

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 1, 2021, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present:

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

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas, City Attorney Bill Monahan and City Recorder Tasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

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 tagging / graffiti incidents. They have arrested a couple of people and these individuals are most likely same people responsible for prior tagging incidents.

He provided an update that the kidnaping incident is now an inactive case. Yet, the investigation is still ongoing regarding the incident at the Treasure Attic.

He reviewed the different calls Deputies responded to this last month. He stated Deputies will assist with the upcoming Christmas parade in Amity.

Councilor Andrade asked about getting more patrolling for crosswalk incidents; he witnessed traffic not stopping for pedestrians. Sgt High explained that it is an ongoing issue, and the deputies are working on it. He recommends getting crosswalk lights. Administrator Thomas interjected that he is still working on obtaining funding for the crosswalk lights. Mayor King asked if the Sheriff's Office would be willing to write a letter of recommendation regarding the need for the crosswalk lights. Sgt High said they can help with that.

Mayor King updated YCSO that ODOT agreed to lower speed limits within City Limits. Sgt High recommended trying to get as much info out to the public before the speed changes. He will look into getting radar trailer out as well. He suggested that we seek ODOT for grant funding to accomplish extra traffic enforcement. There were no further comments or questions for the YCSO.

B. DIG Report: Eve Silverman updated Council about the plan for Friday's tree lighting ceremony. She showed Council the goodie bags that they will be giving out to the kids that attend the tree lighting. Mayor King thanked her for all the hard work from DIG. There were no further comments or questions for DIG.

C. Citizen Comments: Brandon Poynter, owner of Trade St Taphouse, was not present at the meeting to ask Council about being further compensated on his water bill for the cost on an ongoing leak. He sought more relief than was provided. Due to his absence, Council skipped this agenda item without discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council President King closed public hearing and read executive session script.

Council met in Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with legal counsel regarding a privileged record, pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h).

Council President King reopened the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for Tourism Funding: City Administrator Thomas provided background regarding the need for a new request of Tourism Funds. Eve Silverman with DIG explained the need for funding to acquire new banners

Councilor Rich moved to approve the purchasing of new DIG banners with Tourism Funds, in the amount of \$2,500. Councilor Andrade seconded motion and with no further discussion motion passed 5-0

B. Oregon Business Funding Acceptance Resolution 2021-14: City Administrator Thomas described the need for Resolution 2021-14, to accept Business Oregon financing. Mayor King further advocated for the financing request to accomplish our Salt Creek Bridge project. Councilor Rich moved to approve Resolution 2021-14, accepting Business Oregon Financing. Councilor McArthur seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

C. Recology Franchise Agreement: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding amended Recology franchise agreement. Mayor King asked if the 6.5% increase was needed for Recology to fall into their 85% operating cost range? Administrator Thomas assumed so but stated he would confirm with Recology and report back to Council. Mayor King asked for clarification regarding a clause that restricts Amity's asked from Amity going to the Riverbend Landfill. Administrator Thomas answered and then Councilor Dyche explained further that this clause was also included in McMinnville's agreement. Mayor King asked if Administrator

Thomas ran the numbers regarding how much further revenue the city will obtain under the new agreement. Administrator Thomas stated he did not. Mayor King did and estimated the new revenue.

Councilor Rich moved to accept the new franchise agreement with Recology to include the new rate increases. Councilor McArthur seconded. With no discussion motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and updated Council regarding the successful defense of the traffic court appeal. There were no 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. Administrator Thomas provided Gary's update to Council on water saved for year to date, versus 2020. City drew 13 million gallons less water from the river.

Councilor Rich brought up Online NW causing damage to the streets and if Administrator Thomas can bring it up to Gary Mathis with Public Works. Administrator Thomas said he would do so. She also added congrats to Gary Mathis for getting his Water Treatment 2 Certification.

Administrator Thomas updated Council regarding his inability to make headway with PGE about moving the Water Treatment Plant onto a more stable electrical grid. He stated that Mayor King was able to undo the 8-month logjam with only a few phone calls. 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 further comments for the library.

City Engineer Billing Report: Billing report submitted and there were no comments.

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 April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche brought up use for Tourism Funds and possibly helping Fire Dept with replacing Christmas decorations. Councilor Dyche will let Fire Dept. to come to Council regarding this. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

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

comments for Councilor Goings.

Councilor President Napua Rich Comments: Councilor Rich submitted her report and added that she will be staying on the Council longer than she planned. There were no comments for Councilor Rich.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King submitted her report and had nothing to add. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Rich moved to adjourn meeting at 8:30 pm. Councilor Andrade seconded and without further discussion motion passed 5-0.

Approved by City January 5, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder