

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the City of Amity City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present:

Councilor Melissa Bojorquez, Councilor Acie Dunlap, Councilor April Dyche, Councilor Cody Goings, Councilor Sandy McArthur, and Mayor Rachel King

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas and City Recorder Natasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: There were no Deputies from YCSO present at the meeting. There were no comments or questions for Sheriff's Office.
- B. DIG Report: DIG's Erin Rainey told Council that the Tree Lighting was a good turnout. She let Council know next event DIG is working on is upcoming Daffodil Festival in the Spring. There were no comments or questions for DIG.
- C. Citizen Comments: Citizen Alice S. via Zoom introduced herself and that she represents Community Home Builders and has a grant through USDA to build 36 homes for low-income housing in Amity. She detailed her program. She told Council that her program is looking to donate some property to the City, so it may build the houses. She then explained why they want to do so. Mayor King thanked her for her information regarding the proposed donation of the property. Mayor King recommends she provide more information about the proposal to the City at a later date. Councilor Goings asked if they are the same company that built Getchell Ct. She answered that their last development was in McMinnville, and they did build one in Amity before. Administrator Thomas explained that any further information shall go to the Planning Commission as this will be their upcoming decision.

There were no further citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve Resolution 2022-09 accepting the election results as tallied and certified by Yamhill County Clerk Keri Hinton: City Recorder Johnson described in detail Resolution 2022-09 and updated council on election results and the City's next steps. Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve Resolution 2022-09 accepting the election results as tallied and certified by Yamhill County Clerk Keri Hinton. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and updated Council regarding a potential development coming to town and donating a portion of the land to the city and turning this land and other properties into a chain of park land. He went over the requirements need to make this happen. He asked Council if this is something they have any interest in doing. Mayor King let council know there is a park plan, and the plan relies on getting grants, but this was not a part of the plan. Councilor Goings asked if would be up to city to keep upkeep on the trails. Administrator Thomas yes it would be the City's responsibility. He then explained where the potential property would be along Ash Swale. There was discussion between council regarding this and they concluded not to move forward with this. Mayor King told Administrator Thomas to provide any further information he may have, but not to work on this proposal going forward. There were no further comments or questions for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and reminded Council of the upcoming Christmas Done Bright Contest and to coordinate with Mayor King. She also asked if any Councilor had changes for the survey to please submit them soon. There were no comments or questions for the City Recorder.

Public Works Report: There was no one from Public Works at meeting and no report submitted. Mayor King asked if Administrator Thomas has talked to Public Works about submitting a report. He explained he has talked with them and there was nothing to report. There were no comments or questions for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report and was not present at the meeting. Administrator Thomas updated Council regarding a possible arrangement to have our library partner with the Common Cup in a literacy event. He asked if they have any comments or concerns about it. Council agreed to let the library handle it. Mayor King did ask if Library could share on social media. There were no further 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 updated council on the Christmas Parade and Open House and that it went well. She said about 200 kids attended. 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 comments for Councilor Goings.

Councilor Bojorquez Comments: Councilor Bojorquez reported that she attended the LOC's training. She said it was helpful and informative and recommended it to others. She added that she went around to businesses and passed out flyers noticing the upcoming Christmas Decorating Contest.

She then stated she attended the MWVCOG meeting this morning with Administrator Thomas. She made some good connections and that it was a great meeting and very productive. She said at the meeting she received some helpful info regarding small business development. Mayor King thanked her for being able to attend the meeting. There were no further comments for Councilor Bojorquez.

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

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King thanked Councilor Goings and Councilor Dunlap for all their time and effort as tonight is their last meeting because their terms are up. She also mentioned registering for the upcoming LOC Day at the Capitol, as all Councilors could attend. She then described the events at the meeting. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Mayor King adjourned meeting at 7:32 pm.

Approved by the City January 5, 2023

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder