

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, April 20, 2022, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor Bojorquez, Councilor Dunlap, Councilor Dyche, Councilor Goings, Councilor McArthur, Councilor Saucier and Mayor Rachel King.

Councilors via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas and City Recorder Natasha Johnson

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

Administrator Thomas received written commentary from citizen D. Coelho and read it into record.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Notice of Possible Litigation: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding possible litigation. He told Council that CIS Insurance and City Attorney B. Monahan are reviewing the documents and will let the City know how to handle the potential litigation.

Mayor King asked Administrator Thomas if CIS will help with the cost even though they denied the first claim. Administrator Thomas did not know and stated that CIS will get back to us.

Councilor Dunlap asked if the sidewalk is the City's sidewalk or another party's property or responsibility. Administrator Thomas stated it was City property. Councilor Saucier asked if the city has accrued cost due to this and if there were there any witnesses. Administrator Thomas replied that the City has accrued cost and as far as he knows no witnesses. Recorder Johnson stated an ambulance was called, so witnesses were likely present. Councilor Dunlap asked if the curb has been fixed and how noticeable was curb. Administrator Thomas explained the sidewalk has been painted and the sidewalk is about 2 inches in difference. Mayor King asked if the person holding the event is liable or have them sign something. Administrator Thomas explained at the time nothing was signed but in the new application, if something happens during the event the person who is on application is liable, but only indoors. Councilor Goings asked Administrator Thomas to investigate whether a city is liable for events.

- B. Councilor Dyche asked to address the Citizen comment regarding sign Ordinance. Mayor King asked if all of Council has seen the correspondence regarding temporary sign ordinance. Administrator Thomas went over temporary sign ordinance and what other cities sign ordinances are regarding political speech. He explained the different options the city could do.

Councilor Dunlap brought up if the Council doesn't address this now then it will be an issue come November's election. Mayor King asked what McMinnville allows for sign size. Administrator Thomas described McMinnville's sign standard. There was discussion between Council regarding sign ordinance.

Councilor Dyche made motion to direct City Staff to reword City Sign ordinance to update sign size to be 4x8 in commercial zone. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 5-1.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor King closed public hearing and read executive session script.

Council met in Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(l) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

Mayor King opened public hearing back up.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

Councilor President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche had nothing to report. There were no 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 asked Administrator Thomas if the city has plans for the sidewalk outside of city hall. Administrator Thomas explained that PW is going to grind it down. Councilor Dunlap asked if PW considered using a company to level the sidewalk. Administrator Thomas replied he will check with PW. 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 let Council know she will be at LOC conference this weekend and will report back with anything of interest to the Council. She asked Administrator Thomas to bring to the next meeting an overview of what work is being done on the Jellison Street paving project. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Bojorquez moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15pm. Councilor McArthur seconded and without further discussion motion passed 6-0.

Approved by City Council May 4, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder