

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Worksession

April 12, 2018

6:30pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Michael Myers, Dave Beyerl, Edna Campau, David Watkins, Bob Rossiter, Walt Perry, Audrey Webster

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Cook, City Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, Public Works Director; MCSO Deputy Olson

I. **COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

### II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. OLCC Temporary Sales License App – FOL: Reading Between the Wines

Councilor Campau moved to approve the temporary sales license. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

B. Planning Commission Application for Appointment – Bruce Forbes

Mayor Myers thanked Mr. Forbes for his application. Dave Beyerl moved to appoint Bruce Forbes to the Planning Commission. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

C. Letter of Support for Country Music Festival

Councilor Campau, referring to edits she had previously submitted, commented that having been an agency staff person before, she didn't think it was good to slam the personnel; the situation, yes, but she felt some of the phrasing seemed directed to the individual. Councilor Rossiter moved to accept the letter with the changes. Councilor Beyerl seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed 0. **APPROVED.**

D. City-Wide Clean Up Day Plans

Councilor Webster was a big advocate for the clean-up day and was happy to see it moving along. Of the two dates suggested by staff, she believed the 14<sup>th</sup> of July would be better than the 7<sup>th</sup>, noting many people may still be away for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday at that time. The rest of Council agreed. In regards to the budget, the City Recorder noted past expenses had been around \$1,000 after credits were issued for the metal. Councilor Perry spoke about the organization of the event, Councilor participation, limiting it to city residents, concern with people bringing multiple truck loads and how best to handle that. Councilor Webster did not feel the number of trips should be limited, noting it would defeat the purpose of cleaning up the town. Sarah Cook agreed and indicated each trip or load would constitute another fee. Councilor Campau thought it should be made abundantly clear in any flyers or advertisements that went out. Councilor Beyerl agreed, adding that it was helpful to have people watching and assisting with the loads. Councilor Rossiter shared that Serve Inc. would also be in town doing a beautification project the same day, which everybody agreed there should not be any interference with. Everybody agreed to move forward with July 14<sup>th</sup> and staff would get things arranged.

#### E. Memo from City Engineer – Stormwater Fee

Mayor Myers reminded Council they'd heard this was coming and noting cities all over had done it or was also preparing for it. Councilor Beyerl commented that current stormwater mitigation was taking away from other funds that could be better spent elsewhere and it was time for the City to separate out the expense. He provided further information on the federal mandates for the benefit of those in attendance. Mayor Myers confirmed the intent was to include it in the upcoming budget cycle, with Jeff Buskirk commenting that the proposed \$2 flat fee and timing was a good starting point. The City Recorder spoke on the adoption process, which required public hearings, notifications and new policies.

#### F. Strat Plan Review – Section C: Infrastructure

In regards to item C2, Councilor Campau noted all other City streets went through except 5<sup>th</sup> Street. To Jeff Buskirk, Councilor Webster inquired about Union St., over the tracks and he explained the Railroad closed it and had no plans for it to be open again. General discussion took place regarding the condition of Main St. and the need for tremendous amounts of funding to do a complete overhaul of it. The Public Works Director pointed out the job went beyond that of just street work, as it would also require curbs, sidewalks and storm drains. A suggestion was made to break out the topics into the portion of S. Main over the tracks that was owned by the City, and the rest of Main St. Councilor Webster indicated she'd also like to see something on the list to include modern telecommunications infrastructure, to which Councilor Watkins thought it should be broader than that and come before the Technology Committee and Planning Commission first.

Moving down to C5 and C7, which were related to transportation, Councilor Webster wondered if they still applied. Councilor Perry thought they should be moved to in progress because the MPO was looking at various statewide transportation options and it would be an ongoing issue. There was further open discussion about those items and others that related to it. Mayor Myers commented on the amount of cross talk and confusion over a lot of the topics. He suggested they stop for now and bring the section back to another meeting for further discussion and understanding.

**III. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve. Walt Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

#### IV. VISITORS

Bill Stam, Native American Veterans Memorial – Shared that May 19<sup>th</sup> was their 5<sup>th</sup> year memorial celebration and people from all over the country were coming. Councilor Watkins thanked Mr. Stam for the tour of the memorial, noting he was totally impressed they had such a resource in town.

Deputy Olson – spoke on his concerns with the upcoming boating season and the lack of space at the boat ramp and the massive numbers of people that would be in the area. He suggested the Council consider a “no parking zone” on Mill and Ferry Streets, with residents along those streets receiving 2 parking passes per household. He spoke on safety issues and the difficulty in getting emergency vehicles access to the ramp when both sides of the street are used for parking, as well as the top of the ramp itself, not to mention all the people. He felt it was a danger to himself and any other officer to have crowds concentrated in one area and spoke on the need to spread out the population by forcing people to park elsewhere. He would really like to see something in place for the upcoming summer and take control of the issue before there was an issue. Councilor Webster expressed concern for the resident parking in that area, to which Deputy Olson suggested eliminating parking from the Thriftway side permanently, at a minimum. Councilor Beyerl commented that the topic was brought up year after year and each year the City had done something different in an attempt to address the situation. He was in favor of giving the latest suggestion a try, noting it was their job to make it

safe. Councilor Perry agreed with priority parking for residents only on the house side of the street, noting they were just going to have to play hard ball to make it happen. The Council agreed and directed staff to put something together to address the parking changes discussed.

#### V. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor Beyerl expressed frustration with the growing population of turkeys and the damage being done to properties. Mr. Forbes, commenting from the audience agreed, noting they had dug up his flower beds, among other things, and he could hardly walk in his driveway because of the feces they left behind, which created a slippery, unsafe mess. Staff was directed to proceed with whatever means necessary to work with ODFW to handle the matter.

Audrey Webster encouraged everybody to submit comments to the Marion County Planning Dept in relation to the country music festival.

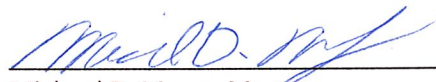
Bob Rossiter shared about his attendance at the Commissioners breakfast, noting there was a great mix of county and civic leaders and business representative that meet in Stayton once a month to discuss a variety of issues. In addition, he was working on a Park Walk and shared his map where he had identified various sights in and around town that are special that visitors may want to see when they came to town including the gazebo, the Native American Vets Memorial, and more. He thought it would instill pride and encourage beautification throughout the community. It was a work in progress, but he wanted to share what he'd come up with thus far.

Walt Perry announced the upcoming Chamber Re-Start meeting. He also spoke about the LOC functions he'd attended, especially geared toward transportation and the 2019 session where they were looking to establish laws that leveled the playing field. Last, he shared that the following day was the City namesake's birthday.

Mayor Myers announced for those that might not have known, the Mint Festival had taken a hiatus for the year. Council had planned to have a City booth at the event and inquired about their interest in doing so at the other two upcoming events, FOF and July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrate Jefferson. All agreed to participate. Mayor Myers also reminded all of the next meeting time and location change to accommodate the High School class of 2018.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Perry moved; Councilor Beyerl seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:35pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Cook, City Recorder