

**WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR**

Minutes

Work Session of the City of Amity City Council was held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 28, 2023 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor April Dyché, Councilor Melissa Bojorquez, Councilor Denis Saucier, Councilor Caleb Shields and Mayor Rachel King.

Councilors Absent

None

Planning Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Sean Fitzgerald and Chair Ryan Jones (not whole time)

Staff Present

City Treasurer/Recorder Natasha Johnson

SURVEY RESULTS:

City Council, and City Staff reviewed the results from the 2023 Resident Survey. Overall, Mayor and Council were impressed with the improvements overall this year. They were surprised with results regarding storm drainage. Possibly the reason percentage was up this year is due to more citizen awareness. Mayor King would like to focus on getting information out to citizens that don't have internet access.

Mayor and Council went over all the comments submitted. They discussed addressing complaints and getting more information out and making citizens more aware. Council suggested adding a blurb to newsletter did you know and focusing on one topic every month. The main topics of discussion were street repairs, Storm Drainage issues, transparency and code enforcement.

UPDATE COUNCIL GOALS:

The Council made changes to the current goals. The new goals are:

Infrastructure:

Goal 1) Water Infrastructure improvements:

- Finish the on-going water system improvements project by 2024
- Complete 8" Loop on Goucher by 2024
- Replace 8" Transmission Pipe to Reservoir by 2024

Goal 2) Sewer Infrastructure improvements:

- Create improvement timeline based on Wastewater Facilities Plan Pathway by June 2024

Goal 3) Streets Infrastructure Improvements:

- Create Inventory & Assessment of all streets by 2024
- Continue Pothole repair while evaluating cost analysis of repaving
- Increase street lighting
- Public Outreach on PGE info

Goal 4) Sidewalk's Infrastructure Improvements:

- Educate homeowners responsibilities
- Develop Sidewalk Plan & Policies by 2024

Goal 5) Storm Drainage Infrastructure Improvements:

- Continue to educate homeowners responsibilities

Community & Business Engagement:

Goal 1) Improve community outreach

- Add fact section to Newsletter
- Professionally upgrade city website by January 2025
- Twice yearly Town Hall Meetings & quarterly informal meet & greet

Goal 2) Online volunteer outreach by 2024

Goal 3) Amity Day Planning for 2024:

- Conduct interest survey
- Follow up with in person community meeting
- Pick location, date and theme

Public Safety:

Goal 1) Negotiate YCSO Contract

- Explore options to add additional part time officer and/or code enforcement/public safety officer
- Increased interaction w/and visibility of YCSO within community

Goal 2) Provide information, education & enforcement involving health and safety codes and community concerns

Goal 3) Review Ordinances for compliance with State and Federal law

- Joint meeting with Council -Planning

Parks and Public Spaces:

- Goal 1) Establish dog waste stations throughout town
- Goal 2) Install additional public trash cans
- Goal 3) Secure grant funding for City beautification
- Goal 4) Establish list of all City owned real property
- Goal 5) Work with local and regional partners to add / create new park spaces in Amity in the next 3-5 years
- Goal 6) Written assessment of all city owned trees by 2025
- Goal 7) Acquire leash law signs for park (2-4)

City Services:

- Goal 1) Improve Library
 - Submit CDBG grant by July 1, 2023
 - Seek grant funding for library interior and accessories
 - Expand “borrowable” internet access
- Goal 2) Provide continued community education about city services & utilities
- Goal 3) Establish heating & cooling center during extreme weather

Mayor King reminded council that it is important to show up to the meetings and to ready the packet ahead of time and if have any questions regarding packet reach out to staff. She also reminded Council as point of contacts need to bring topics to council if have anything. She would like Council to look into ADU's or development code updates with planning. Also look into short term/vacation rental policy and do a planning/council work session.

Councilor Dyche reminded Council to come to work sessions and they are really important. Council would like to start work sessions meetings now at 5:30. Councilor Dyche also reminded Council to remember that this is a small town, and that Council is the face of City and things Council say or do can be a reflection on Council. She also reminded Council if want paper copy of agenda packet ahead of time it is available and to let Recorder Johnson know.

POINT OF CONTACT ASSIGNMENTS:

Mayor King updated Point of Contact assignments. The list of Point of Contact assignments as of January 28, 2023:

Finance: Main contact is April Dyche, and second contact is Melissa Bojorquez.

Infrastructure: Main contact is Sandy McArthur, and second contact is Caleb Shields.

Community Engagement: Main contact is Melissa Bojorquez, and second new Councilor when appointed.

Public Safety: Main contact is Denis Saucier, and second contact is April Dyche.

Parks: Main contact will be new Councilor when appointed, and second contact is Denis Saucier.

City Services: Main contact is Caleb Shields, and second contact is Sandy McArthur.

Mayor King reminded Council work session in February will be on the 22nd. Mayor King went over the city having bullet points list when go to partnering meetings.

Mayor King adjourned the work session at 3:45 pm.

Approved by City Council March 1, 2023

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder