

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, July 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 (late) 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 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 also let Council know YCSO plans on participating in National Night Out (NNO). Mayor King asked YCSO about a complaint regarding parking on Getchell Ct. She asked if curb painting was needed to enforce parking. She asked if our Deputies could enforce since it was not clearly marked. Sgt High explained Public Works would need to paint or put-up signs. Administrator Thomas added that Deputy Summers spoke with parking violators, but that the City needs to repaint or put-up signs. There were no further comments or questions for YCSO.
- B. DIG Report: Erin Rainey with DIG updated Council about her appreciation for the hanging baskets and she noted that the banners are switched out. She informed Council that the DIG meeting is next week. There were no comments or questions for DIG.
- C. Citizen Comments: E. Rainey mentioned that the posted ODOT detour and bridge closure signs are confusing. Mayor King asked Administrator Thomas if he could reach out to ODOT regarding the signage, as the City had received a complaint.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 676: Administrator Thomas described Ordinance 676 and there have been no changes since the last Council Meeting and prior reading. Councilor Dyche moved to approve Ordinance 676. Councilor Dunlap seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

B. 1st and 2nd Reading and Approval of Ordinance 677: Administrator Thomas detailed Ordinance 677 and conducted a combined first and second reading as the ordinance wasn't read at the last Council meeting. He described for Council the changes in the Ordinance made since the prior meeting. Councilor Dyche moved to approve 1st and 2nd reading of Ordinance 677 and approve Ordinance 677 and direct city staff to enact changes to Amity Development Code. Councilor McArthur seconded motion and with no discussion motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Time Extension for Amity Track and Tractor: Administrator Thomas detailed the need and reasoning for the extension. Applicant C. Poole told Council their PGE project manager changed, which caused some of the delay. Mayor King asked what other requirements must be met before C. Poole can start construction. She and Administrator explained they must complete a building compliance, pay SDCs, and go to county for permits. Mayor King asked the applicant if she thinks that is enough time; she explained yes it should be. Councilor Goings followed up and asked whether she was considering our current economic problems in her estimate. She replied she still thinks so but can't predict. Councilor McArthur moved to extend the land use approval for Site Design Review File #2001-01SDR an additional eight months, adjusting the "substantial construction" deadline from May 14, 2022 to January 14, 2023. Councilor Dyche seconded. Councilor Bojorquez let Council know she is going to abstain vote due to being on Planning Commission when this was approved. With no further discussion motion passed 5-0-1 (abstain Councilor Bojorquez).

B. Time Extension for 919 Oak St: Administrator Thomas went over the background regarding the extension request. Mayor King asked what a deferment agreement is. Administrator Thomas answered, with assistance from Recorder Johnson. Councilor Dyche moved to grant a four-month time extension to Partition file #2003-02P, moving the final plat recording deadline from May 1, 2022 to September 1, 2022. Councilor Goings seconded motion. Councilor Bojorquez let Council know she must abstain due to being on Planning Commission when the first extension was approved. with no further discussion motion passed 5-0-1 (abstain Councilor Bojorquez).

C. Establishment of New Bank Accounts: Administrator Thomas explained the reasoning for the new accounts, which is because the city had to meet USDA/RD requirements. Councilor Bojorquez moved to accept the opening of the bank accounts required. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no discussion motion passed 6-0.

D. Approval of Online Banking: Administrator Thomas and Recorder Johnson went over the need for online banking. This was a recommendation from CFO Kathy Taylor, to improve efficiency in our accounting. Councilor Bojorquez moved to allow the city staff electronic access to bank records and setup online banking. Councilor McArthur seconded and with no further discussion motion passed 6-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Administrator Report: City Administrator Thomas submitted his report and added that he did sign his employment contract extension. He updated Council regarding our new park host's background check as directed by Council. He then stated that he and Councilor Dunlap looked into the kiosk by post office. The kiosk is on private property, and while we don't know who owns the kiosk, we do need permission to enter the property and repair the kiosk. Mayor King sought more details regarding the Park Host record. Administrator Thomas and Recorder Johnson explained we can't release record, but Administrator stated the Host is good to be a park host and is on a plan. There were no further comments or questions for the City Administrator.

City Recorder/Treasurer Report: Recorder Johnson submitted her report and added update regarding NNO and annual BBQ. 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. There were no further comments or questions for Public Works.

Library Report: Librarian Jenkins submitted her report 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 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 can bring smoker down for BBQ. There were no comments for Councilor Goings.

Councilor Bojorquez comments: Councilor Bojorquez let council know she is going to bring an idea to the high school about having students volunteer and making it a requirement to graduate. She handed out talking points that she is going to bring up with school officials. Mayor King stated that she reached out to the principal, and he is going to get a core group together. The principal just brought up having one staff member for contact who will reach out to the students. Mayor King asked Councilor Bojorquez if she investigated any associated costs. Councilor Bojorquez said there shouldn't be a cost to the city, just city involvement. Councilor Bojorquez brought up possibility having another movie in park in August for more of a date night. 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 had nothing to report. There were no comments for Councilor Saucier.

Mayor King Comments: Mayor King requested if we could schedule movies in the park earlier in the evening, or when it doesn't get dark so late. She also let Council know that the planned DIG meeting might be more of an ice cream social next Thursday for business outreach.

Mayor King brought up regarding "magic mushroom" (psilocybin) distribution and for Council to think about how to handle allowing or not allowing the narcotic the city. Administrator Thomas explained that there was still a prohibition on the sale, so that while the Middle School is in the same spot only one location can sell the narcotic. This location is the site of the to-be-built Canna Bros dispensary. Yet, if the Middle School moves, other locations may open for sales. Administrator Thomas mentioned that to prohibit "magic mushrooms" the City would have to put the matter to a vote in November's general election. Mayor King asked Council to think about how to best handle the matter. There was discussion between Council regarding whether to allow or prohibit psilocybin in Amity. Council all agreed to have a special public meeting and have community involvement before making a decision.

Mayor King let Council know that the French National Track Team is going to be using Amity Track for an event and was wondering if interest in getting an Amity welcome gift together for them. Councilor Bojorquez let Mayor King know they leave July 12. The matter was dropped. 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 6-0.

Approved by City August 3, 2022

Rachel King, Mayor

Attest:

Natasha Johnson, City Recorder