

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, February 2, 2022, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present:

Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor Cody Goings, Councilor April Dyche and Mayor Rachel King

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

None

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas and City Recorder Tasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilor McArthur moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 3-0.

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 the radar trailer being back in Amity. Sgt High went over all the different calls from the last month. Mayor King asked regarding the yearly stats pertaining to DUI's and Sex Offense Cases. Sgt. High explained why there were increases. Mayor King asked regarding sex offense cases going up and if they are pertained to an incident or the number of individual cases for the city. Sgt. High let Mayor King know he will find the answer and let Council know, there were no more comments for YCSO.

B. DIG Report: Eve Silverman with DIG showed Council the new banners for Amity. She updated Council regarding upcoming Daffodil and DIG meetings. Erin Rainey let Council know Daffodil festival is scheduled for March 26th and what they are planning on doing at the event this year. Eve updated Council regarding flower baskets. She wants Council to do a contest for the community in the summer for best yard. Mayor King liked that idea. There were no comments or questions for DIG.

C. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Councilor Resignation – Napua A. Rich & Robert Andrade: Administrator Thomas went over the resignations. Councilor Dyche moved to accept the resignations of Councilor Rich and Councilor Andrade, effective immediately. Councilor Goings seconded. Councilor Dyche thanked them for their service. With no further discussion motion passed 3-0.

B. Councilor Applications – Melissa Bojorquez, Acie Dunlap & Denis Saucier: Administrator Thomas went over Council applications. Council asked applicants questions.

Mayor King asked applicant Melissa B. to introduce herself. Applicant Melissa B. introduced herself to Council. Mayor King asked applicant if she prefers a position. The applicant would like position #3 but would be fine with any position. There were no further questions for Applicant.

Mayor King asked applicant Acie D. to also introduce himself. Applicant Acie D. introduced himself. Councilor Goings asked how long he has lived in Amity. Applicant Acie D. said around 6 years. Mayor King asked applicant if he prefers a position upon the Council. He did not have a preference. There were no further questions for Applicant.

Mayor King asked applicant Denis S. to also introduce himself. Applicant Denis S. introduced himself. There were no further questions for Applicant.

Councilor Dyche moved to appoint Melissa Bojorquez to council position #3 to a term to expire on December 31, 2024. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

Mayor King made motion to appoint Acie Dunlap to Council Position #4 to a term to expire on December 31, 2022. Councilor Dyche seconded and with no discussion motion passed 4-0.

Councilor Dyche made motion to appoint Denis Saucier to Council Position #6 to a term to expire on December 31, 2022. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 4-0.

C. Approve Check Signers.: Mayor King went over background regarding updating check signers. Councilor McArthur moved to update the list of authorized check signers on the City of Amity's First Federal checking account to include Mayor Rachel King, Council President/Finance Committee Chair April Dyche, City Administrator Michael Thomas and City Recorder/Treasurer Natasha Johnson, contingent on passing the bank's credit check and remove any and all others.

In addition, Council sought to update safety deposit box signers to include Mayor Rachel King, City Recorder/Treasurer Natasha Johnson and City Administrator Michael Thomas contingent on passing a bank's credit check and remove any and all others. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 3-0.

D. Request for Transit Funding: Administrator Thomas went over the background regarding a request for transit funding. Councilor Dyche asked Administrator Thomas if our budget would allow for this and where the money would come. Administrator Thomas explained it we could afford to contribute some funding and that it would come out of General Fund. Mayor King

stated that this should be a priority as the County provides a service to the Community. Councilor Dyche asked if we have contributed funding previously. Administrator Thomas replied that the city has contributed previously, but he couldn't when or how much. Recorder Johnson let Council know they can bring it to Budget Committee and have the committee determine the dollar amount to contribute. Councilor Dyche moved to table this motion pending approval and recommendation from the Budget Committee. Councilor Goings seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 3-0.

E. Amend Municipal Code – Road and Weight Restrictions in Amity: Administrator Thomas went over background regarding amending the Municipal Code, and why it is needed. Mayor King explained the history that prompted the proposed change. Mayor King asked Administrator Thomas if all the weight limits are 10 tons. Administrator Thomas confirmed this and stated what could be done about it. Councilor McArthur commented the changing the restrictions may affect the citizens that drive heavy rigs home as their job. Councilor Dyche feels comfortable including Woodland in the 10-ton weight limit. Councilor Dyche moved to direct staff to amend chapter 76, schedule I of the Amity Municipal Code, per the guidance of Council to include Woodland on the list adding it to the 10-ton limit list. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 3-0.

F. LIHWAP Contract Approval: City Administrator Thomas went over background regarding LIHWAP Contract. Mayor King commented on the positive effect water utility payment relief would have on the community. Councilor Dyche moved to approve the contract with YCAP. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 3-0.

G. County Contract Approval: City Administrator Thomas went over background regarding Salt Creek Bridge Contract with Yamhill County. He stated that this contract accepts a \$600,000 grant from the County. Councilor McArthur moved to approve the contract with Yamhill County. Councilor Goings seconded and with no discussion motion passed 3-0.

H. Graffiti Update: Administrator Thomas discussed the recent incidents of graffiti in town and what prompted this agenda item. Administrator Thomas presented options for Council to mitigate graffiti in town. Council discussed the options. Council is going to discuss further during a work session and invite business owners as well. Before committing money, they want to wait for budgeting to begin and discuss it then. Mayor King explained what happens when a business gets hit with Graffiti and that they must follow our Municipal Code.

Mayor King asked Administrator Thomas about adding hats to the lights downtown. Administrator Thomas stated he asked about it, but hasn't heard back from the vendor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and let Council know that the City received at home COVID test for distribution and asked Council to think on how they want to distribute the test. Council directed Administrator Thomas to reach out to business owners.

Administrator Thomas updated Council regarding ODOT permits. He also updated Council regarding the Amity sign located near the Salt Creek Bridge and that it needs to be moved.

Finally, Administrator Thomas updated Council regarding AARPA funds and how much is left. Mayor King discussed the reporting timelines and the need for accurate reporting. There were no further comments for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and had nothing to add. There were no comments for the 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 late and was not present at the meeting. There were no comments for the library.

City Engineer Billing Report: Billing report submitted. There were no 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 President April Dyche Comments: Councilor Dyche had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

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

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King had nothing to report. There were no comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Dyche moved to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Councilor McArthur seconded and without further discussion motion passed 3-0.

Approved by City March 2, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder