

CITY OF JEFFERSON

Regular Council Meeting
December 14, 2017
6:30 PM

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mike Myers, Dave Beyerl, David Watkins, Edna Campau, Bob Rossiter, Audrey Webster, Walt Perry
COUNCILORS ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Deanna Donato, City Clerk; Jeff Buskirk, Public Works Director

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE - Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute. Item 4.4 MCSO report by Deputy Olson was added under Discussion/Information.

II. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Student Representative on Council

Councilor Beyerl explained he had spoken with the principal about the program and they would rather not be involved in the process of student selection. He would like to see the Council move forward with adoption so they could officially start in January, and felt it was important that the student provide some feedback in the way of a report to Council at the end. To Councilor Webster's question regarding the school's willingness to advertise the student position, Councilor Beyerl explained they would make the forms available but did not want to participate in the selection. Clarification was made for Councilor Perry to confirm the student would serve as a non-sworn, non-voting member. Councilor Campau referred to the City's youth protection policy adopted a couple years ago, noting she believed everyone on Council would need to complete a background check and requested it be included in the rules of the program as well. Councilor Webster wondered about the City covering costs of workshops, to which all thought was fair. Brief discussion took place regarding the student's access to staff and a suggestion was made to include similar language as used in the Council rules regarding limiting staff interruptions. Council also discussed the idea of appointing a mentor from the Council for the student to have direct contact with when a need or question arose. Councilor Watkins commented the obligation on the student would be to share the experience with other students and hopefully create more interest. Councilor Beyerl again hoped it could be approved, as he hoped for it to be a learning experience and not made into a difficult situation. Councilor Webster moved to accept the student participation program with the additional rules to be included. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

2.2 RDI Community Visioning Project – Grant Update

Mayor Myers offered his suggestion to approve the movement forward to apply for grants because he felt like the City could miss a great opportunity if they were to say no up front, noting they could always decline the grant if nothing came up for them to work on. He felt that was a better option than to say they had projects to complete and no funds to complete them, and it never hurt to seek funding.

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve staff applying for grant funds for visioning project. Councilor Perry seconded. Discussion: Councilor Webster was hesitant to move ahead on the project, since after attending the visioning workshop, she did not feel the City was ready to move forward. She thought there may be too many barriers within the community at that time to make any forward progress and worried too many people might be cut out of actually coming together. She thought it would be best to wait for at least a year. Councilor Watkins thought visioning was too far out and that even with a grant, there was not enough support in the community to do any kind of visioning project at the time. He was in support of a short-term project like strategic planning, to which Councilor Webster agreed. Councilor Perry disagreed, noting his opinion that the growth time was now and the City should move forward. He understood it was a hard call, but other cities around were taking the same big chances and if Jefferson waited too long they'd be left in the dust. Councilor Watkins wondered where to even begin when they had no control over many of the roads, schools, etc. To Councilor Rossiter's question, the Mayor explained the difference in planning and visioning, using Aumsville as an example. He summarized, noting that it did not appear that there was a strong consensus from Council to move forward on the visioning piece, but did think they needed to begin looking into the strategic plan. All in favor of the motion to move forward with applying for a grant only: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 DMV App for Business Certificate

Mayor Myers noted the application was for Rod Beckner in regards to his dismantlers license. Councilor Beyerl noted it was a renewal; Mr. Beckner had run the business for years, and moved to approve the application. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

3.2 Technology Committee Applicant Appointments

Mayor Myers noted the one application received from David Kellogg. Councilor Beyerl moved to appoint Mr. Kellogg to the Technology Committee. Councilor Campau seconded. Discussion: Councilor Webster indicated a second application was received; however, the individual lived outside the City and therefore did not qualify. She requested his application be kept on file, and questioned the possibly of opening it to outside residents. Councilor Beyerl expressed concern with the idea, noting if the City considered it for one committee, they would have to do so for all. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Terry Kingry inquired why he could not be included since he had a Jefferson address. Councilor Beyerl explained the City limit boundaries and the rules that applied to other city committees. Councilor Webster requested a review of all committee residency criteria at the February regular session and for the Council to consider an exception for the Technology Committee.

IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

4.1 City Clean-Up Day Comparisons

Councilor Webster loved what other cities did for their clean-up events and how they paid for it. Councilor Campau didn't think it was necessary to micromanage the event, noting it should be their role to set a budget for it and then let staff work out details. Councilor Watkins would like to

see recyclables collected; Mayor Myers liked putting pricing out in a newsletter before the event; Councilor Beyerl commented on verifying residency by checking ID; Councilor Webster suggested checking with Millersburg to share the expense. Discussion took place on incorporating the event into the next franchise renewal with Pacific Sanitation and the idea of holding it annually or not, as well as the amount to budget and if any insurance waivers were needed. In the end, there was a consensus amongst the Council to hold it as a biennial event.

Laura Brown, speaking from the audience, questioned limiting it to a biennial event with the growth expected from the annexation, to which Nancy Hamby, also speaking out from the audience, quickly corrected her on. Councilor Myers commented that it would be biennial for now and could be changed later if needed. Staff was directed to research the event and provide costs and dates so it could be worked into the budget.

4.2 PSU Population Estimate – Just FYI. Preliminary July 1, 2017 estimate = 3,235; Certified July 1, 2016 estimate = 3,195; Certified 2010 census = 3,098.

4.3 Digital Packet Distribution Discussion

Councilor Webster would like the entire Council packets posted to the website, with volunteer applications removed for privacy. A suggestion was made that a filler page could be used when an item was removed from the packet for website viewing. Both Councilors Webster and Watkins offered to help get documents formatted for posting to the website.

4.4 MCSO Report by Deputy Olson

Deputy Olson provided monthly statistics and shared news of Deputy Vasta's retirement. The Sheriff's Office would be accepting apps for both contract positions in Jefferson. He also utilized the Sheriff's Office "Believe" program to provide a new basketball hoop to Teen Connection.

Commenting from the audience, Laura Brown shared information about a deputy from Linn County who had approached her, wondering if the City would consider contracting with LCSO for a lower rate. Mayor Myers explained the jurisdictional boundaries and how it would not work for another County to serve Jefferson, noting the City had approached the subject in the past and it was not feasible. In addition, the City did not feel like they weren't getting their money's worth from MCSO.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve. Councilor Perry seconded. Discussion: Mayor Myers was happy to see the State of the City survey completed. Total A/P was much higher this go around because bills were only paid once during the months of Nov. & Dec. The minutes of the November meeting needed corrected to reflect all Councilors were present. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VI. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library: no new info
Planning: no new info
Chamber: no new info

LAC: thanks to public works for tree lighting

MPO: no new info

FOL: no new info

Parks & Rec: no new info

MWACT: no new info

School board: no new info

Fire Board: no new info

LOC: no new info

The Technology Committee and League of Oregon Cities would be added to future lists for updates. Mayor Myers commented that they needed to start training up Councilors that are not up for re-election so they can gain knowledge on some of the areas such as MPO and MWACT.

Liaison appointments were updated as follows:

Mayor Myers was assigned to FOL. Councilor Beyerl was assigned to MPO. Councilor Perry was assigned to MPO, MWACT, Chamber and LOC. Councilor Campau was assigned to Library and LAC. Councilor Watkins was assigned to Planning and Technology. Councilor Rossiter was assigned to Fire Board and Parks & Rec. Councilor Webster was assigned to the School Board and Technology Committee.

VII. VISITORS

Terry Kingry suggested including dates of future Council meetings on the City's website and also questioned the library's progress, to which Linda Baker, FOL, explained it was behind schedule and still lacked funding to be completed.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Perry said last Sunday's volunteer recognition dinner was fantastic!

Councilor Rossiter reminded Council the following Wednesday, Dec. 20th, was the hearing at Marion County regarding the country music festival, and encouraged all to attend. Councilor Webster provided the address. She also commented she was glad to see the clean-up day was in the works and added the City could hold a town hall in the summer to see if there was any more response to the visioning.

Councilor Campau shared the Community Center fundraiser, Soup-er Supper, to be held on January 20th at 5pm.

Mayor Myers talked about goal setting and would be reaching out to the Mayor of Aumsville to see how they went about meeting some of their goals.

IX. CALENDAR CHANGES – 2018 calendar would be reviewed/updated next month.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn. Councilor Webster seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 25th day of January, 2018.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder