



# City of Aumsville

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## **AUMSVILLE CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Aumsville Community Center, 555 Main Street, Aumsville, Oregon. Council present were Mayor Harold White, Councilors Nico Casarez, Brian Czarnik, and Lorie Walters. Council absent were Councilors Robert Baugh, Jr, and Della Seney. City Administrator Maryann Hills was also present.

**VISITORS:** Ted Shepard, 8163 W Stayton Rd SE, Aumsville gave the Annual Aumsville Historical Society (AHS) Report. AHS had 254 volunteer hours, the current membership in 2016 is 52 people, and they had \$1925.80 operating costs last year. They have continued to operate extended hrs for the Corn Festival and Saturday Market. They had a total of 273 guests, which is an increase of 107. He said that the guest totals are up due to Saturday Market. New records include: a box of Porter Family items, records from the Aumsville Christian Church, Corn Festival photos and trophies from Debi Archer, an assortment of Aumsville High School Reunion photos, and an old wooden Aumsville City Hall sign donated by Daniel Woellmer. President Shepard noted two guest speakers: Carl & Sue Beals, authors of Oregon State Prison Superintendents: The Shepherds of State Street 1864-2009; and local author Gil Stewart, who wrote Hidden History of the Central Willamette Valley. Mayor White thanked President Shepard for the report.

Cascade DECA members were introduced by Vice President Jessica Casarez who explained that DECA is a business and marketing organization. They gave a Role Play handout to council and explained it. The State Competition is coming up soon and this handout is similar to what is used in the competition. They also have a Valentine's Day Social planned to get to know the members more and to encourage them to get more involved in DECA. They have planned regular monthly socials. Jessica said that DECA would like to return to a meeting after the State Competition and share how they did. She explained that they do more in their group than some of the groups in much bigger cities. Mayor White acknowledged that DECA is important and is glad Aumsville has such a fine group. Councilor Casarez shared that DECA deals with real world situations and because of that, they can make good career choices. Jessica stated that they help out at the Corn Festival and they shared that DECA has been at Cascade High School for 27 years now.

Trina Lee introduced herself and said she has been living in Aumsville for almost a year and a half. She came from eastern Oregon to take a job with the State of Oregon. She follows the city happenings on the website and in the newsletter. She really enjoys the community and how welcoming it is. She has a degree in business and she thinks that she will make a great

addition to the council. Mayor White stated that it is nice to meet her in person, and explained that they will be making a decision on a new councilor at the next meeting.

**ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** Council considered AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 361, WHICH PROHIBITED THE DELIVERY AND POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE OUNCE OF MARIJUANA. Mayor explained that with the recent legalization of recreational marijuana the ordinance is no longer needed. There was a first reading of the ordinance by title only and a motion to approve the first reading was made by Councilor Czarnik. Voting aye were Councilors Casarez, Czarnik, Walters and Mayor White. The motion passed unanimously. Councilor Casarez moved to approve the second reading of the ordinance by title only. Voting aye were Councilors Casarez, Czarnik, Walters and Mayor White. The motion passed unanimously. Councilor Casarez moved to adopt AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 361, WHICH PROHIBITED THE DELIVERY AND POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE OUNCE OF MARIJUANA. Voting aye were Councilors Casarez, Czarnik, Walters and Mayor White. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD:** City Administrator explained that while Change Orders had been requested on the S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street project, it turned out that there were other portions of the overall contract that came in at less than budgeted. The Change Orders need revision and the overall cost of the project was less than the original estimate. She advised council that a motion to authorize payment to the contractor is still needed and wanted them to understand that the project came in under budget. Councilor Walters moved to approve Change Order #2 and authorize up to \$170,000 as a total project cost. Voting aye were Councilors Casarez, Czarnik, Walters and Mayor White. The motion passed unanimously.

Council recessed at 7:31 PM and reconvened at 7:32 PM.

**REVIEW OF BILLS:** Council reviewed the January 6, 2016 through January 29, 2016 Check Registers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilor Casarez moved to approve the January 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes as presented by staff. Voting aye were Councilors Casarez, Czarnik, Walters and Mayor White. The motion passed unanimously.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:** City Administrator Hills said that Park Advisory Committee meeting minutes are forthcoming.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Council received the letter from a Concerned Citizen regarding honoring the Cascade Football Team State Championship. Councilor Walters said it appears that they did not realize that the football team is being honored as the Corn Festival Grand Marshals.

**POLICE REPORT:** Council reviewed Chief Schmitz's Monthly Report.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Council reviewed Director Oslie's Monthly Report. Council discussed the water taste test sample sent to Washington DC as Oregon's representative. Aumsville will be presenting their water again for the 2016 state competition.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Council considered the Yard Debris Input Survey Outcome memo. It was noted that several residents wanted to have a projected cost; and it was discussed along with having Republic Services survey those that want to opt-in for services, getting a cost so

people can answer something that is better defined, and the results of how many people actually thought that they would use the service depending on the cost. Consensus was to now contact Republic Services asking: if 59% (750 residents) of our residents were to opt in would they be able to provide that service; if they do opt in, what would their rates be; and if they would like to put out a survey to indicate if they could get 59 % or more to sign up? City Administrator Hills will report back with Republic Services response and what they will do next.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Council received the Staff Team Meeting Notes January 13, 2016.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Council discussed the input City Administrator Hills received from Marcie Clark about her research on "What Do You Love About Your Community? What Would You Change? What Would You Invest Your Time or Resources In?" Councilor Czarnik said that one of the things that jumped out at him was that there is a huge desire to have things for kids to do in the summer. He said that there can always be more, but with the summer reading program and the movies in the park, he wonders if people don't know what is going on or if they know about the programs and just want more. Council discussed what Aumsville does have to offer. It doesn't mean that there couldn't be more, but who is willing to step up and add more activities. Councilor Casarez said that it may be several years down the road but we need to find a dedicated crew that wants to take on new projects. It would be nice if the people that have identified new programs, would be willing, or would have the time, to get them going and "staff" them. The appreciation for the current summer reading and recreation program was discussed. Councilor Walters said that she was disappointed that there were several that indicated they come to the program because it is free. If they love it, why wouldn't they want to make a donation of a dollar? City Administrator Hills said that she doesn't think other cities put out nearly the number of opportunities and programs that Aumsville provides – from the Easter Egg Hunt to the free Corn Festival games to the free summer program. She pointed out what a wonderful option it is to have the Corn Festival for a family that can not afford to attend the state fair. You don't have to spend any money at the Corn Festival and you can still have fun: free corn, free games, free entertainment. She also noted how the summer free lunch program has blessed Aumsville families. Mothers can send their kids to the park and know that they will be safe, have fun, get a book, make a craft, and come home with full tummies. It is a wonderful opportunity for families that can't afford to send their kids to camp in the summer. Mayor White commended Councilor Walters for all of the time and energy expended. Councilor Walters said that she finds the kids very appreciative. Sometimes the parents can hover a bit much; they need to let their children make their own choices. Mayor White said that in addition to the summer Porter-Boone activities, the splash park is very popular and he has seen many families using the park. He said that there are people coming from out of town to enjoy our parks. It is very important that our young families have a way to have fun with their families without spending money.

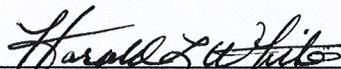
Councilor Casarez reported that he toured the Marion County Jail last month and he described it as a good experience – very eye-opening. He was surprised about the programs that are in place to minimize the recidivism rate. He also spoke about the Emergency Operations Plan meeting at city hall. They considered questions to take to the county as we prepare for any disaster. Discussion of Evacuation Routes followed and City Administrator Hills reported on coordination with Aumsville Rural Fire. Councilor Walters questioned if we are going to have meetings to inform people to meet in an evacuation area and discussion of having drills followed. It was noted that if a big earthquake happens, it could mean that people will be on their own for up to a week. Councilor Czarnik questioned if we have a disaster is the city

equipped to help our citizens. City Administrator Hills indicated what is currently in place. Council discussed a Integrating Hazard Mitigation into Local Decision Making Draft handout City Administrator Hills circulated, and she said that she will get a copy into council boxes. Councilor Casarez stated that we need to educate people to be prepared, and it was discussed. Councilor Czarnik reported that there is upcoming CERT Training in Salem this spring. Councilor Walters said that the rails to trails would be another way to get out in case of an emergency. City Administrator Hills reported that a conceptual plan of trails is included in the Park Advisory Committee discussion.

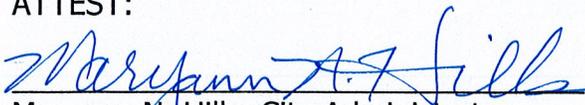
**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments' annual meeting went well with Salem Mayor Peterson receiving a well-deserved award. He said that the legislative session is ongoing. Senator Winters is recovering from a hospital stay and that she is eager to get back to work.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** City Administrator Hills' gave council her resignation. She indicated that she wants to make a smooth transition possible as for the city. Council indicated they were shocked and Councilor Casarez said that he thought they were going to have more years with her, at least 25 total years. She said that she is not retiring, and feels that the Lord is moving her in another direction. Council indicated their sadness in her announcement. She asked if Council wanted her to just be done or if they wanted her to come back on a contract, hourly basis to handle the budget, including being the city's Budget Officer. Councilor Casarez said that he wanted to know if the city can negotiate on the final end date – he would like her to stay full time until after the budget is complete. City Administrator Hills said that the end date has something to do with her son's Senior Trip and a family vacation they will be taking with extended family. She planned to not return after the vacation. She doesn't have anything pending, so she would be willing to come back on a consulting, hourly basis. She wants to give God her uninterrupted attention and to be in the place He can use her best. She said that she has been considering this since last spring and has been working on a succession plan for some time. She is at peace with the timing of the decision and recommended that the city contract with Mid Willamette Council of Governments (COG) to complete formal city administrator recruitment, and recruitment discussion followed. City Administrator Hills also shared some information on some people that might want to apply for her job, and said that she knows that Sublimity is also recruiting and they have reached out to her. She doesn't know for certain where she will end up. Consensus was to keep City Administrator Hills through the budget time, even at an hourly rate. She discussed with council the loan needed for the water improvements and how they may want to handle it and possible cost of living adjustment scenarios for staff in the budget proposal. Councilor Casarez said that he is most concerned about future PERS increases. City Administrator Hills explained how to prepare the city for that PERS "hit" with the PERS Reserve line items in place. Council discussed contacting the COG or the League of Oregon Cities for the recruitment and determined that the COG seemed to be the best fit.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:03 PM without objection.

  
Harold L. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Maryann N. Hills, City Administrator