

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR
Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the City of Amity City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor Melissa Bojorquez, Councilor April Dyche, Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor Caleb Shields, Councilor Alice Thompson, and Mayor Rachel King

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Nathan Frarck and City Recorder Natasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: Deputy Samerdyke from YCSO updated Council regarding Amity Facebook group regarding not having videos and deputies not doing anything. He explained citizens still need to reach out even if there is no video there are other ways. Mayor King reminded the Council can't post as the city but can pass on the information.

City Recorder Johnson There were no further comments or questions for YCSO.

- B. DIG Report: There was no one from DIG at the meeting to give a report. There were no comments or questions for DIG.
- C. Citizen Comments: Citizen Joann M. thanked the council for the paving that is taking place in the city. CitizenCarolynn M. representing the Friends of the Library. She asked the Council if City Hall would be willing to be a drop off point for school supplies drive and a blurb in the newsletter. The council all agreed to allow it and provide boxes for supplies.

Citizen Cari B. let the council know disappointed regarding not letting citizens know regarding Ordinances that get passed. She is having issues regarding a tenant and was not able to get the tenant out. Mayor King explained the Ordinance and that it is for temporary camping and not inside residence and it's a state law. Mayor King explained she will discuss further after the meeting with the citizens if she would like.

Citizen Lillian E. asked the council their position regarding putting the psilocybin to the citizens to vote. Mayor King explained there will be a joint work session with planning regarding the psilocybin. All the Council are ok with putting it to the voters. Mayor King explained the joint meeting will be open to the public. Councilor Dyche and Councilor McArthur explained the State is still trying to come up with the rules.

Citizen Cari B. asked regarding businesses putting signs on the sidewalks and being in the way. Mayor King explained they could fill out a complaint form with the city and will look into it and make sure they are in compliance with the sign ordinance. There were no further citizen comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Public Safety Fee: Administrator Frarck went over background regarding Public Safety Fee and different methods. He also explained there are a couple of utility business customers being billed incorrectly. Mayor King explained further and how it came about. Councilor Dyche explained the council is trying to make sure the city is following our codes. The council all agreed to apply the public safety fee as provided in the code.
- B. Resolution 2023-15, A Resolution Adopting the New 2023 Employee Handbook: Mayor King went over background regarding Resolution 2023-15. Administrator Frarck explained the changes are based off of union negotiations and reflect the changes in the Employee Handbook. Councilor Dyche made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-15 to accept the proposed changes for the personnel policies (Employee Handbook) effective July 1, 2023. Councilor McArthur seconded the motion and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: Administrator Frarck updated the council regarding hiring a replacement for City Clerk Chrisy Worthington and the city hired Mona Hatch as the new City Clerk. He updated regarding the crack seal work being done. There were no further comments or questions for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and had nothing to report. There were no comments or questions for City Recorder.

Public Works Report: Public Works submitted report and was not present at the meeting. There were no comments or questions for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report and was not present at the meeting. There were no comments or questions for the library.

City Engineer Billing Report: Billing report submitted. There were no comments or questions regarding billing.

City Attorney/Planner Billing Report: Billing report submitted. There were no comments or questions regarding billing.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

Councilor President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche reminded Council the city is in a burn ban and asked city staff to add to reader board. She reminded the council of the NNO in August and discuss it at work session. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

Councilor Sandy McArthur Comments: Councilor McArthur had nothing to report. Mayor King thanked her for all her work in helping with the website. There were no further comments for Councilor McArthur.

Councilor Bojorquez Comments: Councilor Bojorquez updated the council regarding the movie in the park and had a turnout of around 40 people. Mayor King thanked Councilor Bojorquez and Councilor Thompson for helping with the event. There were no further comments for Councilor Bojorquez.

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

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

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King reminded the council and citizens that there still is a vacancy on council. She updated the council regarding Yamhill County having a new Economic Development director and they reached out to Administrator Frarck for a meeting. She would like an opportunity for the citizens to meet the new Administrator and set up something. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Dyche made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

Approved by the City August 2, 2023

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder