

WORK SESSION MEETING
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

A Work Session Meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 27, 2023, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Councilors Present

Councilor Sandy McArthur, Councilor April Dyche, Councilor Alice Thompson and Mayor Rachel King.

Councilors Present via Zoom

Councilor Melissa Bojorquez

Councilors Absent

Councilor Caleb Shields

Staff Present

City Administrator Nathan Frarck, Public Works Superintendent Greg Binks and City Treasurer/Recorder Natasha Johnson

1. CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

There were none.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion Water Emergency: Administrator Frarck gave background regarding the water emergency that happened over the weekend. He provided a written update as well. He explained he declared a State of Emergency on Saturday to be able to go out for funding opportunities. He put it on paper and ended the State of Emergency Monday Night. Mayor King explained further and why didn't need to ratify.

Councilor McArthur asked for clarification regarding what failed. Administrator Frarck explained the pump failed and how and why. He explained what they did to fix the pumps. Councilor Dyche asked Administrator Frarck when he was made aware of the issue. He explained that he wasn't made aware of the issue until Saturday. She explained possibly should have asked customers to conserve water when was made aware of the problem. Mayor King explained staff are working on procedures for next time. She thanked staff and everyone involved for all their help.

- b. **Discussion and Vote on Water Credit:** Recorder Johnson went over background regarding applying water credit to all utility customers and how came up with the amount. Councilor Dyche moved to approve water credit of \$5 to all water utility customers for City of Amity and double the credit for all commercial businesses. Councilor Thompson seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 4-0.

3. OPEN FORUM & DISCUSSION FROM THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCILORS:

- a. Mayor Comments – Mayor King reminded Council NNO on Tuesday. Councilor Dyche thanked the mayor for helping at the Pancake Breakfast and handing out water. There were no further comments.
- b. Finance – Councilor Dyche had nothing to report. There were no comments.
- c. Infrastructure – Councilors McArthur & Shields – Councilor McArthur thanked everyone that helped with the water emergency. There were no further comments.
- d. Community Engagement – Councilors Bojorquez & Thompson – Councilor Bojorquez suggested moving the emergency alert to the front of the webpage. Mayor King will include in the Newsletter. City Staff will update the website. There were no further comments.
- e. Public Safety – Councilor Dyche had nothing to report. There were no comments.
- f. Parks – Councilor Thompson had nothing to report. There were no comments.
- g. City Services – Councilors Shields & McArthur – Councilor Shields was not present at the meeting. There were no comments.

Mayor King adjourned the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Approved by City Council August 2, 2023

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder