

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, August 3, 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 and Mayor Rachel King

Councilors Present via Zoom

None

Councilors Absent

Councilor Denis Saucier

Staff Present

City Administrator Mike Thomas and City Recorder Natasha Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- A. Yamhill County Sheriff's Report: Sgt High updated Council on the different calls for the month of June. He recapped Amity's National Night Out. He went over the Sheriff's annual report on law enforcement within Amity.

Mayor King pointed out the total number of calls for service declined. She asked for the difference between monthly report and yearly report as far as the declining calls. Sgt. High explained. Mayor King then showed him the monthly report the city gets, and he explained that while it is similar to the yearly report it provides slightly different information. Mayor King informed Sgt High that the city has a new municipal judge. There were no further comments or questions for YCSO.

- B. DIG Report: Ms. E. Rainey updated Council about new banners coming in. She complimented the city on how good the flower baskets look. Mayor King asked if DIG could provide a list of activities that might be happening in the next year. Ms. Rainey said she can do that. There were no further comments or questions for DIG.

- C. Citizen Comments: There were no citizen comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Readdress July 20, 2022, vote on Psilocybin: Administrator Thomas updated council that the Mayor and he had both talked with the County and confirmed that the city will not be charged to add psilocybin to the ballot. He stated that Amity will need to get the title published by August 18. Next he updated

Council on what the City of Dayton is doing in response to psilocybin, which is to exclude psilocybin within 1,000 feet of any place where children congregate. Finally, he went over the different options again.

Councilor Dunlap asked if the library would be included in the 1000 ft. zone. Administrator Thomas explained the library is not currently in the code, which only includes schools. Councilor Dunlap asked for clarification regarding Marijuana dispensary coming into town and will they be able to sell it. Administrator Thomas explained depends on what Council decides, but that the marijuana business would be an allowed exception to the rule.

Mayor King explained why she brought this back to the table. She felt one of the main reasons was the cost issue and now that there is no cost, she wanted to make sure it didn't change Council's decision. Councilor Bojorquez asked for clarification if council chooses and citizens vote against it, what happens. Mayor King responded. Councilor Goings mentioned he would feel better approving for moratorium since it will not cost the city anything to add to the ballot. Next, Administrator Thomas explained the different motions.

Councilor Goings asked what happens if the County doesn't allow it. Mayor King explained would go out to all voters but would only affect out of city voters. The city can still choose what wants to do.

Councilor Bojorquez moved to rescind the motion of Council passed on July 20, 2022, and move to prepare a 2-year moratorium (temporary prohibition) on psilocybin for the voters and to have Planning Commission to still look into Ordinances. Councilor Goings seconded motion. Mayor King reminded Council that it will still be up to the voters. With no further discussion motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Ordinance 678 Moratorium: Mayor King went over background regarding Ordinance 678 and conducted the first reading. Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 678, placing a ballot initiative for a moratorium (temporary prohibition) on psilocybin before voters in November 2022. Councilor Dyche seconded. Administrator Thomas pointed out section in the Ordinance regarding what the voters decide and when the ordinance will be in effect. With no further discussion motion passed 5-0

Administrator Thomas conducted second reading of Ordinance 678. Councilor Bojorquez moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 678, placing a ballot initiative for a moratorium (temporary prohibition) on psilocybin before voters in November 2022. Councilor Dyche seconded. With no further discussion motion passed 5-0. The ordinance was adopted and the measure will go to the voters.

- B. City Goals Review and Update: Mayor King let Council know it has been 6 months since goals were decided and wanted an update. Administrator Thomas went through each of the city's goals and provided an update on its status and what work was being accomplished towards the goal. Mayor King reminded Council to keep looking at the goals and their assignments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and added an update regarding and what ODOT will require for a new wayfinding sign for the City Park. Councilor Dyche

explained multiple people approached her regarding this at the pancake breakfast. There were no further comments or questions for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and had nothing to add. 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 the complaint regarding mailbox damage done by contractor. She asked Administrator Thomas to follow up with public works. There were no further comments or questions for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report and was not present at the meeting. Administrator Thomas let Council know Summer Reading Program's ice cream party is open to the public. 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 had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Dyche.

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

Councilor Goings Comments: Councilor Goings asked Administrator Thomas if City Engineers have mentioned supply shortage with the upcoming project. Administrator Thomas will check into it. Councilor Goings asked if inflation would affect the project. Administrator Thomas explained the bids included inflation but will double check. Mayor King explained its under contract and must do it for the price. Councilor Goings asked if Tim Tice will present the sewer rate study. Administrator Thomas will ask Tim to present to council. He mentioned he can bring smoker down for BBQ. There were no further comments for Councilor Goings.

Councilor Bojorquez comments: Councilor Bojorquez discussed that the during the community meeting, the businesses brought up a flyer idea. They sought to have the City help print the flyer using tourism funds. Mayor King said businesses and DIG needs to come to the city with what they are wanting and present costs and invoices to the city for approval.

Councilor Bojorquez reminded Council to start thinking about the goal for Amity Days. There were no further 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 was not present at the meeting. There were no

comments for Councilor Saucier.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King let Council know she is still looking for grants for the city. She will be attending some meetings regarding grants. She will be attending the mayors conference that is coming up. Mayor King asked Recorder Johnson is the city provides a basket for the conference. Recorder Johnson let her know in the past there has never been one. Mayor King will check to see if need to provide one. There were no further comments for Mayor King.

Councilor Bojorquez moved to adjourn meeting at 8:38 pm. Councilor Goings seconded and without further discussion motion passed 5-0

Approved by City September 7, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder