

WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

Work Session of the City of Amity City Council was held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor April Dyche, Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor Cody Goings, Councilor Robert Andrade, Councilor Napua Rich and Interim Mayor Rachel King.

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Michael Thomas

BUSINESS FROM THE STAFF:

City Administrator gave updates on any on-going City business and updated on status of projects.

OPEN FORUM & DISCUSSION FROM MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

a. **Infrastructure –**

Topic #1: Water Infrastructure Improvement Updates: City Administrator Thomas gave a quick update on the status of two ongoing water improvement projects: Water intake and Salt Creek bridge transmission line relocation. Both projects continue to see slow but encouraging progress. Meetings with ODOT, USDA, SHPO, Tribal leadership, and others continue to be productive in finalizing details necessary before groundbreaking and construction can begin. The last quarter of this year through spring/summer of next year will be the timetable for execution of construction/implementation phase to be underway for both projects..

Topic #2: Top Priority P.W. Projects Seeking Funding: Discussed Public Works list of top priority water improvement projects. All projects are assimilated into a list directly from Amity's Water Master Plan. In anticipation of potential grant opportunities Council reviewed with City Administrator Thomas the next two projects that could be considered for water infrastructure grant funding. Because the cost estimates we currently have on these projects were approximated in 2014, there have been increases in the costs of parts, labor; requiring a reconsideration of project price totals before moving forward with any accurate proposals.

b. **Community Engagement** – No Report given by Councilor Rich.

c. **Parks** –Councilor Andrade went to US Representative Bonamici's Town Hall for elected officials. During the Town Hall Councilor Andrade spoke with the Mayor of Newberg, who offered to help us with some of our park projects.

d. **City Services** – No report given by Councilor McArthur.

e. **Public Safety** - No Report given by Councilor Dyche.

f. **Finance** –

Topic #1: APRA Funds Expected by City: Council received an update on the status of American Rescue Plan Act Funds that will be coming through the State and directly to our city from the federal government. City Administrator Thomas completed all the paperwork and necessary requirements, and it is expected the City will receive its money by the end of August. Amity will receive approximately \$192,000, which is half of the total allotment, with the second half coming 12 months later (August of 2022). These funds will be used for water meter replacement and the immediate procurement of necessary replacement parts for our sewer system.

Topic #2: New Legislation Effects to Future Budgeting: City Administrator Thomas gave an overview of new state legislation that will affect the City. There was discussion of SB 493 which changes the process and data by which the state determines prevailing wage. Because this new process will most likely use statewide wage determination based on CBAs instead of regional data, costs to the City will increase for all labor on contracted jobs of public improvement nature effective Jan 1, 2022. The specific monetary impacts of these changes are unknown at this time but individual as well as annual budgets will need to be reassessed moving forward.

g. **Mayor Report:**

Interim Mayor King did not provide a report.

Approved by City Council September 1, 2021

Rachel King, Interim Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder