

AUMSVILLE

MAY 2022



*Happy Mother's Day!*

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City of Aumsville  
 595 Main St.  
 Aumsville, OR 97325



What a great morning we had with our friend Mrs. Esther Easter Bunny who stepped up to help out when Mr. E. Bunny wasn't feeling well. She put on her best bow and hopped into action!

When we asked what her favorite part of the day was she bounced around with joy indicating that she loved it all. Especially showing pictures of her many bunny babies!

Sir Charles, Mrs. Bunny's friend and helper, was quite busy keeping up with her bouncy personality. He is also an exquisite bunny translator. He told us about some of the interesting questions that children asked Mrs. Bunny. We were so entertained by her answers we decided to share them with you.

**Q. Why don't you talk?** A. She hasn't quite caught on to the human language, but she is quite good at expressing herself through gestures and dance. Bunny talk is very eloquent to other bunnies; adorable but unintelligible to humans (with the exception of Sir Charles of course).

**Q. Where do you live?** A. The Bunnys make their home

not too far from here. It's on the edge of a dewy meadow surrounded by forest, just past the Tooth Fairy's place, but way before you get to Santa's house.

**Q. Where do the eggs come from? Do you lay them?** A. She giggled and said, "teamwork makes the dream work, and I've got a lot of help from good-hearted volunteers who help me make enough eggs for every child".

**Q. Why are you so big?** A. She has a magical condition that makes her big leading up to Easter, but then after Easter, she shrinks down to average bunny size.

She wants us to tell everyone; "This holiday is about the most selfless act of kindness in all of history, and my favorite part about my visit to Aumsville was the thoughtful, act of kindness of the little children who gave me their treasured candy or, in one case, an unopened Easter egg that had a bottle of bubbles in it! Thank you to all the city staff and volunteers that helped make Saturday so much fun! They did all the real work and I just got to hang out with friends, eat candy, and get my picture taken."

Thank you!

Mrs. E. Bunny



## Saturday Market at Maude's

June 25th thru Sept. 10th  
Every Saturday 9am-3pm

Porter-Boone Park  
1105 Main St

Vendor Apps available at City Hall or  
[www.aumsville.us/events/page/aumsville-saturday-market](http://www.aumsville.us/events/page/aumsville-saturday-market)



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VENDOR IN MAUDE'S?

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CONTACT COLLEEN AT 503-749-2030

# Water/Sewer Rates Discussed

By City Administrator Ron Harding

City Council has been monitoring the inflation rate and is concerned over the pace of increased cost to residents within our community. As we all know too well, everything is going up in price; we see it at the grocery store, the gas pump, and our power and phone bills.

Gas has increased over 100%, electricity is rising as much as 18%, and if you have needed services or repairs for your home or car, you see the pass-thru cost in those services.

This translates into higher operating costs for the city government and is especially felt in our water and sewer utilities.

The city operates the water and sewer utilities, and unlike the power company or the grocery store, our utilities have a locally elected governing board in the City Council. Last night Council tackled the issue of raising rates to meet the rate of inflation or follow the historical patterns of a slight increase.

Each year the city programs a 3% rate increase to keep pace with the rising cost of operation. If the city followed the increases in expenses to our year's utility rate increase, we would need to raise them about 5% in the water utility and about 12% in the sewer utility. Staff presented a plan to be able to defer some expenses for a year to provide a little relief to our community during this challenging time, and the council, after some active discussion, agreed.

The community will only see our standard 3% rate increase beginning in June should the council ultimately pass the corresponding resolution. The board and staff will continue to monitor costs and re-evaluate them at the end of the year. The risk in approving this direction is this deferred cost may increase later and result in future higher increases.

Overall, the city's budget is stable for

now. We have worked hard to implement good, sound financial planning to maintain consistent services, and we have been able to make some significant community improvements and projects. I want to explain how the city can complete tasks and how that may or may not affect your water and sewer rate because, there are some misunderstandings about how the city works.

The city operates over 20 funds, most of the funds are dedicated operating funds, by law, the city can only spend the money raised in each fund for a specific purpose. An excellent example of this is our street fund. We receive a revenue share from state revenues each year into this fund. Those revenues can only be spent on transportation-related costs in the city. Sometimes we receive a grant for an improvement project and those grants can only pay for that project. It would violate state law to try and use these funds to offset other costs in another fund.

Many of the projects you see are funded by grants or one-time revenues received from development within the community. These funds cannot support utility rates and vice versa.

The water and sewer funds or utilities are enterprise or business funds. By law, we are required to charge utility rates consistent with the cost associated with how much it costs to operate the utility. It's not intended to make a profit like a regular business, but it does have to pay its bills. We are not allowed to take in additional money and spend that money on a different purpose, so money for your utility bill doesn't pay and cannot pay for other projects you might see completed around the city.

It is essential to maintain the utilities. If we had the option, we would always choose less cost. No one willingly pays more than is

billed. At the same time, our water and sewer utilities are essential to the health and welfare of our residents. We want clean, healthy water to drink. We do not want to damage our environment and risk the health of our community by allowing untreated wastewater back into our environment. To accomplish this, there is a cost.

Again, this year I will host a budget question and answer session on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in the community center. The idea is to provide community members a forum to have questions about how the budget works, what the city spends money for, and what we are planning to do in the future. This is intended to be less formal than the regular budget meetings and provide an in-depth look into the city budget. Our entire community is encouraged to attend and have this discussion.

I hope this helps explain the current situation. I also hope our community realizes how difficult it is to have to make these decisions on behalf of the community and how our city council and staff weigh these choices carefully.

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY BUDGET Q & A

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

6:00 PM

555 Main St, or via Zoom

Do you have questions about  
the City Budget?

You are welcome to attend  
in-person or via Zoom  
Webinar.

Visit our website for more  
information.

<https://www.aumsville.us/finance>



# ST. MARY CHURCH—SHAW

9168 Silver Falls Hwy, Aumsville OR

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 5:00 pm Mass  
Sundays: 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

*We invite you to join us at mass.*

Mass has resumed with our regular schedule.  
**We look forward to welcoming you!**

Fr. Paul Materu, *ALCP, Pastor*  
Fr. Richard Rossman,  
*Priest in Residence*

Mailing address:  
P.O. Box 338  
Aumsville, OR 97325  
Phone: 503-362-6159

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**Shaw Knights of Columbus  
Coffee Cake Breakfast  
May 1, 2022 – 7:30 am to 10 am  
Please join us!**



# Neufeldt's Restaurant

**BREAKFAST SERVED UNTIL 11:30 AM**

**FRENCH DIPS, BURGERS, CLUBHOUSE SANDWICHES, PRIME RIB, MEATLOAF,  
CHICKEN FRIED STEAKS, FISH & CHIPS, PIES, AND MUCH MORE!**

**TUESDAY -SATURDAY  
6:30 AM - 9 PM**

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# NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

The first public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Aumsville, Marion County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 will be held at the Aumsville community center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville. The meeting will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Budget committee members may join electronically to provide additional capacity for public attendance while maintaining social distancing recommendations. Members of the public may also join electronically via Zoom. A link to the meeting is posted to our website at [www.aumsville.us/meetings](http://www.aumsville.us/meetings).

The purpose of the meeting is to

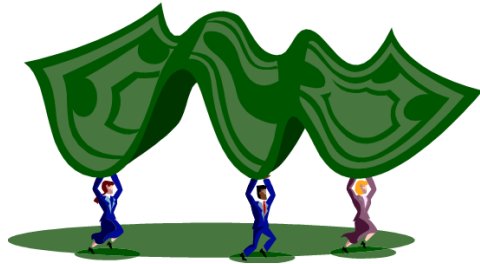
receive the budget message and to receive feedback from the public on the budget. Any person may ask questions about and comment on the budget document at this meeting. Written public comments will also be accepted via mail, in the city drop box, or email at [crogers@aumsville.us](mailto:crogers@aumsville.us) through 5/9/2022. A copy of the budget may be obtained on or after April 30, 2022 through the city's website at [www.aumsville.us/finance.html](http://www.aumsville.us/finance.html). If you need assistance obtaining a copy of the budget or participating in the budget process, please contact Ron Harding at [rharding@aumsville.us](mailto:rharding@aumsville.us) or (360)280-0442.

Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed with notification posted in the same manner as council meetings. We encourage you to appear at the meetings and discuss city finances with the Aumsville Budget Committee.

**Budget Meeting Tuesday,  
May 10th, 2022 at 7:00 PM.**

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired, or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please call (503) 749-2030 and leave a message or Oregon Relay Service for TDD at (800) 735-2900. The City of Aumsville does not, and shall not, discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

A copy of this notice is also posted on our website at <http://www.aumsville.us>.



### PUBLIC NOTICE:

## STATE REVENUE SHARING AUMSVILLE BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022  
**WHERE:** Aumsville Community Center, 555 Main Street  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM

\*\*Also available via Zoom Webinar – please visit [www.aumsville.us/meetings](http://www.aumsville.us/meetings) for a link to the session\*\*

**AGENDA:** State Revenue Sharing Hearing – Discuss Possible Uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds and Receive Public Comments

Mr. Fixet Says: Don't Ditch It - Fix It!!



Terry Lindemann  
Owner / Technician

(503) 749-2031

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**Used Appliances For Sale – Call for Selection**



Hello -

Spring is in the air and it is a busy season indeed! Between Legislative duties, participating in various workgroups and task forces, and hearing from constituents, there is never a dull moment!



Among recent highlights includes being able to write a letter of support for Aumsville's wastewater improvement project to our Federal Delegation members. I am encouraged and will be following the grant application process for funding through the Oregon CWSRF program related to Congressional Direct Spending requests by communities.

The Oregon Employment Department recently announced Oregon's health care and social assistance providers are hiring at an unprecedented rate.

With about 15,000 job vacancies in health care, there is an urgent, statewide need to fill health care and other positions that support the health care industry, like food service, facilities, and business administration. WorkSource Oregon is available to help connect employers and qualified applicants interested in the health care field. WorkSource Oregon centers are open and taking appointments to provide one-on-one help with your job search. You can also register in iMatchSkills® to complete a Job Seeker profile and start applying for jobs today.

As of April 6, the Oregon Housing and Community Services has paid out **\$319.2 million in emergency rental assistance to 48,371 households**. While the OERAP portal is now closed, it is important for our communities to know that **rental assistance is still available at the local level**, thanks to investments from the Legislature in eviction prevention. Renters can call 2-1-1 or visit [oregonrentalassistance.org](http://oregonrentalassistance.org) to locate local resources near them. **Oregonians who submit rental assistance applications to local programs can access protections from eviction** for nonpayment of rent while their application is being reviewed and processed on the local level. If

you or someone you know is at immediate risk of eviction, they should apply for rental assistance right away to access safe harbor eviction protections and then contact a legal organization for additional support:

Oregon Law Center's Eviction Defense Project: 888-585-9638 or [evictiondefense@oregonlawcenter.org](mailto:evictiondefense@oregonlawcenter.org)

Oregon State Bar: 503-684-3763 or [legalhelp@oregonstatebar.org](mailto:legalhelp@oregonstatebar.org)

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.**

All my best,

Raquel Moore-Green

Representative, HD19 South Salem, Turner, and Aumsville

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Website: <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/moore-green>

STATE SENATOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the Capitol! I'm proud to report that the legislature passed myriad of bills and designated millions of dollars in the short session that will help create an Oregon that works for everyone. I want to highlight a few of these accomplishments...

Housing and Homelessness

1. **\$400 million** for housing and homeless-related services.
2. **\$2.5 million** for the City of Salem for homeless shelters, outreach, and hygiene services; **\$1.9 million** for completion of the Homeless Navigation Center.

Health Care

1. **HB 4106**: Addresses health care workforce shortages by expanding apprenticeship programs for surgical technologists.
2. **\$65 million** for Oregon Worker Relief pandemic relief.

Local Economy

1. **HB 4015**: Increases capital for small businesses/start-ups through the Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund.

2. **SB 1545**: \$200 million into programs that connect people to job training, apprenticeships and education.

Public Safety

1. **\$15 million** to support crime victim and survivor services for community violence prevention grants.

Other

- ◇ **\$16.5 million** to Western Oregon University to repair their steam line.
- ◇ **\$757,000** to the City of Aumsville for drinking water system improvements; **\$900,000** for Public Works Facility
- ◇ **\$525,000** to the City of Monmouth for skate park replacement and improvements.
- ◇ **\$1.5 million** to the Salem Housing Authority for Yaquina Hall.
- ◇ **\$1 million** for the Ella Curran Food Bank expansion.
- ◇ **\$3 million** for the City of Turners' Water Pipe Project repairs.
- ◇ **\$2 million** for the City of Independence for the 9th St. Lift Station upgrade.

Sen.debpatterson@oregonlegislature.gov



**Blood Drive**  
**Aumsville Rural Fire District**

Training Room  
 490 Church Street  
 Aumsville, OR 97325

**Wednesday, May 11, 2022**  
**11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**2022 Elections-City Council**



The City of Aumsville will hold a municipal election, for the election of the mayor and three city councilor terms expiring December 31, 2022. The election will be held with the state general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The term of office for mayor is two years and the term for city councilor is four years, both beginning on January 1, 2023. They generally meet twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

**POSITIONS OPEN – 2022 ELECTION**

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENTS</u>
Mayor	Derek Clevenger
City Councilor	Angelica Ceja
City Councilor	Della Seney
City Councilor	Nico Casarez

If you are interested in filing as a candidate, filing forms and nomination petitions are available at city hall. Nomination may be made by filing a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by a \$25.00 filing fee or by petition containing the signatures of not less than 25 qualified voters in the city. The signatures must be verified by Marion County Elections before filing at city hall.

*Candidacy filing forms and verified nomination petitions must be filed at city hall not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022.*

**Qualification:**

- ◇ Be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older
- ◇ Be registered to vote not less than 20 calendar days before the election
- ◇ Reside in the city during the 12 months immediately preceding the election

Please stop by city hall, 595 Main Street, and pick up a Candidate Packet. City Clerk Colleen Rogers will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Contact them during regular business hours at 503-749-2030.



Good Day, Neighbor!

The Fire District Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 has been prepared and is under review by the Budget Committee. The District operates on an extremely tight budget and there is little room for any new projects or proposals of apparatus and equipment. Your community is largely dependent on volunteers, and we continue to recruit and train as we get additional personnel. The District shares our personnel shortage with other neighboring Fire Districts; you have probably noticed similar advertising for volunteers in adjacent Districts.

The Building Committee has met twice with our architect regarding the proposed design of the new addition to our building. The District is committed to sharing every aspect of the plan with the public. Before we place the request for funds on the ballot, we will be applying for grants.

At the time of this writing, our region is no longer under extremely dry or drought conditions. However, as summer approaches please keep in mind that everything tends to dry out over the next few months and your firefighters appreciate your attention to fire safety as you go about your daily activities.

Stay safe,  
 Roy Hari, Fire Chief

# Aumsville Day Camp 2022



The occasional sunny days we've had lately have us thinking about Summer! We're planning our 2022 Summer Program.

**Volunteers Needed:** We can always use volunteers to help with crafts and activities.

To volunteer you must:

Pass a Background Check

Complete a Volunteer Application

You can also email Colleen at [crogers@aumsville.us](mailto:crogers@aumsville.us) to have an application emailed to you. <https://www.aumsville.us/community/page/be-volunteer>

**We'll kick off with the Day Camp on Friday, June 24th.**

- ◇ Children must be pre-registered in advance.
- ◇ Open to kids from 1st through 5th grade.
- ◇ Noon to 2:00 pm
- ◇ Includes: lunch, a snack, books, and activities.
- ◇ Every Friday **except** July 1 and August 19, through August 26th.

**Saturdays: Movies in the Park.**

Start at dusk every week, except July 2 and August 20, through August 27th.

Can we get a big round of applause for our tireless champions: Dianne Lucas and Kendal Berning? They have organized this program for the past few years. We couldn't put on these programs without them. Thank you!

✂

## Aumsville Day Camp 2022 – Shine On!

**Registration** *(one for each child please)* this form is also on [www.aumsville.us](http://www.aumsville.us)

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years at day camp: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering Sept. 2022: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Conditions: (note below) \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this registration, I am acknowledging that I am the parent and/or legal guardian of the above listed "camper" & agree that my "camper" will abide by camp rules to ensure a fun, safe, memorable experience for themselves as well as others. I also understand that participation in this program is at my own risk & that the City of Aumsville, as well as its volunteers, are not liable for injury. As the child's parent or guardian, I assume full responsibility for my child for bodily injury and/or death and expenses thereof. *Children must have a parent present to pick up and drop off.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# City of Aumsville March 2022 Monthly Police Report

## DEPARTMENT MESSAGE:

The reserves worked a total of 84 hours during the month of March: 84 volunteer hours and 0 paid hours.

Officer Buchholz resigned at the end of March to return to driving trucks. We wish him well in this new job/endeavor.

As a result of Officer Buchholz's resignation, we are looking for candidates for a full-time officer, if you or someone you know are interested and qualify, please submit an application.

**Please Buckle up and Drive Safe**



Value of Property Stolen	\$170
Value of Property Damaged	\$0
Value of Property Recovered	\$0
Value of Found Property	\$800
Dogs to Pound	2

Crime	#	Arrested	Traffic Violation	City	County	Calls for Service	#
Burglary/ Attempt Burg			Speeding	0	2	Assist Other-Turner PD	8
Criminal Mischief			Fail to Carry Proof/ Driving Uninsured	1/2	0/2	Assist Other-Fire	2
Restraining Order Violation						Assist Other-DHS	9
Trespass			Driving While Suspended	2	1	Assist Other-MCSO	5
DUII			No Valid OP			Assist Other-City	3
Theft/Fraud	2/0	1/0	Fail to Carry DL			Assist Other-Stayton PD	14
Theft from Vehicles			Providing Vehicle to Unqual. Driver			Assist Other-Other	4
Receiving Stolen Property			No Seatbelt/Improper Wear			Assist Person/Citizen Contact	17
Warrant Arrest/ Probation Violation	3/2	3/2	Expired Registration/Fail to Register			Vehicle Repo	1
Harassment/Telephonic			Failure to Change Address			911 Hang-up/Welfare Check/Civil Dispute	1/5/2
Menacing			Failure to Carry Registration			False Alarm	2
Assault IV	2	2	Switched Plates			Noise/Traffic Complaint	0/3
Stalking Complaint			Fail to Yield to Ped. In Crosswalk			Traffic Stops	29
Weapon/Robbery			Fail to Yield to Emerg Vehicle			Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance	5/12/15
Child Neglect			Fail Safe Distance Emerg Vehicle			Traffic Accidents/Hit and Run	2/0
Furnish Alcohol			Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device		1	Diving Impounds	
MIP: Alcohol/Drug Offense			Reckless Driving/Speed Racing			Unattended Death/Notification	1
Arson			Careless Driving			Dogs—Barking/At Large/Bite	2/8/1
Stolen Vehicle/Trailer			Fail to Drive Within Lane			Ordinance Violation	13
Recovered Vehicle			Following Too Close			Runaway Juvenile/Missing Person	
Poss. Controlled Substance			Failure to Signal/Use Turn Signal			Verbal Disturbance	
Reckless Endanger/Drive			Use of Electronic Device/Cell Phone			Attempt Suicide/Mental Hold	1/1
Giving False Info			Defective Lighting			Suicide	
Disorderly Conduct			Open Container			Open Door	3
Curfew/Runaway Juvenile			Unreasonable Noise			Misc Call for Service	51
Animal Abuse			Refuse Intox Test			Emotionally Disturbed Persons	
Sex Offense	1		Misc. Violations		1	Property: Found/Lost/Seized	1/0/0
Driving While Suspended Criminal							
Criminal Mistreatment							
Dogs as a nuisance							
Hit and Run	2	1					
Misc Crime							
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>	

## 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](http://www.aumsville.us/city-council).

### Minutes – March 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Ecclestone, Seney, Wick, City Administrator (CA) Harding, and City Clerk Rogers. Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Casarez, Ceja, and Lee joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None. The meeting was video recorded to be released later.

#### VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was one online attendee and no in-person attendees, there was no public comment.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Council unanimously approved an agreement with the Oregon Department of Administration (DAS) to receive Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) Grant dollars in the amount of \$300,000. CA Harding explained that the funds are a direct dedication to the City from State Representative Moore-Green's office. This agreement will allow us to accept the funds.

The City of Aumsville was recently appropriated \$300,000 of ARPA funds from Representative Raquel Moore-Green's office along with \$2.5 million from house bill 5006 with the help of Senator Deb Patterson and Representative Raquel Moore-Green for water improvements. Council unanimously approved the Westech Engineering Proposal in the amount of \$240,000 for Task 1 Design and Bidding Services for new tank and pump station, and \$64,000 for Task 2 Design and Bidding Services for drilling and testing two new wells from fund 024-626 Water SDC-Engineering/Survey/Project Services Fund.

Council unanimously approved the purchase of a Veteran's Memorial from Randolph Rose Collection, Inc for \$38,000. The piece is titled Celebrate Diversity. The City applied for a grant to install a Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall facing the flag. Our concept is to install a plaque or monument as part of this project to honor all of those who have served our country. The project total is estimated to be around \$62,000, and

the City received a grant award for \$48,700. The remaining cost will be matched by the City. City Council previously approved this concept and selected the statues.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 03-22 authorizing 2021-2022 budget amendment in the General Fund. The City has been awarded a grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), for the purpose of building a veterans memorial at City Hall. \$48,700 in total has been awarded, which will cover a large portion of the project costs. This grant and the related project were not anticipated in the budget, so an amendment is needed in order to appropriate the revenues for expenditure. Council unanimously approved Resolution 03-22 A Resolution AUTHORIZING 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND.

Council reviewed Resolution No. 02-22 for approval to apply to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant Program to build restrooms, a small children's playground, and exercise equipment in Highberger Park. Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 02-22 A Resolution Authorizing and Supporting the City of Aumsville Application for Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant for Development of Highberger Park.

Council unanimously approved the inclusion of the Heat Illness Prevention Plan and the Wildfire Smoke Policy into the Aumsville Safety Manual.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

CA Harding commented that the projects that Council just approved are legacy projects that have been on our wish list for many years and it's good to finally see them coming to reality. He stated that the City was awarded three America Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) grants: \$900K for a much needed new Public Works facility, \$1M to help with the City's sewer project, and \$757K to finish funding the water improvement project that Council just approved. Staff is taking

every opportunity to apply for grant funds as they become available to buy down the cost of upcoming major water and sewer projects. The more grant funds we receive the less cost we must pass on to our citizens.

#### MAYOR/COUNCIL REPORTS AND INITIATIVES:

Mayor Clevenger asked if there were any reports or initiatives from Council. Councilor Casarez thanked CA Harding and staff for their dedication and tenacity in pursuing grant funds to help move projects through. He also stated that he appreciates the Mayor and Council for their part in making this happen.

Mayor Clevenger closed the regular meeting at 7:25 PM

### Minutes – March 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present in-person were Councilors Ceja, Ecclestone, Wick, City Administrator (CA) Harding, and City Rogers. Mayor Clevenger and Councilors Casarez, Seney, and Lee joined via Zoom Conference call. Council absent: None.

**Visitors:** There were no online attendees and one in-person attendee.

**Public Comment:** Mike Flewelling of Aumsville addressed Council with a request to change the Landscaping section of the City's Development Ordinance to allow, or have an exception, for artificial turf. The current ordinance is written in a way that only allows living grass. CA Harding explained the pros and cons of this type of change to the City's Development Ordinance. After some discussion Council consensus was for staff to move forward with research for this change and bring back to them at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council reviewed the contract from Integrity Signs for the purchase and installation of an electronic reader board that will be placed at the community center on Main St. CA Harding explained that the sign will be an effective way to communicate to citizens during emergency events. The sign will be tied into our emergency backup generator and will work even in an electrical outage. It will also be another way to advertise city events,

such as Corn Festival, Saturday Market, etc. Council unanimously voted to authorize the purchase of an electronic sign from Integrity Signs in the amount of \$40,428.00 plus the cost of engineering and permitting.

Council reviewed an Inter-governmental Agreement with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MVCAA) to participate in the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). CA Harding explained that the program helps pay water bills for low-income households which apply for assistance. The payments are one-time payments

and a person seeking assistance would need to fall within the income guidelines of 60% state median income. The city would refer customers in need of assistance to MVCAA and, as the managing agency, they will determine eligibility. Council unanimously approved participation in the LIHWAP and allow CA Harding to sign the final agreement document with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency.

**City Administrator Report:** CA Harding reported that staff has been busy working on grant applications that are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that they are

also preparing for the Police Chief recruitment and interview process. The goal is to start interviews in a couple of weeks. CA Harding asked if Council wanted to convene as a full council for these interviews, and it was consensus to do so.

CA Harding informed Council that the City has been going through a lot of staff changes in the police department and are down in officers right now. City Hall is still looking to fill a couple of positions. It has been a challenge with being short staffed and getting new staff trained, but everyone is working very hard to keep moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Aumsville Planning Commission, on **Thursday, June 2, 2022** at 6:30 p.m. will hold a public hearing at the Aumsville Community Center, 555 Main St., Aumsville, OR, on the following:

- CASE: LA 2022-01
- APPLICANT: City of Aumsville
- REQUEST: Legislative amendments to the Aumsville Parks Master Plan.
- LOCATION: Within the City of Aumsville Limits
- CRITERIA: Comprehensive Plan Policies and the Statewide Planning Goals.

Persons wishing to speak for or against the amendments may appear in person or by representative. Written comments may be submitted to the City of Aumsville at 595 Main Street, Aumsville Oregon, 97325.

The documents and criteria are available for inspection at the City Hall. A copy will be provided at reasonable cost. The Planning Commission staff report will be available for inspection on May 23 at no cost and will be provided at reasonable cost.

For information contact Kiel Jenkins, City Planner, at 503-540-1616, or [kjenkins@mwvcog.org](mailto:kjenkins@mwvcog.org)

## AUMSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Due to the pandemic, Aumsville Historical Society Museum did not open to the public in 2020. In 2021, there was a partial season.

The 2022 season began on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. There were sixteen visitors! Two joined AHS and one former member has renewed. Until the end of October, the usual open hours are Saturday, 11-2 pm, but the museum will be closed on some of the holiday

weekends. This will allow AHS volunteers to enjoy those weekends with their families. It is always possible to visit the museum by appointment. Please contact President Ted Shepard at 503-749-2744. AHS meetings are planned for May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup> in the community center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In March several members of the local Nicholson family visited the museum. During the period from December 1949 until November 1950, Aumsville's Acting Postmaster was Myron Nicholson. At that time, the post office was located in the brick building, which is now the museum. About six years ago, Mr. Nicholson visited the museum. He described the

layout of "his" post office very clearly. He has since passed away.

The brick building opened as a bank in 1912. Soon afterward, a frame building was erected with its west wall against the eastern brick wall. This structure housed Johnson's drugstore and the Johnsons probably lived in the northern part of the building. Pharmacist Johnson was appointed Aumsville's postmaster in 1918. After his death in 1929 and the federal closure of US banks in 1933, the post office was moved into the brick building. The frame building later had series of uses. It was Brown's Store, city hall, community center, and several other things. The structure was demolished in 1969 and the space is now part of the city parking lot.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**Mama's Community Market** (formerly Aumsville Food Pantry): Thursdays 1-6 PM, Aumsville Pentecostal Church, 10153 Mill Creek Rd. 971-719-5665

**Bethel Baptist Church Clothing Closet:** Clothing from newborn through 2X, open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM through Noon at Bethel Baptist Church.

**Awana Club:** Preschool-6th grade. Meets every Wednesday 6:30 PM at Bethel Baptist Church, 645 Cleveland St.

**Blood Drives:** May 11th 11am-5pm & June 3rd, 9am-3pm at Aumsville Rural Fire District, 490 Church St.

**Aumsville Museum:** April through October Open Saturdays 11am to 2pm

## LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

### City of Aumsville Events

<https://www.aumsville.us/community/page/be-volunteer>

### Aumsville Exchange Club

<https://www.facebook.com/AumsvilleExchangeClub/>  
[aumsvilleexchange@gmail.com](mailto:aumsvilleexchange@gmail.com)

### Aumsville Rural Fire Protection District

<https://www.aumsvillefire.org/volunteering>  
503-749-2894

### Mama's Community Market

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# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Budget Q & A 6:00 PM See pg 3	4	5	6	7 Martha Jo Lott Memorial Service 11am-1pm Stayton Com. Ctr
8  Mother's Day	9 Council Meeting 7 PM	10 Budget Committee 7:00pm See pg 5	11 Blood Drive @Fire Hall 11am-5pm See pg 8	12	13	14 Bethel Clothing Closet 10-12
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Council Meeting 7 PM	24 <b>Tag Day</b>	25 Water Meter Read Day	26 <b>Delinquent Water Shut off</b>	27	28
29	30	31	<p><b>June Blood Drive</b> </p> <p><b>@Aumsville Rural Fire District</b></p> <p><b>Friday, June 3, 2022 9am to 3pm</b></p>			

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Sonja Persey

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## Bethel Baptist Church:

645 Cleveland St., Aumsville, OR 97325

Email: [office@bethelaumsville.org](mailto:office@bethelaumsville.org)

Phone: 503-749-2128

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## REMINDER: UTILITY RATE CHANGES

Annual cost of service adjustments to water and sewer rates take effect as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Base rates for water and sewer, as well as the consumption for water usage over 7,000 gallons, will each increase 3%.

Public Safety Fee (PSF) remains unchanged at this time.

These changes will be reflected on the bill you receive on July 1<sup>st</sup>

### New Residential Rates as of June 1<sup>st</sup>:

Base Utility Bill w/PSF \$ 110.82

Senior Base Bill w/PSF \$ 88.73

Consumption Rate: \$ 4.33/1,000 gal

## CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Things are feeling more “normal” at the Cascade School District.

Sixth-grade students attended Outdoor School at Camp Tadmor from April 11-14. Students learned about the environment, water and soil testing, outdoor survival skills and more. They did a variety of typical camp activities such as fishing, hiking and archery.



“Outdoor school is a Cascade and Oregon tradition,” said Superintendent Darin Drill. “We are grateful for the teachers, staff and counselors who helped make this happen. Our students will remember this experience for the rest of their lives.”

Aumsville Elementary third, fourth and fifth graders are gearing up for Agriculture Safety Day. Typically, this is a field trip for third-grade students. Because of the pandemic, the current fourth and fifth-graders missed their ag safety experience. All three grades will spend the day with the Cascade High School FFA students, high school staff and community partners to learn more about agriculture safety.

“When our schools partner with each other, it makes everyone better,” added Drill. “Our younger students get to learn from the ‘big’ kids and see the possibilities for high school and beyond. High school students get to showcase their skills and knowledge. It’s good for all of us!”



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