

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, January 5, 2022, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present:

Councilor Napua Ann Rich, Councilor Cody Goings, Councilor April Dyche and Mayor Rachel King

Councilors Present via Zoom

Councilor Sandy McArthur

Councilors Absent

Councilor Robert Andrade

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas and City Recorder Tasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor Rich moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESITONS:

A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: YCSO submitted the crime stats and Sgt High was present via ZOOM for the meeting. Sgt High updated Council on radar trailer and that the weather put it out of commission a couple of times. It will be back in town soon for about one or two weeks. Deputies will continue working on speeding issues. Sgt High then went over all the different calls from the last month. There were no comments for YCSO.

B. DIG Report: Erin Rainey with DIG thanked Council for approving funding the purchase for new banners. She updated Council on upcoming DIG meetings, to include a Daffodil Festival meeting January 6 at 3:30pm and a DIG meeting next Thursday via Zoom. Mayor King asked whether the DIG meeting is on Zoom or in person because she read that the meeting was in person. Erin Rainey answered. There were no further comments or questions for DIG.

C. Citizen Comments: Citizen Bobbi F. via zoom asked Mayor King to show Council the pictures that she submitted to Mayor King regarding side of the road between Stanley and 1st street. This road is near where Ms. Bobbi F lives. The pictures showed flooding, standing water, and muddy tire tracks along the shoulder of the road. Mayor King asked Bobbi if she had any recommendations on how to correct the issue. Citizen Bobbi F. gave some suggestions. Mayor King thanked her for the pictures and that she will follow up with her about how to make that area better. Citizen Bobbi F. just wanted Council to be aware that is an issue on Stanley.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Appoint New Councilor – City Council Application– A. Dunlap: Mayor King let Council know there is an application submitted for a new Councilor, but he is not present. Recorder Johnson updated Council that applicant couldn't make the meeting tonight but can next month. Staff recommended Council table this agenda item until next meeting.

Councilor Dyche moved to table appointing New Councilor to February 2, 2022, Council Rich seconded motion and with no further discussion motion passed 4-0

B. Request for Water Service Connection: City Administrator Thomas went over the background regarding the request. Councilor Goings explained to Council that it is doable but will need to bore under the highway. Administrator Thomas explained, yes that it is doable, but staff doesn't recommend allowing the new service. City Recorder Johnson mentioned that some houses outside City Limits are not connected to water utilities. She stated that if we did connect this house, other houses in the vicinity would seek connections, and Council should consider this in their decision, as we may not have the infrastructure to support all these requests. Councilor Goings suggested possibly running the line to a water connection that is not in use, but that was rejected. Mayor King mentioned her hesitancy with making the one exception and Council needs to be firm with their decision or Council doesn't have a leg to stand on when other citizens want to come to the city to connect. Councilor Rich pointed out that the citizen wanting connection isn't at the meeting to discuss with Council why he is wanting to connect.

Councilor Rich moved to reaffirm the City's policy dating back to 2013 not allowing new service connections outside City Limits. Councilor Dyche seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

C. No Parking Zone Along Stanley St.: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding changing the parking zone along Stanley St. Councilor Rich brought up a comparison to the water issue and suggested the City would then need to do the same in other areas of the City. Council Rich mentioned that the area along Stanley St looks a lot like the area brought up by Bobbi F during her citizens' comments. Councilor McArthur asked if it was possible to limit parking to certain times and for certain events, no parking except for events, or no parking after dark. Mayor King suggested making the no parking seasonal. Councilor Rich pointed out there have been complaints of not enough parking in the city and this is an action that is taking away parking. Councilor Dyche also mentioned the likelihood this would encourage more people to seek no parking areas, asking where do you stop? Mayor King mentioned that making rules we cannot enforce is not effective and not advisable. Councilor Rich pointed out a need to prioritize our deputies' limited time and resources and that parking may not be a good use of our Deputies. Councilor Goings agrees with Council, but he also understands where Public Works is coming from, trying to protect the roadway from excessive wear and tear. Mayor King suggested having the park host put out temporary signs up during certain times. Councilor Goings mentioned he could see them getting vandalized. Administrator Thomas agreed and

stated that temporary no parking signs may be easily circumvented. Citizen Rainey, asked to speak, and when recognized by the Mayor, suggested possibly graveling the road shoulder, if it is City property.

Councilor Rich thanked her for the suggestion but doesn't think it is a solution that would last long term. Councilor Dyce pointed out there are other streets in more need of gravel and repair than this one, and that with our limited funds we must prioritize. Mayor King asked if there is an issue with overnight parking. Administrator Thomas explained residents primarily park there overnight. Council discussed what constitutes legal parking as per the ordinance and if this was illegal or legal parking, based in the code. Councilor Goings recommended that the City either permanently restrict parking entirely or not at all.

Councilor Rich moved to continue to allow parking along the western edge of Stanley Street, between 4th and 5th Streets. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

D. Approve Resolution 2022-01- A Resolution Adopting and Agreeing to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Agreement and Signing the Contract: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding Resolution 2022-01. Councilor Dyche moved to approve Resolution 2022-01 and approve Mayor King to sign the grant agreement with DAS, to obtain \$2 million in grant funding from the State of Oregon. Councilor Goings seconded. Mayor King mentioned that she is very happy that the city could get this grant and without it the city wouldn't be able to do some upcoming projects. With no further discussion motion passed 4-0.

E. Approve Donation Request Recommended by Finance Committee: Finance Committee Chair Rich went over the donation requests. Councilor Dyche moved to approve donations as recommended. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

F. Approve of Excess Vacation Time: City Administrator Thomas went over background regarding excess vacation time. Councilor Rich offered an alternative of paying out employees instead of approving a carryover. In response, Mayor King read the policy to Council, and she recommends the exception to carryover and not making exception to the policy. Mayor King reminded Council why this request was needed. Councilor Goings suggested that during the next contract negotiations, the City should advocate for those with more years of service to get more hours to carryover.

Councilor Dyche moved to approve the "carryover" of vacation hours in excess of 120 hours into 2022 only for the employees identified. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

G. Elect Council President: Mayor King went over background regarding electing Council President per City Charter and asked if any nomination. Councilor Rich nominated Councilor Dyche to become Council President. Councilor Goings seconded and Council Dyche accepted. With no discussion motion passed for Councilor Dyche to be named Council President for 2022 4-0.

H. Appoint Budget Officer for 2022-23 Fiscal Year: City Recorder Johnson went over background regarding appointing new Budget Officer. Councilor Goings moved to appoint City Administrator Mike Thomas as the budget officer for fiscal year 2022-23 and approve the

proposed budget calendar. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

I. Discussion on Goal Setting Session and Date: Date: Administrator Thomas went over what the goal setting entails. City Staff recommends holding the goal setting on January 29, 2022, at 8:30am. Council agreed to hold their goal setting on January 29, 2022, per staff recommendation.

J. Update on Audit: City Administrator Thomas gave update on where the audit is at to the Council. He let Council know the city sent in for an extension to have audit completed by February 2022 and the state accepted the extension. He explained why the city needed the extension.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and updated Council regarding the recent incidents of graffiti in the community. Mayor King asked Council to consider options whereby the City may help respond to graffiti outbreaks in the community and where the city' position is if it's an ongoing issue in the community. There were no further comments for the City Administrator.

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

Public Works Report: Superintendent Mathis submitted his report and was not present at the meeting. There were no further comments for Public Works.

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

City Engineer Billing Report: Billing report submitted, and mayor King asked how close the sewer project is to being done. Administrator Thomas let Council know he will check and get back to Council. There were no further questions regarding billing.

City Attorney/Planner Billing Report: Billing report submitted and there were no comments.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

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

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

Councilor President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

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

Councilor Napua Rich Comments: Councilor Rich let Council know that she needs to resign effected January 19, 2022, as she is moving out of City Limits. There were no comments for Councilor Rich.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King let Council know she will be hearing the results of the county grant awards and will let Council know results. She resubmitted a grant for the speed feedback signs with First Federal. She stated she and Administrator Thomas have a meeting with RDI coming up and she is going to ask them to present to Council their results. She reminded Council of her Town Hall on January 19th and her objectives for the meeting. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Rich moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15 pm. Councilor Goings seconded and without further discussion motion passed 4-0.

Approved by City February 2, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder