

WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

Work Session of the City of Amity City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Mayor (pro temp) Ryan Lehman, Councilor Robert Andrade, Councilor Napua Ann Rich, Councilor April Dyche, Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor Rachel King.

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Michael Thomas

BUSINESS FROM THE STAFF:

City Administrator gave updates on any on-going City business and updated on status of projects.

OPEN FORUM & DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

- a. Infrastructure - Topic #1: Water system upgrade: •Michael gave updates on current status of water projects. Discussion regarding delayed Tribal approval, what that means for the City, and possible options to facilitate meetings our needed timelines. Michael shared that there have been changes to the methods needed to follow through with the crossing of Salt Creek in regard to our water line in that area. Because of geologic findings horizontal drilling option is no longer available and this changes the engineering and associated costs. Discussion of how this affects budget and loan but no major changes or known future actions needed by Council at this time.

Topic #2: Small city allotment grant: Discussion of extra SCAG for last year's applicants because of new additional funding to the program. Michael shared plans for continued street improvements and additional sidewalks in the areas of Jellison/Merlot/ near elementary school. This will be in conjunction with ongoing improvements and work with 'Safe routes to schools' plans and be an opportunity to continue more quickly what had already been established as priority.

Topic #3: American Rescue Act funds distribution and usage: Discussion of \$350,000 coming to City through federal Covid relief. Water meter replacement specified by City staff. as top priority. Estimation of cost is \$200,000. Past research and bids obtained by Gal} Mathis of Public Works were shared and questions regarding present cost, timelines, and installation logistics were answered. Uses of remaining Federal funds. being used for street repairs and other goals as written for 2021 were discussed as well.

- b. Community Engagement - Topic #1: Discussed first Amity Tourism meeting. Inquired about action items from meeting, zoom access and website. Looking forward to updating the strategic plan for tourism in Amity document.

- c. Public Safety - Topic #1: Speed Radar Signs- Discussed the purchase and implementation/effectiveness of radar signs. Suggestion made to purchase one sign this budget cycle but install four posts allowing sign to be moved. Good follow up by SO will be needed for the signs to be effective

Topic #2: Towing is now live. Parking citations are being phased in with education are the focus until April 1.

- d. Parks – Topic #1: City park cameras on order

Topic #2” City park disc golf, Sandy filing for an AARP Grant (sounds promising) (want to walk the course with Napua).

- e. City Services – Topic # 1: The City received the first draft of our ordinances. Mr. Thomas is reviewing, and all Councilors will review and suggest corrections or changes/recommendations as time allows.

Topic #2: Citizen request to update livestock ordinance. After much debate, it was decided to leave as currently written, and allow citizens to submit a written request for an exemption.

- f. Finance – Topic #1: Approved bills and payroll: Bill 3/3/21 (3,599.77) Bill-fuel 3/3/21 (433.50) Payroll x2 (8,936.27 & 9,028.76) Reconciliation reports not ran yet, (at meeting time) because of training new city clerk.

Topic #2: Federal aid to cities in last round of Covid relief. The city admin. M. Thomas said that the city would be slated to get approximately \$350,000 in Covid funds from the last round of Covid-19 relief from the federal Government. The money would be coming in two installments with the first half on the money (approx. \$175,000) coming within the next 60 days and the remaining (approx. \$175,000) in one year. The council entered into a discussion about how to best spend this money, M Thomas also stated the LOC (league Oregon City’s) and many of Oregon’s mayors and Administration staff had been inquiring with LOC into the way that these funds could be spent, so the City needs to use these funds wisely. Staff and council entered into a discussion about completing an item from the water project that will not be able to be completed with the Grant’s funding because of project cost over runs. This is an approved way to spend this incoming money. Replacing the City’s entire water meter system. This project would include new meters at every residence/business, new software to read meters remotely, new radio tower, Billing software, and total installation of system.

A brief discussion about the second round of funds was had, the idea is that funds should be used to complete a goal the council has set. (I.e., Paving in town, sewer Studies, fix library or any of the other topics that the council has set which meet the stipulation that come with the funds.)

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Topic #3: Salt Creek Bridge Water Line. The City Admin. Informed the council that the cost of the project was going to increase, because the city engineers have found the city will not be able to direct drill under the bridge and river bed. That method would not be supported by the ground in the area. The city is now moving to plan "B" which is placing the water line on the riverbed, which is a more costly route, but is the next cheapest Alternative.

Approved by City Council April 7, 2021

Ryan Lehman, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder