

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Council Worksession
August 9, 2018
6:30pm

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: Mayor Michael Myers

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

- I. **COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – In the Mayor’s absence, Council President Dave Beyerl called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led in the flag salute.

II. **WORKSESSION TOPICS**

A. Bid Award for 2018 Construction Projects

Beyerl summarized the information in the packet from Westech Engineering and the Public Works Director, noting the recommendation was to award the bid to North Santiam Paving. He called for questions of the Council, to which Councilor Webster confirmed the bid did not include Schedule C. Jeff Buskirk explained he removed that job out of the plan because he didn’t want to completely deplete the improvement fund and it was more of a wish list item that could be done later. Councilor Campau confirmed all the projects were scheduled to get done during the current construction season and then moved to accept staff’s recommendation to award the bid for the 2018 construction projects to North Santiam Paving. Councilor Webster seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

B. Resolution# 1042, Referring to the Voters of the COJ, Oregon a Measure for Adopting Amendments to the City Charter

Dave Beyerl noted the materials had been reviewed at previous meetings and the information in the packet was presented to move it forward to the ballot. Councilor Campau suggested moving the words “be adopted” to the end of the ballot title question. Councilor Perry also suggested a rearrangement of the question so it read: “Shall amendments to the Charter for the COJ be adopted?” All agreed and Councilor Webster moved to approve Resolution# 1042, with the amendment to the question in Exhibit C. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

C. Land Lease Agreement – Adaptive Broadband

Councilor Beyerl noted the materials were submitted to them via email and hard copies were available, adding that the City’s legal counsel would incorporate minor changes, none of which the Public Works Director couldn’t handle in the best interest of the City. He went on to explain the delay in getting the final draft was due to both parties being out of town at different times; however, the attorney was confident in the draft presented and the only thing left to finalize was specific to the site itself, which was for Public Works to address. Councilor Campau commented that since it had been vetted by legal counsel and staff’s recommendation was to move forward, she moved to approve the lease agreement with Adaptive Broadband for the tower site at the Cemetery. Councilor Webster seconded. Discussion: Councilor Watkins confirmed that Jordan Reed of Adaptive was pleased with the lease, to which Jordan indicated he was, and spoke about the improved coverage area and increased speeds coming. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

III. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** – 1st half for August

Councilor Perry moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Watkins. Discussion: In response to Councilor Campau's question, Sarah Cook indicated the cost for clean-up day was nearly break-even. All were pleased with the outcome and thanked staff and the work crew. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

IV. VISITORS

Chris Giffin, 207 Main St. – was curious about the Hazel St. sign on 2nd street, wondering if the City could buy a new one. Jeff Buskirk explained the sign belonged to ODOT.

Nancy Hamby, 14886 Parish Gap – asked if the Adaptive Broadband lease included franchise fees, to which she was informed they had a franchise agreement with the City and the lease was separate and apart from it.

Wendy Sampels, 1261 Hazel St. – noticed the gazebo roof at the Conser House was looking shabby and needed to have the moss removed. Public Works would take care of it.

V. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bob Rossiter shared concerns that were expressed to him from the business owner of Broads Brews regarding the parking problem down Main St. during the summer months. He thought about 30-minute parking zones for businesses. Discussion ensued about the condition of curbs and sidewalks in the area, noting the significant drop in front of the bank, making it difficult for people with strollers. Councilor Webster wondered if that area would be the banks responsibility and suggested maybe reaching out to them. Clarification was provided to Linda Baker in regards to sidewalks being the responsibility of the property owner.

Audrey Webster commented that plastic bags, straws and recycling were hot topics in the news. While she did not think making those big changes would be well received by the Jefferson population, nor was she suggesting it, but she did think it was a very positive thing and helpful to our river. Councilor Perry added to her comment, noting it would be impossible to enforce because so many out-of-towners visited the river.

Edna Campau spoke of the accomplishments of 11-year-old RJ Aquilar and his efforts to clean up the river, which was documented in the Albany newspaper. She thought it would be great for the City to find a way to commend him, to which Councilor Perry recalled the City budgeted funds for citizen awards. Councilor Campau nominated RJ and would email the City Recorder with the details to move forward with recognition.

Dave Beyerl offered a suggestion to FOL about the shelves for the children's section. He thought painting them bright colors would be a nice way to liven the space, rather than the standard black shelving. The FOL would definitely consider that when the time came. He also thanked Chris Giffin for her morning watering routine at the new library.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Councilor Webster moved to adjourn, seconded by Edna Campau. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7pm.

MINUTES APPROVED this 27th day of September, 2018.



Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sarah Cook, City Recorder