

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

Special Session of the City of Amity City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor Bojorquez, Councilor Dyche, Councilor Goings, Councilor McArthur, Councilor Dunlap (late) and Mayor Rachel King.

Councilors via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

Councilor Saucier

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas, Public Works Superintendent Gary Mathis, City Engineer Cody Stone and City Recorder Natasha Johnson

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

There were none.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Acceptance of the Water System Improvement Project Bid: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding Water System Project Bid. Engineer Stone with Keller provided a full review of the bidding process. He went over all the different companies provided bids and recommended to Council which company to award the bid. He also explained the bidding process, the review process and how they determined the bidders' qualifications.

Mayor King asked if the recommended company was one of the original five companies that submitted bids in the first round. Engineer Stone answered that they were. She asked what disqualified the currently recommended bidder in the first round and if that disqualification was insignificant. Engineer Stone explained that their original bid was incomplete and in this new redesigned bid process, they met all the requirements with a complete bid.

Councilor Goings asked about requiring companies to have more than \$6 million in projects. Engineer Stone explained why the requirement was established.

Mayor King asked how much the new bids changed from the original the bids. Engineer Stone explained that the new bids were different and that the recommended winner did provide a lower bid. Councilor Bojorquez asked if there is room in the projected budget of this bid for change orders. Engineer Stone stated yes and described where the project accommodates change

orders.

Councilor Goings asked if a lot of companies couldn't bid due to the requirements. Engineer Stone replied that some of the previous bidders did pull out from rebidding, but not all of them did so due to the requirements.

Councilor Goings moved to accept the bid from Strider from in the amount of \$7,810,000 and approve the City Administrator to obtain all the required funding through USDA/RD to complete the entire project. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

- B. Approve and Sign Municipal Court Judge Contract: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding the newly proposed Municipal Court Judge Contract. Mayor King stated that the hiring process netted only one applicant.

Councilor Dyche declared conflict of interest as she has worked with the applicant in the past.

Councilor McArthur motioned to accept Municipal Court Judge Blake and approve Mayor King to sign the contract for the City, while staying with the amount approved in the budget. Councilor Goings seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 4-0-1 (Councilor Dyche abstained).

- C. Approve 1st Reading New Water Shutoff Ordinance #675: Administrator Thomas discussed the necessity of Ordinance 675 and conducted the 1st reading. Mayor King explained this would help to close loopholes in our Municipal Code and that this is necessary.

Councilor Bojorquez asked if the City would lose a lot of revenue by enacting this ordinance. City Recorder Johnson explained we could lose, possibly, \$10,000 a year. There was further discussion regarding the different wording and what changes to be made in the Ordinance. It was recommended.

Councilor Dyche moved to approve Ordinance 675 with the changes as directed by council. Council approved to change the 30-day timeframe to a billing cycle and to set a \$90 standby fee which includes public safety and street maintenance. Councilor Goings Seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

Councilor President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche asked Public Works Superintendent Mathis if we could install wayfinding signs along Highway 99W and 153 to point people to our city park. Superintendent Mathis and Administrator Thomas stated they would look into obtaining signs.

She asked how much installation of new street signs would cost. Superintendent explained roughly couple hundred dollars and could confirm that estimate. Administrator Thomas added that while the signs may cost that much, the City would need multiple thousands of dollars if ODOT mandated particular standards for installation along their highways. Councilor Dyche recommended possibly using tourism funds to pay for this project, asked Council to think about it. Administrator Thomas stated he would report back with any updates in July.

Mayor King asked if the park name is Amity City Park. No one was certain the Park's official name or whether it had one. Mayor King said she will look more into it. Administrator Thomas let Council know he will also investigate naming the park. There were no further comments for Councilor Dyche.

Councilor Sandy McArthur Comments: Councilor McArthur had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor McArthur.

Councilor Goings Comments: Councilor Goings had nothing to report. There were no further comments for Councilor Goings.

Councilor Bojorquez comments: Councilor Bojorquez had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Bojorquez.

Councilor Dunlap Comments: Councilor Dunlap had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Dunlap.

Councilor Saucier Comments: Councilor Saucier had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Saucier.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King had nothing to report. There were no comments for Mayor King

Councilor Dyche moved to adjourn meeting at 7:05pm. Councilor Goings seconded and without further discussion motion passed 5-0.

Approved by City Council June 1, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder