

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, April 6, 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 Councilor Denis Saucier, 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 McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: Sgt High updated Council on the different calls for the month of March. Mayor King thanked them for patrolling during school hours and if they can also focus on Nursery Street. Sgt, High said they would patrol Nursery more. Sgt High also said YCSO will work with ODOT about detour signs when the Salt Creek Bridge closes. Councilor Saucier mentioned to Sgt. High that there is some illegal activity on S. Jellison. Sgt. High will monitor stop sign running along S. Jellison. There were no further comments or questions for YCSO.

B. DIG Report: Erin Rainey with DIG updated Council regarding turnout of Daffodil Festival and possibly adding an art show next year. She said to Council DIG is working on updating the summer banners and have some local businesses involved. They are working with the high school to get the hanging baskets ready. Mayor King told DIG that the schools are really looking forward into being involved in future Daffodil Festivals. There were no further comments or questions for DIG.

C. Citizen Comments: Erin Rainey is disappointed with ODOT on how long it is going to take for them to build the Salt Creek Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Amend Municipal Code – 2nd Reading Ordinance 673, Road and Weight Restrictions in Amity: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding Ordinance 673 and there have been no changes since the last Council Meeting. Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve Ordinance 673. Councilor McArthur seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approve Child Abuse Awareness Proclamation Resolution 2022-02: Administrator Thomas described the proclamation. Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve Child Abuse Proclamation Resolution 2022-02. Councilor Dyche seconded. Mayor King read the proclamation in full. With no discussion motion passed 6-0.

B. Approve Starting Process of Changing Amity Development Code Enforcement Change: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding the changes. Councilor Dunlap asked how the current code reads before this change happens. Administrator Thomas recited the current code and what the new code will say. Councilor Dunlap asked if the Judge could have owners re-cited if the code changes. Administrator Thomas explained would be up to the Judge to handle the situation. Councilor Saucier asked if this change will change fencing requirements. Administrator Thomas explained it is just to better enforce our codes and does not change the fence requirements. Mayor King explained further. Councilor Dyche moved to approve the change to Amity Code and direct City Administrator Thomas to initiate the process to do so. Councilor McArthur seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 6-0.

C. Appoint Budget Committee Members: City Recorder Johnson went over background regarding appointing Budget Committee Members and introduced three applicants. Councilor Bojorquez declared conflict of interest. She recruited the applicants, and one applicant is her spouse. Council asked questions of each applicant. All the applicants introduced themselves. Councilor McArthur motioned to approve Sean Fitzgerald, Rose Lorenzen, and Richard Lorenzen to Amity Budget Committee with a term commencing with Budget 2022-23 and ending with Budget 2024-25. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

D. Appoint Planning Commission Member: City Administrator Thomas went the need for appointing a Planning Commission Member and introduced the applicant. Council asked applicant questions. Councilor Bojorquez declared a conflict of interest as she is the spouse of the applicant. Councilor Dyche moved to appoint Sean Fitzgerald to the Amity Planning Commission to a term to expire December 31, 2024. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 5-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report. Councilor Goings asked if the fallen tree has been cleaned up in the park. Administrator Thomas said it was cleaned up. There were no further comments or questions for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and added a reminder regarding the community's upcoming shred day. She also stated that the City's planning on hosting a movie in the park, hopefully, in June. There were no comments or questions for the City Recorder.

Public Works Report: Superintendent Mathis submitted his report and was not present at the meeting. Mayor King asked regarding road paving. Administrator Thomas explained our current and planned paving projects and that the City is trying to get an SCA grant next year. Mayor King told Council that the city has applied for two Safe Routes to School Grants. There were no further comments or questions for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report late and was not present at the meeting. There were no 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 and there were no comments or questions regarding billing.

BUSINESS FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

Councilor President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche reminded Council about upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th. She also let Council know Pancake breakfast is set for July 24th. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

Councilor Sandy McArthur Comments: Councilor McArthur had nothing to report. Mayor King thanked Councilor McArthur on updating the City's website to be more compatible with mobile devices. There were no further 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 updated Council that Cannabros is still in the process and working out details. There were no comments for Councilor Bojorquez.

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

Councilor Saucier Comments: Councilor Saucier asked regarding cameras for businesses and if the city is still looking into helping businesses with them. He talked with a security camera that works with cities and there are grants to help businesses with them and he can help with that process. Administrator Thomas went over more ideas the City has had to help businesses. Councilor Saucier will give Administrator Thomas the company's number. Administrator Thomas told Council the City plans to budget \$5000 to help with code violation abatements.

Councilor Saucier asked if the time frame with the Salt Creek Bridge was set. Mayor King replied, yes, as it is an ODOT project and we have no say. Administrator Thomas explained that the City is attending the meetings regarding the bridge and is actively engaged in the process. There were no comments for Councilor Saucier.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King let Council know the city will be hosting a tour to some of the City's problematic areas on April 8th. She also let Council know there is a tour of the City's facilities on April 12th, if they would like to be a part of it. She updated Council that the work session meeting on the 20th will be a special council meeting instead of a work session and it would begin at 7 pm. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Bojorquez moved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm. Councilor McArthur seconded and without further discussion motion passed 6-0.

Approved by City May 4, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder