

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Regular Council Meeting
August 23, 2018
6:30pm

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Cook, City Recorder; Jeff Buskirk, PWD

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

- II. **CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD** – Mayor Myers, addressing Ryan (RJ) Aguilar, said he’d read the article in the paper and heard all the great things he had done. He told RJ he represented Jefferson in a way most adults didn’t and he should be very proud of himself and what he stood for. With that, he presented RJ with a Citizen Recognition Award and gift certificate and all applauded.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS** – none

- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Jefferson Fire District Requests (2) Re: Open House & Safety Fair – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve both requests. Walt Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

 - 4.2 Resolution# 1043, Declaring the Intent to Establish a LID for Sidewalks Along Hazel St.

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve Resolution# 1043. Mayor Myers brought attention to the difference in the assessment costs, to which Beyerl amended his motion to include the assessment recommended by staff. Councilor Campau seconded. Discussion: Jeff Buskirk explained the reason for the decreased assessment recommendation, noting looking back at the history of LID’s, there were already curbs and he didn’t feel it was fair to assess that additional cost to homeowners in areas where no curbs existed, but rather they just pay for their sidewalk portion. All in favor: Ayes – 6, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

5.1 Nixle Alert Notification System

The City Recorder summarized the memo she provided to Council, further explaining that while she wasn’t looking for approval to spend the funds, she was looking to Council for a consensus to move forward with Nixle, noting the Technology Committees lengthy research of the application, and others. While the subscription for Nixle was not budgeted for because it had not yet come about, Sarah Cook felt it was something the City needed and could benefit greatly from, and that the costs could be managed this year with other available funds. Councilor Webster wondered how Council felt about the additional landline notifications because of the added cost to have it and the overall consensus was to include it because of the large population that still had landlines. She went on to explain the ease in self-sign up and opting out and the choice residents would have in relation to what types of notifications they would receive, as well as the idea the City did not have to manage a server or secure anyone’s data. Councilor Watkins indicated negotiating the price down might be an option, as well as utilizing some sort of pilot program. He also clarified for Mayor

Myers the notifications would come from the City only and did not include other level 1 or 2 emergencies from the state or others. There was a consensus of the Council to pursue Nixle.

5.2 Jefferson Public Library Survey – FYI, final draft would come out with next water bills.

5.3 Streaming Council Meetings

Mayor Myers indicated this topic was one of his take-aways from the Oregon Mayor’s Association conference he attended. Multiple cities were streaming their meetings live so folks at home could observe. He wasn’t aware of all the necessary technology and knew there would be costs involved, but he was interested in it, noting it had been very successful in other communities and wondered if it might be something the Technology Committee wanted to look into. Councilor Watkins reminded them one of the City’s vendors had offered those services if Council decided to go that route. Councilor Beyerl thought it was a good idea but he wasn’t sure how many would use and added, if the costs were significant he thought Nixle should be first priority. Mayor Myers didn’t expect they would see this service available in the current fiscal year, understanding there would be a significant amount of research to be done and equipment needs. Audrey Webster commented they could get it going quick and fairly inexpensively just to get it done, or they could do it really well and spent a lot of money. Either way, she thought it was a topic the TC could look into more and find a good middle ground. The Council agreed with the Mayor’s suggestion to have the TC further investigate.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA – Councilor Campau moved to approve, seconded by Dave Beyerl. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library – pet parade very well received; large signs purchased to announce book sales and other events; survey Planning – 2 partition requests approved

Chamber – expanding into youth programs to include the high school; see if junior chamber is of interest

LAC – recognition for historic preservation of a home; criteria needs developed first; intensive level survey draft complete re: Brandt house on Jeff-Scio Dr. and Cheek house at Union and RR Crossing; discussion about ad-hoc conser house comm and agreed to meet on Aug. 20

MPO – no new info

FOL – Jenny Christy will be liaison to Chamber; poster and date for moving day, ceremonial move on Oct. 20th with kids and carts/wagons and armloads of books; 148th year of Jefferson’s incorporation; grand opening date will be Dec. 13th from 4-6:30 with speakers and dedications.

Parks & Rec – negotiations between P&R and school district regarding school sports

MWACT – no new info

School – new superintendent started; consultants helping them with budget and found some areas of concern; clarification on previous comment about ‘found money; was government title grants that the school had not completed paperwork on but has done so now; discontent about the playground at JES including ADA requirements, insurance regs and more; construction company put up extra basketball hoops in the interim

Fire – no new info

LOC – participated in 3-hour study involving slowing down traffic, including installing cameras; discussion on who was ruling speeds on streets; transportation will become sticky over next few years as far as rules and management of traffic in general

TC – Nixle and other systems research; set tentative date Nov 10th for Technology Fair to invite active vendors to host a table; City would also have a table and hope to have Nixle going by then to sign people up and hear what the community would like to see in terms of technology going forward

VIII. VISITORS

Chris Giffin, corner of Hazel & Main – questioned the LID process and if more information was available. Sarah Cook explained the resolution adopted earlier in the meeting only declared the City's intent to move forward with a LID; it did not set assessments or finalize anything in regards to adjoining property owners. She explained there would still be a public hearing where testimony would be heard and more information presented.

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

David Watkins inquired when Jefferson-Marion Road construction would be complete, to which Deputy Olson announced it would be done the following night. Discussion took place about looking into solar powered speed signs like the ones recently installed at both ends of town in Millersburg. It was noted that was a Linn County road and Jefferson was ODOT controlled. Councilor Perry also commented the affordability factor was of concern. Mayor Myers noted the City could simply inquire or make the request to ODOT. He then referred back to Deputy Olson so his trainee, Jeremy Vogel could introduce himself to Council.

Bob Rossiter attended the leadership breakfast where they heard about a student learner program, which allowed youth under 18 to work in a factory to gain on the job skills training. They also had re-entry programs for people released from prison and getting back to work.

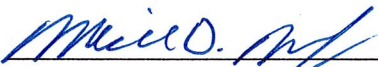
Edna Campau spoke about the recently established Conser House Ad-hoc committee, which was essentially non-functioning. She mentioned previously they had agreed to meet Aug. 20, but there was not a meeting because there was no notice, agenda, or messages received and it just was not working. She felt the committee needed leadership, better staff support and improved understanding of their role. She explained a few of the members were co-mingling their membership on the ad-hoc committee with that of the historical society, which was not a City committee and has urged them to understand and keep them separate. She requested either the Council re-visit the subject or that the Mayor formally appoint a chair person that could keep things moving along. Mayor Myers shared her frustration, noting they intentionally started up the committee well in advance of the Library's move so goals for the building could be set, plans formed, etc. He would meet with the City Recorder the following day and invited Councilor Campau to join in the discussion.

Mayor Myers thanked Dave Beyerl and the Council for keeping the meetings running while he was away. During his time at the OMA he learned Jefferson was in really good shape fiscally, their infrastructure, and technology, noting many others were surprised at where the City was and how good a shape it was in for its size.

X. **CALENDAR CHANGES** - none

XI. **ADJOURNMENT** - Dave Beyerl moved; Bob Rossiter seconded. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:20pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2018.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder