

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting
PUBLIC HEARING
June 8, 2017
6:30 pm

Council Present: Mike Myers, Dave Beyerl, Bob Burns, Cyndie Hightower, Stan Neal, Brad Cheney,
Walt Perry
Council Absent: None
Staff Present: Greg Ellis, Deanna Donato, Jeff Buskirk

- I. Call to Order/Flag Salute: Mayor called meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by flag salute.
- II. Volunteer Recognition:

Mayor announced the volunteers that helped with the repair of the 7th St Park that was vandalized a couple of weeks ago. There were several children that helped out and the City gave each of them a special recognition award. An anonymous donor also gave each child a \$10 Target gift card for their efforts. The children were: Trinity Germond, Hannah Germond, Kilyan Germond, Tristan Swinger, Tanner Swinger, and Lily Durham. The Mayor then recognized Lotus Contracting Services LLC for donating their company to do the work and Shawn & Maria Coreson for volunteering their water & electric services to Lotus Contracting. The Mayor also stated that letters were mailed to Miller Paint Store #40 in Salem and the Home Depot Store #4006 in Salem for donating supplies to Lotus Contracting.
- III. Mint Festival Presentation:

Scott Bittick presented Council with road closure request for Mint Festival. He asked if the City would provide trash cans and Council agreed. Public works would drop off barricades and trash cans on Friday July 14th. He asked if they would be allowed to use City Hall parking lot on Saturday and Council approved as City Hall would not be open that day anyway. Scott asked the PWD Jeff Buskirk if they would be allowed to use the water treatment plant for staging of the horses and other animals prior to the parade so they would not be spooked by traffic. Scott stated that any animal waste would be cleaned up by animal owners. PWD agreed to allow this. Scott then informed Council that vendors would be arriving on Friday afternoon followed by a chicken feed dinner and the Mint Festival Queen Coronation would be after that. Scott also asked the Council and Mayor if any of them planned on being in the parade as they had cars available for them to ride in. Councilor Perry, Councilor Burns, Councilor Beyerl agreed to be in the parade along with Mayor Hightower.

Councilor Beyerl stated that even though tossing candy to the bystanders was tradition, it is sort of frowned upon by ODOT for safety reasons. He also asked if the frog jump was going to be held at the Library and Scott confirmed it would be held in the back of the library as it was more secluded area.

Councilor Perry motioned to close street per Scott's presentation and Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING-FY 2017-18 BUDGET:

Mayor opens the public hearing at 6:48 pm followed by her reading the background and summary of the hearing. Mayor then called for any public testimony and hearing none, she asked if Council had questions. There were none.

Mayor closed public hearing at 7:21 pm

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution #1018, Declaring the City's Election to Receive State Revenues:

Councilor Beyerl motioned to approve and Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

2. Resolution #1019, Certifying the City's Eligibility to Receive State-Shared Revenues by Providing Four or More Municipal Services:

Councilor Perry motioned to approve and Councilor Beyerl seconded. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

3. Resolution #1020, Adopting the 2017-18 Budget, making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes for Fiscal Year 2017-18:

Councilor Beyerl motioned to approve and Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE- 1st half for June

Councilor Beyerl motioned to approve the accounts payable as presented and Councilor Perry seconded. All were in favor and passed unanimously.

VII. VISITORS:

Mersha Studer- 453 Oakdale Ct-Jefferson Or- She wanted to know if the City could afford a City Manager and then read statement.

Dennis Person- Talbot Rd- Jefferson OR- Made some general observations about Council and then made statement about him being in contact with lots of other cities.

David Kellog-724 Salamander Rd- Jefferson OR- He asked about the attorney fees that the City was awarded and felt that since this was a money issue it makes it a conflict of interest for the new Councilors and Mayor. Wanted to know why the City has taken no action in recovering this money.

Stacy & Scott Bittick- 478 N 2nd St-Jefferson OR- They had questions concerning the Vehicle for Hire ordinance. They have recently become drivers for Uber out of Salem. Salem area Uber covers the Jefferson area but they were not sure how to proceed as they were unsure if Uber was something that would go over in Jefferson. They felt that since Uber requires most if not more than what is already in the City ordinance that they shouldn't be required to pay an additional fee. Scott stated they had recently been recognized by the City of Salem Mayor and that the Salem Mayor was willing to speak with this Council if they had questions.

Councilor Beyerl asked that information about Uber and the Vehicle for Hire ordinance be brought back to Council. He would like to hear what the Mayor of Salem has to say and see what they have done to accommodate Uber drivers.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilor Beyerl commented on the letter that had been received tonight as an FYI at the meeting tonight from Jeff White regarding the foreclosed property that Marion County had recently received.

No other Council comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor and the meeting ended at 8:41 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of July, 2017.

Cyndie Hightower, Mayor

ATTEST:

Greg Ellis, Interim City Manager/Recorder