM.

February 12, 2024 minutes unanimously approved by Council on February 26, 2024.