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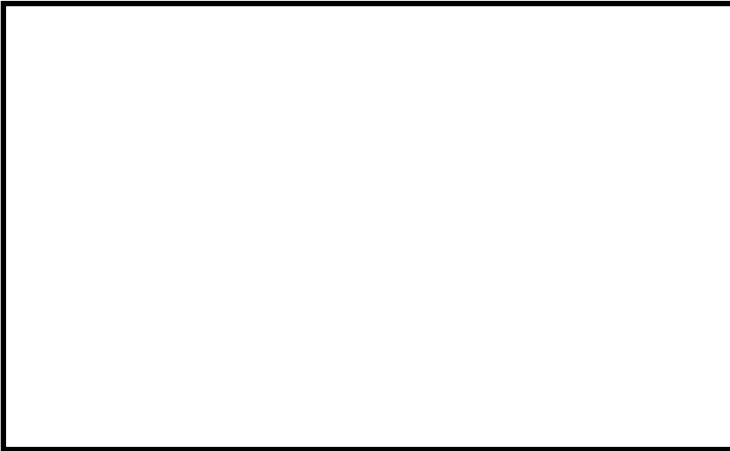
I know a lot of people are looking forward to the new year with anticipation of forgetting the pandemic. With COVID-19 and the canyon wildfires, this has been a year of slow progress and taking time to recover but we can take away some positive messages from 2020. As a manager, I evaluate our community on measurable performances, like a completed project, a task, or goals from council. I also evaluate the community by its strength, the sense of community, ability to overcome adversity, and willingness to take on challenges and help each other through those challenges. As I reflect, I do not just see the complications of COVID-19 or the wildfires as the limited ability to accomplish our goals but rather I see

how we were able to help each other, how well the council worked together to see the community through the pandemic, and how this community took each challenge and came through the other side stronger and more united than ever before.

I have seen our community helping neighbors, strangers, family, friends up the canyon, and others impacted by the loss of a job or interruption of business. Throughout these tragedies with all the different rules and closures to businesses, our local businesses have continued to remain steadfast through community support.

The city managed to provide full services to our community with some changes in procedures and a little reconstruction on our public facilities. We were able to provide \$50,000 in business assistance grants this summer, build a

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City of Aumsville



new website, update our city codes, plan and execute some alternative community events, convert our meeting platform to virtual to continue to include members of the public in our meetings, continue to facilitate positive growth, and complete a downtown Main Street landscaping project. Our police department assisted in wildfire security and responded to public safety needs. Because the city has maintained strong financial policies, we were able to weather the pandemic storm.

Our city council has shown strong and steady leadership related to city operation and policies during the pandemic. They have been united and consistent in their ability to provide reasonable solutions for very complicated situations.

At the upcoming January 25th meeting I will discuss some of these items in more detail and outline some very real and imminent challenges our community will need to address. Please feel free to join us for that meeting and take

part in developing solutions as we move forward.

Our staff is always looking to the future and we want the community to know we are here to serve you in as many ways possible. One of our favorite things to do is to host community wide events. Bringing the community together and building a coalition of belonging and supporting each other is important to me and important to all of them. We had some fantastic community events planned last year and hope this year will provide a safer environment to continue with those plans. We want our community to be sustainable and we want to develop memories that when looked back on, we are proud of. I do not know what next year will bring but I know we will experience it as a community that is strong and resilient. "Aumsville Strong!"

-Ron Harding, City Administrator
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DISTANCED HOLIDAYS

Like many things thrown for a loop by COVID-19, our holiday celebrations had to get creative. Staff, volunteers, and our elected officials worked together to create a virtual holiday event for the books.

We had received a special assignment from Santa to assist with his correspondence. City Hall received letters to Santa and helped him send responses to every child who wrote. These handwritten notes went in the mail in early December.

We invited the public to put on a show at their own homes with the Holiday Décor Contest. The grand prize winner Sharon Woodward received a check for \$500! That's sure to buy a lot of lights. We had 17 entries from all corners of town. Aumsville was aglow with lights.

Behind the scenes, staff was working to film our Virtual Tree Lighting. This took a few takes, some creative story-



telling, and video editing software. The end result was a lot of fun and could be watched over and over again. Watch on the City of Aumsville's YouTube Channel.

We collected our giant stocking full of gifts and we're sad we couldn't give it away in person. We used the mailing list of all the addresses in the city to pick a winner. Karen Myers was the lucky winner of the stocking.

Santa was able to drive around town again. His elves helped pass out goodie bags, staying safe with masks and distancing.

We had carolers riding through town in a horse drawn carriage that same evening. The sound of clapping hooves and bells filled the streets. Thank you Mill Creek Carriages!

We want to thank the community and the volunteers for stepping up to make this holiday the best it could be.





SANTA VISITS

Thank you to the Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District, Aumsville Police Department, and a posse of volunteers who made the Santa Visits possible. There was a hiccup with the fire truck and we had to change course for a while. We had a record number of kids this year, so many that we ran out of goodie bags!

YARD DEBRIS DUMPING

During a survey of properties that are along waterways in our city, I have found that many residents are depositing soil, rocks, grass, and other yard debris along the stream or ditch banks. A mandate has been given to the city to make sure that our stormwater is as clean as possible to prevent contamination such as mercury, and bacteria, and elevated temperature so that it does not hurt water quality in our streams. This mandate comes in the form of a Total Mass Daily Load (TMDL) requirement from DEQ. This requires the city to take action to prevent water quality problems.

Bacteria: Placing grass and other yard debris along a waterway will cause water contamination by the grass decomposing and water washing the bacteria into the waterway. Animal waste, whether from dogs, cats, or chickens, are another source of bacteria. Also, grass and yard debris are washed downstream during high water events.

Mercury: Mercury is present in the soil. Soil disturbances cause the leaching of mercury and sediments into the waterway. This is why you see erosion control fencing around work sites.

Temperature: Tree planting helps keep the streams cooler, but decaying yard debris warms runoff before it reaches the waterway. Trees planted along the banks are good to prevent erosion. Trees growing in the bottom of the waterway catch debris and cause flooding issues.

For enforcement, DEQ utilizes Oregon Administrative Rules and OR Revised Statutes to enforce illicit discharges for what is described above.

DEQ statutes follow:

ORS 468B.025(1)(a): Causing pollution of waters of the state or causing any wastes to be placed in a location where such wastes are likely to be carried to waters of the state by any means is a Class I violation. Placing wastes or causing any wastes to be placed in a location where such wastes are likely to be carried to waters of the state by any means is a Class II violation.

The city also has rules about discharging or water running into waterways. We will be contacting residents along our waterways to make sure contamination does not continue.

If you have questions, comments, or would like us to make a site visit, please give me a call at 503-749-1185, or email at soslie@aumsville.us

Steve Oslie, Public Works Director

People, who visit the museum, often ask about Aumsville's older homes. In the summer of 2019, Aumsville resident Nancy Smith gave AHS photos and written material about the house she has lived in for about twenty-six years. The pictures and basic information had been given to her by Caroline Gillaspy, whose family had previously occupied the house at 1020 Washington Street.



AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Aumsville Museum & History Center

599 Main St, Aumsville, OR

Open Saturdays 11:00am – 2:00pm

APRIL – OCTOBER

WINTER HOURS – OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

change from a small room in the southwest corner of the house. This office had a separate entrance. Ed passed away in 1948, but Edie continued her work until 1962. The house had been built

Caroline's grandfather Edward Collins was born in Texas about 1881. He had been a rodeo rider and had lived in a number of states. He married Engelina Dykstra, who was born in South Dakota. By 1930, they settled in Douglas County, OR and were engaged in farming. They had four daughters, namely: Opal, Edna, Annie and Esther.

Eventually, they moved to Aumsville. Ed rode his horse everywhere he needed to go; he never learned to drive a motorized vehicle. Beginning in 1943, Engelina (known as Edie) operated the Aumsville telephone ex-

change from a small room in the southwest corner of the house. This office had a separate entrance. Ed passed away in 1948, but Edie continued her work until 1962. The house had been built about 1901 and has undergone some renovation in recent years. Caroline fondly recalls family events that took place there. Many thanks to Caroline and to Nancy Smith for sharing the information.

It would be wonderful if other people, who live in Aumsville's older homes, could assemble histories of those buildings. Unless the history is written somewhere, people soon forget those events of the past. A copy, made for the family, could be copied by AHS for the museum.

Because of the Covid 19 crisis, AHS will not meet until further notice. President Ted Shepard can be reached at 503-749-2744. AHS wishes everyone a Happy New Year and good health.

www.aumsvillehs.com

CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES

We have made it to the end of the first trimester at the Cascade School District. It has been the most unique and challenging trimester we've ever had. Things are not easy. As our high school principal Matt Thatcher says, it's 200% of the work with 10% of the joy. And while it's easy to think about the negatives, we are trying to focus on the positives as we head into our next trimester.

Teachers and staff are finding creative ways to teach and connect with students. Our schools have held virtual assemblies, virtual spirit weeks, different giveaways, and prizes all to help students get excited about school.



At the secondary level, teachers have come up with new elective classes that they can effectively teach in a virtual environment including outdoor survival skills at the high school or video production and evolution of music at the junior high. Students are excited about these classes and they filled up right away with more students on waitlists to get in.

We are offering limited in-person instruction to students in our district. The state limits students to only two hours in school per day, but even two hours has had a positive impact on our students. Students are coming in to get help in their classes or connect with their teacher or

peers. At the elementary level, limited in-person instruction helps students improve their reading, math, and writing skills. At the secondary level, students are also coming in to work on CTE projects and spend time with the tools we have in our CTE classrooms. Overall, with limited in-person instruction, we've seen a tremendous impact on students' academic, as well as, social well-being.

Our community partnerships are continuing to make an impact on our students. At Aumsville Elementary each family received "the gift of reading" thanks to Jeff Stewart from State Farm, Title 1, and Aumsville's Parent Teacher Club. Families picked up gift bags with reading activities to keep students engaged over winter break.

Before Thanksgiving, Cascade High School held a community food drive to feed families in our communities. Thanks to generous donations, we helped provide Thanksgiving boxes for 121 families in the district. Cascade Junior High held a holiday food drive in December and provided food boxes for 75 families. We are grateful for the generosity of our community to help us feed our community.

We will continue to make the best of this situation and we are hopeful we can have more students in our building during the second trimester.



ST. MARY CHURCH—SHAW

AUMSVILLE, OR

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P.O. Box 338, Aumsville, Or 97325
Phone 503-362-6159

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday 8:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday thru Friday
8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

1st —3rd—& 5th Saturday
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Fr. Paul Materu ALCP, Pastor
Fr. Richard Rossman, Priest in Resident
9168 Silver Falls Hwy, SE
P.O. Box 338, Aumsville, OR 97325

We invite you to join us at mass our capacity to comply with the distancing guidelines is **60** you will need to call 503-362-6159 and leave your name and phone number. (We will call back if you get a recording to assure you, you are signed up.)

Everyone is required to wear a mask, face shield or face covering when at the church, except:

1. Anyone under the age of 5.
2. You have a medical condition that makes it hard to breathe when wearing a mask, face shield, or face covering.
3. You have a disability that prevents the individual from wearing a mask, face shield or covering.

Sunday Mass obligation remains in effect, so no one is required or expected to attend Mass on the weekends with this reopening.

We continue to pray for our community and world.

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November 2020 Monthly Police Report



CRIME	NUMBER	ARRESTED
Theft/Fraud	1/1	0/0
Theft From Vehicles	7	1
Warrant Arrest/Probation Violation	3/1	3/1
Harassment/Telephonic	0/1	0/0
Assault IV	1	1
MIP (Alcohol)/Drug Offense	0/1	0/1
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer	0/0	0/0
Recovered Vehicle	0	0
Poss. Controlled Substance	1	1
Sex Offense	1	
Hit and Run	0	0
Misc Crime	1	1
TOTAL	19	9

CALLS FOR SERVICE **NUMBER**

Assist other Agency—Turner PD	2
Assist other Agency—Fire Dept	1
Assist other Agency—DHS	2
Assist other Agency—MCSO	2
Assist other Agency—City	0
Assist other Agency—Stayton PD	6
Assist other Agency—Other	5
Assist Person/Citizen Contact	4/15
Vehicle Repo	0
911 Hang-Up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	2/3/1
False Alarms	1
Noise/Traffic Complaint	1/3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	3/3/5
Traffic Accidents/Hit and Run	2/0
Driving Impounds	2
Unattended Death/Notification	2/0
Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	0/3/0
Ordinance Violation	5
Runaway Juvenile/missing person	1/1
Verbal Disturbance	4
Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	0/0
Suicide	0
Open Door	0
Misc Call for Service	0
Emotional Disturbed Persons	2
Found Property/Lost Property/Seized Property	5/0/2

TOTAL

88

TRAFFIC VIOLATION **City** **County**

Speeding	4	3
Fail to Carry Proof /Driving Uninsured	2/4	0/2
Driving While Suspended	6	2
No Valid Op	2	0
No Seatbelt/Improper Wear Seatbelt	0	0
Expired Registration/Fail to Register	0/0	1/0
Failure to Change Address	0	0
Failure to Carry Registration	0	0
Switched Plates	1	0
Failure to Yield to Ped in Crosswalk	0	0
Failure to Yield to Emerg Vehicle	0	0
Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device	0	0
Reckless Driving/Speed Racing	0	0
Careless Driving	1	0
Miscellaneous Violations	1	0

TOTAL

21 **8**

DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 46 hours during the month of November: 46 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

As I reported at the end of last month, we were having some problems with cars being prowled at night. I am happy to say we did catch an individual that was responsible for the majority of those break-ins. This was thanks to help/video from the public.

We are reminding all citizens to continue to lock your vehicles and remove valuables to lessen the chance of becoming an unsuspecting victim. Also, if you are having packages delivered to your residence, make sure someone is there to take them inside, as "porch pirates" are prowling the neighborhoods. For those citizens with camera systems, please keep watch for suspicious activity and report any such activity to the Police.

We just completed our "No Shave November" event and I'm happy to report we raised approximately \$900 to donate to Santiam Hospital's cancer program. Thank you to all who helped make this a great success.

As Christmas approaches, we must be diligent and watch for the Grinch, it's been reported he has been seen prowling the neighborhoods. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Value of Property Stolen	\$980
Value of Property Damaged	\$0
Value of Property Recovered	\$0
Value of Found Property	\$50
Dogs to Pound	0
Dogs to Animal Control	2



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**American
Red Cross**

Community of Giving

Blood Drive
Aumsville Rural Fire District

Training Room
490 Church St., Aumsville, OR 97325

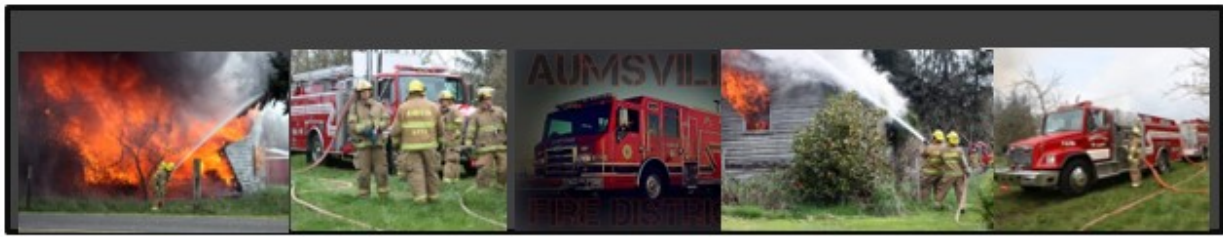
Tuesday, January 5, 2021
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: AumsvilleFire), or contact Trish Lutgen (503-749-2894, tlutgen@aumsvillefire.org).

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Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District

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Good Day, Neighbor!

End of year 2020! And what a year it has been. Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District has been one of the few agencies to have seen positive changes unrelated to the pandemic and associated changes to our lives. Our roster is full for the first time in many years. We have a total of 53 members that include volunteer firefighters, paid and part-time paid staff, cadets, tender operators, and support staff. Our community has truly stepped up to make our organizations successful. We will be sending 9 candidates to the regional training academy in January.

The Fire District has applied for several federal assis-

tance grants for everything from emergency equipment to aid with our proposed new building. We will keep the community posted as to our success with these requests.

As the cold weather settles in for the next few months, please make sure to take the time to test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you need assistance with alarms, do not hesitate to call the fire station and we'll send someone out to assist you.

Merry Christmas everyone, and have a fire safe New Year!

Stay Safe my friends.

Aumsville Rural Fire is excited to announce the addition of a second blood drive! We have been very fortunate to have a community that has embraced the blood drive and made it a success. Since we were filling up quickly during the pandemic and turning folks away, we thought it was time to add the second drive. You will want to pick either the orange (formerly blue) group or the green group. The dates in each group are spaced to allow for regular donations.

Blood donations are not only used for large scale emergencies, but are actually used for a variety of circumstances such as serious injuries (like a car crash), surgeries, child birth, anemia, blood disorders, cancer treatments, and many others.

Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District's American Red Cross Blood Drive	
Friday, December 18, 2020	9 am—3 pm
Friday, February 12, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, March 31, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, May 26, 2021	10 am—4 pm
Wed, July 21, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, September 15, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Wed, November 17, 2021	11 am—5 pm



Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District's American Red Cross Blood Drive	
Tues, January 5, 2021	11 am—5 pm
Friday, March 5, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, April 30, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, June 25, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, August 20, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, October 15, 2021	9 am—3 pm
Friday, December 17, 2021	9 am—3 pm



Legislative Update

STATE SENATOR
DENYC BOLES HOUSE DISTRICT 19



There's no doubt 2020 was a really tough year for all of us. But the beginning of a new year always brings a sense of anticipation and hope and fresh starts. As we continue to fight this pandemic and the repercussions of the Governor's policies we continue to face challenges, yet challenges pose opportunities for continued input for citizens on best steps forward. As COVID policies and mandates change often, please refer to key links which continue to be updated regularly based on new guidance these include <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19> as a primary source.

With this being my last update as your State Senator, please welcome Deb Patterson as your voice in the Oregon legislature as of January 11, 2021. I didn't want this

moment to pass without expressing my profound thanks and honor it has been to serve you these past three years. While these have been trying times, the people and families in this community are amazing, resilient, and truly know how to care for one another. These are the qualities that move us forward to better days. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,
Senator Denyc Boles

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Hello ~
Happy New Year! For me the new year always brings with it a sense of renewal and in some ways an opportunity for a redo

or two! We continue to experience life at warp speed and as a legislator that brings with it the thanks for a solid, experienced staff.

One area of support as your state representative is our office's ability to intercede on your behalf with state agencies. For instance, if you are on the OHP and hit a roadblock that you can't seem to resolve please make sure you reach out to me. My staff and I are here to help.

In mid-December the first shipments of the COVID19 vaccine were distributed by the federal government to all states, including Oregon. Initially Oregon is slated to receive 140,000 doses of the vaccine, please bear in mind for full efficacy one must receive 2 doses of the vaccine. Therefore, making our initial round of vaccinations available to approximately 70,000 Oregonians. A federal government committee recommended the first vaccines go to health care workers and residents of long-term facilities. The CDC has accepted that recommendation. Governors can decide whether to adhere to the recommendations or direct the first shots to other populations. Governor Brown is convening an independent advisory committee to be tasked with making prioritization decisions for those to receive the vaccine. More details will be shared as they are made available.

Among the many issues coming before the 2021 legislative body are campaign finance reform and redistricting. These are two of the less talked about issues, but very important. These along with health care, mental health, judiciary, education, and wildfire recovery will be closely monitored by me. We must pursue the reopening of our schools and small businesses. We are all aware of the hardships suffered

by hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. As with all matters a thoughtful, common sense, safe and healthy, balanced approach is needed.

As you read this update the leadership of the House and the Senate are in the process of finalizing the proposed rules and regulations under which we will operate for the 2021 Legislative Session. There are many unknowns – the one thing I want you to know is that I am ready to convene and do the work I have been "hired" to do. I continue to advocate for the session to be open and accessible for all Oregonians.

We must have a legislative session that is transparent. This means that the Capitol building is open for business, committee meetings are held in person and testimony can be given in person. We must ensure the public is part of the process in crafting legislation and that legislators have access to one another. The average number of bills in a regular session has grown over the years as well as the complexity of the proposed legislation. The ability to truly understand bills, examine the merits and build consensus or not is essential. It cannot and should not be done virtually.

In the interim if we can be of help to you as you navigate your state government please call or email. My door is always open and my staff, Pam McClain, Lena Prine, and I welcome your participation. **As your state representative, I am here to listen, respond, and lead. Please be safe.**

All my best,

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AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following may not be complete minutes from these meetings. You can find the full approved minutes on our website at www.aumsville.us/city-council.

AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Minutes – November 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Ecclestone, Purdy, and Seney. Council absent: Bambrick. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding), City Clerk Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Clevenger announced the Arbor Day Proclamation and CA Harding explained that the City had an Arbor Day celebration set for April 24th but due to COVID-19 was unable to go through with it. Part of our Tree City status requirements are to pass a Proclamation each year and plant a tree. We did plant the tree that day without celebration, but the proclamation was not approved at that time. Council unanimously voted to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation as presented.

VISITORS: There were five online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments at this time.

Council unanimously approved the October 12, 2020 Council meeting minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinances from Chapters 1 and 3 of the city's municipal code were brought to Council at the October 12th meeting where they gave input for suggested changes. These changes were made, and Council approved the first reading of the ordinances by title only at the October 26th, 2020 Council meeting.

Each of the following ordinances were read for a second time by title only. Public comment was allowed after each ordinance was read before Council vote. Council unanimously approved the second reading and adopted the following Ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 671 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 354.
- Ordinance No. 672 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 362, WHICH ESTABLISHED A PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE.
- Ordinance No. 673 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 476, WHICH ESTABLISHED AN AUMSVILLE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION.
- Ordinance No. 674 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING

ORDINANCE NO. 365, WHICH PROVIDES FOR MUNICIPAL SEWER AND WATER SERVICE FEES, SIDEWALK, CURBS, SIDESTRIPS, AND STREET ASSESSMENTS TO BECOME LEINS.

- Ordinance No. 675 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 543, WHICH PROVIDED FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN AUMSVILLE SKATEPARK COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON.
- Ordinance No. 676 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 544, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE, OREGON, REGARDING CLAIMS FOR JUST COMPENSATION ARISING OUT OF THE ENACTMENT OF A STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURE; MAKING CERTAIN PROVISION THEREFORE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- Ordinance No. 677 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RULES TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE PUBLIC CONTRACTING REGULATIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 559.
- Ordinance No. 678 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CHARGE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR WATER SUPPLY, TREATMENT, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION; WASTEWATER COLLECTION, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL; STORM DRAINAGE, INCLUDING FLOOD CONTROL; STREETS; AND PARKS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 387.
- Ordinance No. 679 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER REGULATIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 401.
- Ordinance No. 680 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER REGULATIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 402.
- Ordinance No. 681 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 570.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding updated Council on the COVID-19 epidemic. The Aumsville zip code area had a rise and we are now at 63 positive cases since the beginning of the outbreak. He stated that the virus continues to be an ongoing issue of concern. Staff continues to maintain our current COVID-19 protocols.

CA Harding stated that with the very low interest rates right now, we are working on refinancing our \$1.4M sewer loan. By doing this it will save the city approximately \$200K in interest. This savings is spread out over the duration of the loan at approximately \$10K to \$12K savings per year and it was discussed.

Flashing light at 11th & Main St. update: PP&L will not

commit to a schedule for the removal of the light. They stated that it will get done as their schedule allows.

Stop sign on Del Mar at the tracks: ODOT Rail has not returned the several calls that the City has made to them.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 7:37 PM

Minutes – November 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM via Zoom Conferencing. Council present was: Mayor Clevenger, Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, and Seney. Council absent: Bambrick and Doug Ecclestone. City Administrator Harding (CA Harding), City Colleen Rogers (CC Rogers) were also present via Zoom. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

VISITORS: There were six online attendees. Login information was provided for members of the community to listen to the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Madeline Sattler, Communications Director for the Cascade School District, introduced herself to Council. She stated that even with the COVID-19 restrictions there are still a lot of things going on in the district. Staff at the junior high and high school are working on activities that help to stay in touch with students and keep them engaged and communicating. CA Harding commented that he had been in contact with Madeline and is working with other staff members regarding our Youth Council that we are working on. CA Harding has been working with the school staff to create an outline for the Youth Council Program and will bring an outline to Council at the first meeting in December.

Council unanimously approved the November 9, 2020 Council meeting minutes as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chapters 4, 5, and 6 Code Updates Mayor Clevenger opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm

CA Harding presented the staff report for the code updates. He stated that staff have been engaged in an effort for about a year and half to do an overview of all City ordinances and bring them into compliance with current case law, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), and/or standard operating procedures that have changed. There are a good number of the ordinances that are no longer relevant and will be eliminated by repeal ordinances. He went through each ordinance pointing out the changes that were being recommended.

(Ordinance No. 682 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 311) Social Games

This ordinance was rewritten by the city attorney. The new ordinance clarifies social gaming as regulated by the city and exemptions for charitable and service group fundraisers like the fire departments turkey shoot event.

(Ordinance No. 683 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 316) Posting of Notices

Changes in wording for clarity.

(Ordinance No. 344 Recommend Repeal by 684) Criminal Code Adoption. The state-adopted criminal code serves sufficiently for the city.

(Ordinance No. 366 Recommend Repeal by 685) Fireworks Code Adoption. Fireworks would be permitted under a new section in our development ordinance. Firework stands would need to be licensed by the state fire Marshall under the state code and receive a temporary permit under the city special event permit in order to operate in the city.

(Ordinance No. 686 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 369) Nuisances

Revised definitions and worded for clarity. Added a new section for derelict buildings. Most of the changes simply reorganize and clarify current requirements. We also deleted sections that contradicted the intent of the ordinance.

(Ordinance No. 687 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 405) Drinking in Public

Clarification of wording aligning with our Charter authority and state law. No change to the effect of the ordinance.

(Ordinance No. 688 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 410) Curfew

Updates to language for clarity and current case law and ORS.

(Ordinance No. 689 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 433) Graffiti

Minor changes were made to allow the City to recover the cost of damages.

(Ordinance No. 690 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 490) Alarm System Regulations

Definitions were updated and the late fee section was removed for expired permits and replaced with "late penalty may be charged."

(Ordinance No. 691 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 505) Parks and Public Area Regulations

Updates to the language for clarity. Section 14, deletion of firearms. Section 23 rewritten for Exclusion Period.

(Ordinance No. 555 Recommend Repeal by Ord 693) Giving False Information to Police Officer: Recommend repeal by city attorney.

(Ordinance No. 564 Recommend Repeal by Ord 694) Sex Crime Registration We currently use the state police registry when needed. They manage the database within current state ORS guidelines.

(Ordinance No. 695 Repealing and Replacing Ord. 597)

This Ordinance established driving and criminal history record check policies concerning public employment and public service providers and volunteers. Changes were simply wordsmithing and clarification.

(Ordinance No. 697 Repealing and Replacing 171) Vehicle Parking

The ordinance was changed to allow enforcement easier and to clarify the intent of certain sections. Sections were deleted that conflict with the ordinance intent or implementation. Further defines city rights-of-way, strengthens storage of vehicles language.

(Ordinance No. 306 Recommend Repeal by Ord 698) Parking Regulations We do not issue parking permits for neighborhoods streets. Recommend repeal.

(Ordinance No. 699 Repealing and Replacing 349) Bicycles, Skateboards, Scooters, and Roller Skates Regulations. Wordsmithing for clarifications and readability. Addition of E-bikes and Business District definitions. Additions of sections after 6 for clarity.

(Ordinance No. 700 Repealing and Replacing 363) Truck Routes: Updated description of Truck Route. Increase allowable gross vehicle weight to be more in line with current residential use.

(Ordinance No. 370 Recommended Repeal by Ord 701) Traffic Code Adoption: This ordinance is not needed per state ORS 811. Recommend repeal.

(Ordinance No. 702 Repealing and Replacing 659) Business and Peddlers License: Removes Peddler's license and requires a standard business license. Wordsmithing for clarity and removal of Emergency clause. Requires all businesses to get a business license regardless of location if they do business in the city limits and sets rates for a license by resolution of Council and establishes fines. The change removes violation from a criminal to civil fine. Businesses who participate in temporary community events are exempt from the license requirement as long as a special use permit or park event permit is issued for the event itself.

Council Questions: Councilor Purdy inquired if changes to the Parks and Public Area Regulations, Ord. 691, include concealed gun permit holders in the Firearms Prohibition section. Mayor Clevenger and Chief Schmitz verified that the State ORS gives exception to concealed permit holders. Chief Schmitz stated that our officers have the authority to ask them to leave the park, but we can't stop them from carrying a concealed weapon as long as they have a proper permit to carry.

Councilor Seney asked for clarification regarding subcontractors doing business within the city. CA Harding stated that this would require businesses that are located in another city but doing business in the City of Aumsville to apply for a business license. This would make it universal to all businesses doing work in Aumsville. More discussion followed. CA Harding will do some more research and bring it back to the next meeting.

Public Comments: Dayadevi Heart asked if people working at home remotely due to COVID-19 or if someone doing beading or journaling and sell it on eBay have to have business license, and lastly, does the Kirby guy have to get a license for each employee selling door to door?

CA Harding answered that people working at home due to COVID-19 would not be required to get a license. The home occupation license is more for businesses like building cabinets to sell in your garage, tax preparation service, and that type of business. As far as the Kirby salespeople; if they are employees of the Kirby Company they would be under one license for the company. If they are independent contractors, they each would need a license.

There were no more questions or comment. Mayor

Clevenger closed the public hearing at 8:03 pm

There was no further Council discussion or deliberation.

Council Decision: Each of the following ordinances were read for the first time by title only and unanimously approved:

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 682 AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE AUMSVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO SOCIAL GAMES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 311 as Presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 683 AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE POSTING, PLACING, DISPLAYING, AND ATTACHING OF SIGNS OR ANY OTHER MATTER ON PUBLIC PROPERTY TO ANY TREE, POLE, OR POST SITUATED ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 316 as Presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 684 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 344, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE OREGON CRIMINAL CODE as Presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 685 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 366, CONCERNING THE OREGON REVISED STATUTES CHAPTER 480 RELATING TO EXPLOSIVES as Presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 686 AN ORDINANCE DEFINING NUISANCES, PROVIDING FOR THEIR ABATEMENT, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 369 as Presented. Councilor Ceja seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 687 AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR UPON PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER PLACES; PRESCRIBING A PENALTY THEREFORE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 405 as Presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Seney made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 688 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A JUVENILE CURFEW WITHIN

AUMSVILLE'S CITY LIMITS; ESTABLISHING PARENTAL /GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 410 as Presented. Councilor Casarez seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Councilor Casarez made a motion to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 689 AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS GRAFFITI IMPLEMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SEIZURE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 433 as Presented. Councilor Seney seconded. Motion APPROVED 5-0: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Purdy, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: None.)

Ordinance No. 690 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES REGULATING ALARM SYSTEMS WITHIN AUMSVILLE, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "AUMSVILLE ALARM ORDINANCE" AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 490 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 691 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PARKS, PARKWAYS, PUBLIC SQUARES, PUBLIC GROUNDS, STREETS, BOULEVARDS, PATHS, SIDEWALKS, GREENWAYS, REST AREAS, PLAYGROUNDS AND OTHER AREAS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 505 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 693 Repealing Ordinance 555 Concerning Giving False Information to Police as Presented.

Ordinance No. 694 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 564, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTS CONVICTED OF A SEX CRIME as Presented.

Ordinance No. 695 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DRIVING AND Criminal History Record Check Policies Concerning PUBLIC Employment and PUBLIC SERVICE Providers and Volunteers, and repealing Ordinance No. 597 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 697 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS ON CITY STREETS, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY; SETTING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 171 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 698 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 306, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING IN THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE as Presented.

Ordinance No. 699 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, ROLLER SKATES AND SIMILAR APPARATUS WITHIN THE CITY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 349 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 700 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, ESTABLISHING A TRUCK ROUTE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 363 as Presented.

Ordinance No. 701 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 370, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE OREGON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE as Presented.

Council voted 4-1 to approve the first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 702 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL BUSINESSES AND PEDDLERS IN THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE, FIXING FEES, PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER FOR ENFORCING THIS ORDINANCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 659 as Presented. Motion APPROVED 4-1: (Yes: Councilors Casarez, Ceja, Seney, and Mayor Clevenger. No: Purdy.)

NEW BUSINESS: Council unanimously voted to approve Resolution No. 16-20 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF AUMSVILLE. This resolution simply sets the fee at the current rate.

Council unanimously voted to accept Councilor Bambrick's resignation effective immediately.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: CA Harding updated Council on the COVID-19 epidemic. The Aumsville zip code area had a rise and we are now at 80 positive cases since the beginning of the outbreak. He stated that the virus continues to be an ongoing issue of concern. Staff continues to maintain our current COVID-19 protocols.

CA Harding talked about the Governor's latest closure order. He stated that the city offices have been deemed exempt as essential services. There are some additional requirements for our police department. We will not be citing businesses that don't comply, but we will be educating our residents. If we do see businesses that are repeatedly out of compliance, we will write a report to OSHA then it will be up to OSHA to do enforcement.

CA Harding reported that we just got our estimated population; 4215 as of July 1, 2020.

ADJOURNED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AT 8:50 PM

Important Dates

- ◇ City Hall closed on January 1, 2021
- ◇ Council meeting 1/11/2021
- ◇ City Hall closed on Martin Luther King Jr Day, 1/18/2021
- ◇ Tag day is 1/25/2021
- ◇ Council Meeting 1/25/2021
- ◇ Meter read day is 1/26/2021
- ◇ Shut off day is 1/27/2021

CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES

The city council has been working on a comprehensive review of all the city ordinances. Our goal is to make sure they are up-to-date and reflect the council's intentions towards policies which direct the future of the community. December 14th, the council approved the final batch of ordinances. Most of the regulations received simple language changes to strengthen or make the ordinance clearer to the reader; however, some changes are notable and a diversion from our previous policies.

The council repealed around 50% of the city ordinances and didn't replace them with new ordinances. The regulations were not replaced because they were not needed or did not currently meet state law requirements.

We've restructured how we approach utility accounts. This was intended to make setting up accounts easier for new customers. First, we are moving away from requiring a deposit. We simply require the property owners to be responsible for any outstanding bill. This has always been the case for owner-occupied properties. When a property had a renter, the renter was responsible for the bill. If they left an outstanding balance when they moved, their deposit was used for this bill.

The other change is the city will no longer file a lien to collect any outstanding balances. As we looked at these processes, we found that the City used a lot of resources to implement this process for owner occupied properties. We had no avenue to collect any unpaid balance from tenants if their deposit did not cover the final bill. We will still follow standard shut-off procedures for unpaid bills each month. However, if a tenant moves and leaves an unpaid balance, we will not restart service with a new tenant until the bill is paid. Any other owner-occupied balances that remain outstanding for 60 days will simply be submitted to a collection agency.

For new homeowners, you will simply fill out the new agreement. For existing homeowners who have a deposit on account, if you fill out the updated application form, your deposit can be credited to your account. Renters can also have their deposits credited to the account if both they and the property owner complete the new form. A copy of the utility bill will be sent to the landlord and/or property management company, as well as the tenant. This prevents unexpected large bills from accumulating.

We found the process of liens for the property is just not cost-effective as a means of recovering outstanding balances. Members of the community have consistently raised concerns that the lien process should not be our first choice to collect these unpaid balances.

Another notable change is that we will provide a door tag two business days before disconnecting water service to a service address. Our previous process was to tag the location on shut off day. We found that our community is busy, and often time residents will go to work in the morning returning late at night. So that will leave little time to get the payment to city hall before closing. We hate to leave anyone without water overnight because of this issue. This process provides some lead time to either visit city hall to submit a payment, put a check in the drop box, or go online and pay the outstanding balance. We hope these changes will help utility customers in an increasingly busy time.

We have received several complaints centered around peddlers in the city. We must allow this type of activity as the state courts have ruled that entities have a right to solicit business. We cannot require any difference in licensing or fees that separates one class of businesses from another. With this legal precedence in mind, we've updated our business licensing ordinance. This change means that any business which comes to do business within the city limits needs to apply for a business license. To deal with the issue of peddlers, individually a person will have to post a No Trespassing sign. If your property is posted with a No Trespassing sign and a peddler or door-to-door salesperson comes to your property they can be cited as a trespasser. This will allow us to cite those violators on the spot and will deter this activity from occurring in the future.

We made some changes to the development code that are significant. These changes were made to support the community's vision of the future. We made locating new businesses a more straightforward process. We made changes that removed contradictory allowances. We developed a streamlined process that gets a business opened sooner. We have already had several new businesses use this streamlined process and see the positive impacts along Main Street. Minor changes to existing businesses no longer require a public hearing. We did add some language that lowers the parking requirements for existing commercial buildings. We have found limited parking to be a barrier to a new business in the downtown area. We have updated the design standards for commercial business to be more descriptive so that new business development aligns with our current vision for future growth. A barrier to attracting new business to Aumsville has been the lack of improvements made by an existing business. New businesses are reluctant to make the necessary investment unless surrounding enterprises have shown that future values and profitability will increase. The sign code definitions were worded to be clearer. We also included sections in the code to allow for mobile food trucks and temporary uses like fireworks stands and Christmas tree lots.

We also added an allowance for averaging lot sizes in subdivision, so that nonconforming and irregular parcels can still be reasonably developed as part of the subdivision. Residential parking standards were amended so that additional parking added to a residence for any vehicle, recreational or otherwise, must be paved.

The Nuisance Ordinance was amended to clarify what constitutes junk and to eliminate the storage of materials in the front yards. Storage has always been intended to be in the garages and rear areas of the residence. While most of the ordinance remains the same, portions of the nuisance ordinance were reworded for clarity and compliance with the local ordinances. One section added related to derelict buildings and a process for condemning or abatement of those buildings if needed. One of the items we found is the city did not have a process if a building was found derelict or unsafe. This now provides that process.

We hope these changes will bring us closer to the vision most community members want to see and comply with state laws as intended. When these laws change, we must have a process to make changes as needed. If you have any questions about any of the updated ordinance, please feel free to contact me at city hall.

-Ron Harding, City Administrator
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