

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
April 13, 2017
6:30pm

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Dave Beyerl, Mike Myers, Bob Burns, Cyndie Hightower, Walt Perry, Stan Neal

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Brad Cheney

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, Jeff Buskirk, Deanna Donato, Steve Ward, Chris Brugato

- I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE- Mayor Hightower called the meeting to order at 630pm and led in the flag salute. Mayor reminded everyone of the City Council rules and explained new sign in sheet procedure. New procedure requires visitors to place topic on sign in sheet when they arrive. Raised hands no longer allowed and all who are chosen to speak will address Mayor when speaking. Sarah passed sign in sheet to mayor. Mayor announced that Library had a quick announcement before moving on with business and introduced Librarian, Katherine Pitman. Katherine thanked Mayor and informed Council and visitors of the good news about the library breaking ground ceremony. She thanked everybody involved and then commented on some exciting news involving FOL member Linda Baker. Katherine spoke on OLA, where she nominated Linda Baker for volunteer of the year; out of all nominations across Oregon, Linda won. (Applause.) Linda Baker spoke, of all the people involved thus far, to all who have given money in various ways, a community event, it's Jefferson's library and proud and honored to be a part of it.

II. WORKSESSION TOPICS:

A. WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT UPDATE:

Steve Ward and Chris Brugato came forward and introduced themselves. Update on where they were at with water plant project. Talk on funding sources and IFA safe drinking water revolving loan fund program. City qualifies for a \$1 million dollar principle forgiveness grant and a \$5 million dollar loan at 1% interest rate. Letter of interest submitted in December and IFA reviewed and approved the City's letter of interest to submit an application and move forward. Asked if Council had any questions for them: Councilor Perry asked how long the City had to get application in. Chris Brugato: 2 years from March 30th.

Councilor Burns asked if the purpose of project is to replace old equipment. Chris Brugato: yes, it would be an entirely new water treatment plant, taking the old one out of commission, with

expansion for new growth, usually over a 20 year period. The new plant should produce twice as much water as what current plant does, however they won't know until final design is complete.

Councilor Neal asked what the longevity of new technology plant would be. Chris Brugato: usually for infrastructure and community of this size, they plan for a 20 year design life and try to stretch to 25 years. Current plant is just over 30 years old. Councilor Neal: asked if maintenance costs per year be the same as current plant when it was new. He understands that it is hard to get parts now for current plant, but when it was in optimal condition, was yearly maintenance the same then as it is now. Chris Brugato felt it would be very similar to what current costs are now.

Councilor Myers asked if they were looking at a stand-alone design or one that could be expanded on, like build next to or attached to for future growth. Chris Brugato: The plan is to build a building big enough to house additional filtration pieces but don't fill them up now, reserve space inside the building for the future, beyond 20 years. Will update and expand in 20 or so years, not throw it in the trash all together. This is the more cost effective approach and very common. Councilor Myers asked if the design being considered had been put in other places. Chris Brugato: yes, he listed a few cities with same technology. (Albany, Creswell, Newport.)

PWD Jeff Buskirk stated he had spoken to health department last week and as of now 45 cities have went to microfiltration. Chris Brugato noted most cities are headed this direction. Steve Ward commented that this is definitely tried and true technology.

Councilor Burns wanted to know in terms of cost, where the City decided to raise rates 5% every 6 months for 4 years the amount was compounded, not really 5% of the original base rates. Councilor Beyerl stated it was indicated that if we get this loan we may not have to do the last couple rate increases that had been projected. Chris Brugato explained the calculation was estimated at a much higher rate and higher loan payments annually, so if this loan all goes through the loan payments will be less and cost the City less so very likely the last couple might be dropped off; however he couldn't say for sure at the moment. Steve Ward added that the State requires minimum standards be met before loan is taken. The State look at average rates being paid; Jefferson rates are not high compared to other cities. Jefferson would have to meet statewide average and prove it can meet the debt service. Implementing the rate increase was important so we could show that the City met those minimum standards.

Councilor Perry said his understanding is the City enterprise funds were developed over the years all in this equation, so actual cost of the plant is going to be closer to \$8million. Steve Ward: Yes, already have \$2 million currently saved. Using the same approach as wastewater plant, the more money in the bank, less the City has to borrow.

Councilor Burns asked if increasing capacity by 100%, would it fair to assume the water usage would increase by 100%. Chris Brugato: no, plants come in discreet increases. Growth

projections are not assuming the City will double in size, but the treatment capacity, incrementally, is roughly double. A lot of cities have plants that are redundant in order to meet demands; those cities have quite a few problems. Jefferson plant will have redundancy, but without the problems. Councilor Burns if this plant would be an off the shelf designs or custom design. Chris Brugato: more of a modular design; the designers and engineers specify how much equipment they want to buy and then design all the piping and tanking and equipment that the plant needs. The modular come in discreet package sizes purchased from a manufacturer. Steve Ward added that the two components to provide water to city, one is plant size and one is storage you have. Rather than increase water storage, they made decision for a design to increase plant size instead. Maybe 20 years from now the City would decide to increase storage rather than increase plant size; have to balance all components and keep in mind adequate fire flows for community. Councilor Burns biggest concern is the cost, he wouldn't want to build a plant where capacity is more than needed. He would like to see something more in line with actual needs rather than projected needs. Steve Ward replied that the State wouldn't fund a plant that would just meet your needs today; the master plan is approved by the State and they require those projections or else they will not even fund the project. Councilor Burns asked if the 20 year horizon is the Portland State growth projections. Chris Brugato: yes. General discussion on projected growth is more around 6,000 and State does control how much growth you get.

Councilor Beyerl moved to go on with the next phase of application. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0.

B. STATE OF THE COUNTY BY MARION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor introduces the two MC Commissioners present, Sam Brentano and Janet Carlson, and turns it over to them.

Sam Brentano stated that the MC Commissioners go to towns once a year to see what towns within Marion County are doing. He introduced Janet Carlson and stated that Kevin Cameron was absent. The Commissioners are responsible for everything in the County, but they have broken the responsibilities down between all the Commissioners so that they are able to cover all the cities in shorter time span. He stated his job is traffic, public works, garbage, timber production, senior citizens. Janet spends most time is public safety coordinating council, health care and Oregon health plan, and Mid -Willamette homeless initiative. He said they were here to see what the community concerns are within the county and hopefully have answers or at least know who to pass their questions to. Open it up to discussion with visitors.

Audrey Webster, 170 N 8th St, Jefferson: a lot of discussion about how City might spend budget funds, and some of the community wants to spend money on buying more MCSO time and if that does not happen, what is the minimum requirement... if she calls 911 she will get help, but if a non-emergency, then what? The Commissioners delegated Commander from MCSO to give response. Commander Hlad – if the City did not have the contract deputies assigned to Jefferson, they are staffed with 8 deputies per shift and those 8 would respond to all calls

within the county based on priority needs. If there were an in progress burglary that would be high priority and immediate response; If not such an emergency they would be responded to as they were able. This wouldn't cost additional dollars for those deputies to come down here as Jefferson is within Marion County. Call times could be bumped depending on additional calls coming in, making the lessor priority calls waiting time increase.

Councilor Beyerl – years of working for school district and having to answer alarm calls and sometimes officer would beat him to the school, other times he'd sit and wait for hour and half or more as officer couldn't get there any faster so response time could vary.

Bill Stam – His concern was about homeless veterans: shouldn't be a homeless vet in this county, wanted to know if Commissioners were doing anything about that. Commissioner Janet Carlson: has strategy in the plan, one county that doesn't have local vet service office, but do have very strong mental health services and she agreed there shouldn't be a homeless vet.

Clare Troutman, 309 High St, Jefferson: We can't do anything about State Hwy, but Jefferson – Scio drive is in Marion county. She called a few years ago and the County was happy to come out and fill a hole with gravel; she still has concerns about the corner. It is scary for moms with strollers walking on that road, and anyone riding bikes, etc. Commissioner Brentano would get a hold of public works tomorrow about the pot holes and check it out.

Commissioner Brentano in regards to police: big problem all over the county but particularly here, worried about getting deputies. Nobody likes it but sheriff's office is talking about a tax levy to get more deputies on the road; spend about 78% of what we call discretionary money on public safety and the remaining 22% pays for all the rest of services the county does. They have done all they can in that area and really need more deputies so next step takes formation of a district and perhaps special levy and not sure how that would fly but that's what it will take...still in planning stages.

Michelle Nunes – agreed with Bill Stam, shameful that we have any homeless people at all. If there was property around Jefferson, why couldn't we do what Portland and other cities are doing and putt up tiny houses. It gives them a safe structured environment, easier to make contact with them for mental health, etc. What kind of funding would there be for a property owner who had the ability to set up tiny houses; anything the county could offer them like a grant. Commissioner Brentano: Everything we can do to try and increase inventory housing has been poor, not a lot of tools available. Everybody suffers if you lower standards. Commissioner Carlson added that they have been working on specific plan to try to get more homes in given areas and are getting push back from legislature in some areas. There is no silver bullet to solve homelessness; supply issue is probably the biggest problem. Land use system has contributed greatly to that. Huge problem with rent hikes, people can't use their housing authority vouchers because can't find housing for what they are worth. Trying to do a little bit in many areas, currently working on funding package, about \$23 million will build 200 affordable apartments in Salem area; putting re-entry housing on jail campus is another thing, for people getting out of jail, maybe a stay for 90 days to help them out, working on funding that; and also

accessory dwelling units (tiny homes) is something they are looking at and all the regulations and costs of that. Law does not allow them to be in rural residential areas, working on a bill in legislature right now, but a lot of opposition. Commissioner Brentano: related are the psychiatric problems out there; county has a new way of dealing with it in cooperation with police departments and that is a mobile crisis center.

Bill Stam – as a military man of 24 years and 2 wars, he found out that these young people don't want to talk to a college educated man who never been in combat, they want to talk to veterans, young kids will open up to combat vets. There was general discussion on using a travel trailer for a lot less than \$50-\$60k. Commissioner Carlson mentioned that they had put forward a bill that would allow people to put an RV on a property with farm land but it was shot down because RV's aren't meant to be permanent. Commissioner Carlson noted the transitional housing could be an option but it is costly; you would get 12 beds, but when you have that you need somebody managing it 24 hours to make sure nothing bad goes on, so additional costs there.

Paul Terjeson Jefferson, OR: The RV park on the north end of town has turned in to a permanent housing stop for people, \$380/month; quite a long waiting list, for all the people who can't afford rent or find any houses. They use their money to purchase a camper or RV and staying in those parks now so it is a crisis. Commissioner Carlson agreed. She has been learning so much over last year of all the homeless people sleeping in parks, parking lots. The crisis is all over, not just Oregon but the nation, and she doesn't want to band aid the problem.

Councilor Perry: back in 1960-70's he was in New York, Philadelphia and Boston, lot of empty buildings. Then somebody had a great idea to convert them into transient houses and did that. That investment of getting people to move into that type of housing started a trend that even lasts today. People clamoring to spend a million for a loft in an old warehouse, where has that thinking gone...we have resources and may not be residential uses right now but can be converted and wondered why those options weren't being looked into. Need to stop limiting thinking; think outside box, a lot of problems are man-made.

Keith Rude asked if anyone had gone out and talked to homeless people to find out how many really want homes. Commissioner Carlson noted they did a survey and got over a 100 responses and about 20% said they prefer to be homeless. Their perspective may change once they address other issues such as alcoholism or drug addiction.

Audrey Webster: financial literacy programs for adults and youth – Jefferson has a teen center and she wondered how they could get connected with the County. It's great the Commissioners are here, but she really cares about the people here in Jefferson and would like to help the people here. Commissioner Carlson liked her idea and talked about different financial institutions that help with financing literacy programs for youth or adults. Commissioner Brentano mentioned the United Way program.

Bill Stam – guys on the street that if given the opportunity to be put to work they could build those houses for 10-20k dollars instead.

Councilor Burns: homelessness is huge problem in our county but also Lane County. Has county identified what percentage of homeless make up vets, people with mental problems, etc. What exactly are we dealing with? Commissioner Carlson noted 1660 homeless people in Marion County, but felt it was radically undercounted. Around 72 of those were veterans. Salem – Keizer school has a homeless program and had roughly 1400 homeless youth in those schools during the year. She couldn't recall mental health numbers but recalls about half the people in jail had mental health issues. Councilor Burns: Fairview had closed when he moved to Oregon and a lot of chatter about what was going to happen to those people; asked if it was fair to say that some of the people that are homeless and have problems are a result of the closure of this facility. Commissioner Carlson: Fairview was a home for people with disabilities; those people were placed in care homes so not as much to do with homelessness but addictions have had more influence than anything. Mental illness is a disease but in some instances it's a chicken and egg kind of thing, if people are drug user's long term they may lead to mental illness or were they already having issues and treating it with drugs, etc.

Bob Elliott –The Lion's Club has done a free coffee program at Santiam rest area for 8 years and the homeless people they run into choose to live out there; the homeless have been out there the whole 8 years the coffee shop has been there; you can offer them all you want and they will take it and they will still be homeless because they choose to be. Commissioner Carlson also noted that legalized marijuana has been a draw for some people to come to Oregon because of it and they've heard that from many of the homeless they have spoken with. The other thing to note is that homeless population isn't all about drug addicts; some are related to domestic violence, run away kids, etc, a lot of dynamics make up the homeless population.

Sharie Zeilman Jefferson Or: since the Sheriff's office is on front line in encountering these problems, asked if officers were trained in dealing or responding to these types of instances. Commander Hlad noted they attend crisis intervention training and also have mobile crisis units.

Michelle Nunes : regarding public transportation: a lot of people due to the lack of public transportation can't get to Albany or Salem; is there any plan to implement this soon. Commissioner Brentano noted that Councilor Perry brought it up last year and he looked into it and was told they had a program here for a short time and it wasn't used so they pulled out and didn't have money to come out again. Fire Chief Jon Zeilman stated he had met with somebody from transit program; very beginning of the exploration of getting people from Jefferson into the transit center and working on different projects involving streets inside of Jefferson such as South Main street from the tracks, 5th street, 2nd street from North Ave to middle school – widening and curbs and sidewalks; it's been all talk now but a lot of activity happening. May 2nd at 6:30 pm they will be at fire station, a dinner hosted by volunteer association. Consulting firm and engineers will be there, out of Eugene.

No more comments or questions.

C. Recommendation for Interim City Manager/Recorder Position

Councilor Burns asked to start off with a motion and Mayor interrupted him in order to give some background. She explained the meeting with herself, Sarah Cook, and Councilor Myers in order to narrow down the applications. They felt that the one applicant who wanted to work part time was not a good fit, and one backed out after learning he would be doing City Recorder duties. Between the two applicants left, they felt that Greg Ellis met the criteria and fits the need of the City and entertained a motion to move forward with his position.

Councilor Burns moved to accept recommendation using Sarah's sample motion. Councilor Neal seconded.

Discussion: Councilor Beyerl felt they had been backed into this rather expensive solution to their problem, think we need to go forward with it at this point because we need to fix our problem quickly but felt we had other options that could have handled it.

Councilor Myers to Sarah: in spirit of transparency asked her to share her conversation with him. Sarah briefed everybody on the conversation. Councilor Myers noted they were not transparent in the process but with only 2 weeks to get somebody in here this is what they are left with. Mr. Ellis does not want the job, no pony in the show and he will evaluate the need and provide his unbiased input to Jefferson. Could have done something differently yes, but once Council decided, that's the road we go down so will support the motion as poorly as it was handled 2 weeks ago but we have to move on. He was looking forward to working with this person and hearing what he has to say after he has been here a while.

No other discussion. Mayor called for roll call vote: All in favor: Ayes – Councilor Beyerl: yes; Councilor Myers: yes; Councilor Neal: yes; Councilor Burns: yes; Councilor Perry: yes.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve accounts payable. Councilor Perry seconded.

Discussion: Councilor Burns had a question regarding Pacific Power bill; Sarah noted it was for 2 new light poles. PWD Jeff Buskirk said they had dug the conduit at 5th and Delores and Fairfield Court; one more pole at 6th and Union on the way soon too.

All in favor: Ayes – 5 APPROVED

IV. VISITORS

Mayor stated that some not legible on the sign in sheet, when called please approach the table and direct comments to Mayor, not any other Councilor and they will have 3 minutes. Mayor then called first visitor.

Glenda Hamilton (legal name of Michelle Nunes) – Asked about the \$1000 legal fees that Mayor acquired on behalf of the City, and stated that if she can spend that much time and waste that much money why isn't she spending time volunteering in town. What were the legal fees used for and why not used for something else. Mayor Hightower refused to answer. Michelle responded to her lack of comment by stating what she personally sees is the Mayor wasting money on legal fees and choosing not to answer.

Linda Baker – Ford Family Foundation, but rural development initiatives, which is a partner of Ford Family, is holding a workshop on May 13th in Vancouver and 2 topics caught her interest and she will be attending are Community Conflict and Getting Your Community Work Funded. She again asked the public be provided a copy of the Sunshot grant the Mayor submitted on behalf of the city.

Nancy Hamby, 664 Alder Ct, Jefferson, Or: Side Comment that the new way of handling visitor sections seemed a little crazy; more of a Nazi feel to things and not so homey at all. Her main topic was Fiber optics and where was the City at. She is not the only person having major issues with internet and wanted an update. Mayor deferred to Sarah. Nancy said she's asking the Mayor, Sarah isn't going to be here soon, and expects the Mayor to be able to inform citizens. Nancy apologized, and asked if the City is planning on endorsing one of the companies or both...peak was concerned if they don't have enough folks they won't come to Jefferson and we really need Peak. Sarah provided what little update she could on franchises.

Nancy stated her other topic had to do with Main Street beautification; the LAC had been here and had great ideas and wondered if City was working with them. They were here looking for guidance from Council not just one Councilor. Councilor Perry felt she was right, a rather cold reception from Council; the LAC trying to reevaluate because they don't feel welcome. No answer from Mayor.

Dani Daniels, J4J, no address given: speaking in low rapid tone reads from a written statement and asked who was making decisions for COJ; two records requests about the charter and in reviewing records thus far it is unclear who the attorney relies on with regard to any and all City matters, where powers vested, all powers to the City shall be vested in the Council, so any resolution or ordinance specified that an part or all powers of the council has been transferred to one or more staff member or one or more individuals on the council. Who that or those individuals are and resolution or ordinance if one exists that gives such powers. (Most of Council and visitors are unclear of what she was asking as she could not be heard) Mayor deferred to Sarah and she didn't understand what it was exactly that Ms. Daniels was asking. Councilor Myers asked for a copy of the letter from Ms. Daniels, she said she would provide, but City Recorder never received.

Bill Stam, Cemetery Hill, Jefferson, Or: thanked those that stood in the rain at the Library ground breaking. Native American Vets Memorial participated in a k-9 fundraiser for MCSO and thanked all that supported the program; they had hoped to raise \$1000 and raised \$1550. On

April 28th they are having a Native American style show at the legion in Albany at 7 pm, all funds go to K-9 program. He also noted there would be two more chili feeds but no dates set yet.

Mayor stated that concludes visitor comments. Chris Giffin objects, her name is on there clearly and she isn't getting called on. More concern from audience who signed up. Audrey Webster, this is a community meeting. Commander Hlad requested a 5 minute break.

Recess at 8:05pm; Reconvene: 8:10pm

Commander Hlad thanked everybody for the little break, please keep comments to 3 minutes, be respectful of the time and took away the bell that was used one time as per the Mayor.

Mayor called upon visitors again.

Margaret Robbins, 212 S 3rd Jefferson: read definition of integrity and stated this is a qualification of being honest and having moral principles; a choice to hold oneself to consistent morals and ethical standards. Asked if the Mayor and 3 new Councilors gave up integrity before they joined J4J and SRCOJ or when they won the election because they don't have it now and hoped new members would be honest to themselves because they need integrity to sit on this bench.

Chris Giffin, Main St, Jefferson, Or: thanked Mayor for allowing her to speak. In very near future it will be positive comments from your audience hopefully soon if they work as partners. Very pleased to be able to watch hearings at state capital re: SB1573, impressive 50 people spoke to issues; apparent after watching that the fight is with State and not Jefferson...about 40 mins in Mr. Hightower and Mr. Burns spoke, made good points until each of them went with the spin that they are victims of this small towns abuse and blamed others. She thought it was very sad and pathetic that they represent the City before the legislature. Hamby's and the City abided by state laws and court ruled with them on it, as with Corvallis and Philomath. Anarchy is sitting right in front of us, willfully refusing to abide by State meeting laws, not including all Councilors in decisions, refusing to learn protocol of operating the City, refusing to engage with staff, not following through with posted agendas and curtailing any possibilities for City employees to advance and imply that nepotism is fine.

David Kellog, 724 Salamander Rd., Jefferson, Or: Wanted to respond to what was discussed regarding bringing on new city manager. The town doesn't know how we are paying for that...could you let us know how much more we are paying for that person above what we pay Sarah. Also, can't ask Mayor because she would have to recuse herself...how are we ensuring we are going to get legal fees that were awarded to the City. Mayor noted legal counsel not here to answer those questions. Councilor Myers stated Sarah gave her salary and that of the new employee. David: to Mayor you can't answer because of the conflict and you are suing the city. She refused to answer, directed to legal counsel. David noted he will continue to ask this every time until someone can give an update.

Tim Groome, Faith Dr., Jefferson, Or: Mayor has not responded to his point of Sunshot application and she said she would. Mayor Hightower stated she would provide it to Sarah. He noted he asked for it 4 times.

Mr. Latt, Jefferson, Or: Regarding right to vote. Spent 20 years in service, 30 in law enforcement as a state trooper, so integrity is beyond reproach and state legislature decided that the railroading of people saying they don't have a right to vote on annexation, etc. not right. Question: on the people that run the schools, problem throughout America is the teachers, and wants to know if City Council here was going to find out if Jefferson has any sex offenders as teachers? People have a right to vote these people out? No reply from Council or Mayor.

V. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

Councilor Perry: To the Mayor: you are an educator...would like to hear how you would grade your performance in leading this forum. Your leadership is unsure and gives no confidence to the people you are representing. He on several occasions had offered any assistance he could give; has a very good understanding of his city and says so with pride, but she makes him doubt if they have a future. This is not a game of who can get control of what; the people have the control, not the 6 or 7 of them. You're in a position called a weak mayor position, biggest thing your position allows as far as policy is to break or make a tie; you do that at every occasion, no impartiality, no confidence and with all due respect he felt that he comes here to serve the citizens of the City and that he lets them down every day he walks out of here and hopes she felt the same way. Second, to everybody, the Chamber has a program where they've given out a scholarship and for parents of high school seniors this year there are 2 scholarships for \$500 for people going into a business type study. They are our future, kids are the future, and if we chase them away then we're a ghost town. He also hoped the City would recognize that even though they are not a direct governmental function of the City that there is going to be a major turnover of somebody who has been here a long time – the fire chief will be retiring soon and thought City should stand up and recognize it in a more formal way. Jon Zeilman confirmed June 30th date of retirement.

Councilor Neal: He knows there is a lot of anger and he is only one Councilor out of 6 but would hope that the emotional tone of the meetings and the City would change; he could only do what he can do, and not everybody will agree but that is what he will keep doing, putting in his time and keep trying to do a good job.

Councilor Myers: update on the banner art project: top 3 were identified and are on the wall and the City will be presenting a small amount of money to the winners and the first prize is the plan to make new city banners for the town. He stated how impressed with the art class and teacher. Asked Council to have on next agenda to invite Ms. Lloyd and students to present those checks; follow up with letter of appreciation to the students and teacher to the school board so they are aware of the project. Second, been looking at property on 99 and Main, he played phone tag with property owner who is a long haul trucker; pleasant man, property in his

name, asked about his idea of the city purchasing the property for the taxes owed...also asked for that to come on the agenda for which he will prepare a memo on it with the various options Council may want to consider and various costs and potential risks. One thought was it could be made into a green space, trees, lot of dirt and new grass. Not to touch anything below the surface and it would fit into the parks master plan as a fundable project. He would have more to come at next meeting. Finally a suggestion, as Mayor owns the agenda, it was in the Council rules, but would suggest that if she wants to make changes in how we go about making changes, then she need to bring them to the Council. This way Council can hash it out, try to refine, so it comes from the Council as a whole and a decision that we are all comfortable with. We are in brand new times and in his 20 years he hasn't seen this much tension. Mayor needs to learn from it and try to make it more respectful from all sides; agree to disagree but hear politely what is being said, but urged Mayor to bring those things to Council to discuss as a group and make business known.

Councilor Beyerl – wants to know if we can ask Sarah or staff to contact the Peak representative and see if they are going to submit an application, doesn't want to see the fiber optic project die. Council asked Sarah to make contact with Rodney from Peak.

Councilor Burns asked if it was possible to mic this table and let voices be heard, staff is looking into it.

Mayor Hightower addressed Councilor Perry regarding his comment to rate herself: she works a full time job and has worked there 16 years and knows it very well; as a Mayor she is very new and she has contacted 13 or 14 Mayors and spoke to them at different round tables and the Sweet Home Mayor is here tonight along with a Councilor from Sweet Home; she knows she isn't where she should be but she works every day at the schools, and then works every night doing business as the Mayor; contacted LOC and COG and many other cities and taken advice and guidance from many. Trying to get up to speed as fast as she can, probably works a 14 hour day, and does a ton of research to learn how a council works; she doesn't want to be a rogue Mayor, wants to learn how to do it effectively. She loves Jefferson; works with families and take pride in her community; don't want to let them down, wants to do the best she can.

Councilor Perry: could the Mayor of Sweet Home and his Councilor identify themselves. They stood, introduced themselves and noted Mayor Hightower came to their meeting to learn how councils run and asked everybody to respect her. Councilor Perry had a question to Sweet Home Mayor: if he were to go to their Council and offer suggestions as to how to make it better or you were to ask me how to make it better, without you talking to your own Council, how would that work? Mayor of Sweet Home noted as a Council you all need to learn to work as one and agreed with Councilor Myers comment about reviewing rules and working together, stop working behind closed doors. Councilor Perry noted the leader of this Council has not brought people together and is continually meeting outside of Council. Sweet Home Mayor said if that is happening then that is not right and not something they would do.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Perry moved to adjourn and Councilor Burns seconded. All in favor and meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 25th day of May 2017.

Cyndie Hightower, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Ellis, Interim City Administrator/City Recorder