

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Special Council Meeting  
October 29, 2018  
4:00pm

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Mayor Myers, Edna Campau, Dave Beyerl, Walt Perry, David Watkins, Audrey Webster (by phone until arrival at 4:15pm)

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Bob Rossiter

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

I. **COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 4pm and led in the flag salute.

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.1 Library Lease Termination & Property Transfer

Mayor Myers confirmed Marion County had signed off on the Library building and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued. Dave Beyerl stated, pursuant to Section 13 of the ground lease between COJ and FOL, dated July 22, 2010, he moved to terminate the lease as described, effective today, October 29, 2018 with the understanding that FOL agrees to complete any pending orders or projects underway, noting none of those preclude the City from taking possession, insuring, and opening the Library. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

Linda Baker, FOL – officially handed over the building keys to the Library Director and the building operations manual to the City. Mayor Myers said this had been a long, long time coming and what the FOL had done was nothing short of amazing. The City now had the responsibility of maintaining and improving what he referred to as a jewel of the community; the Library, and he knew everybody would take the task seriously and with a great deal of pride.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

3.1 OLCC Liquor License Application – Change of Ownership

Councilor Beyerl moved to approve the change in ownership OLCC license. Councilor Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.** It was noted by the new owners that they had been working closely with the Libby's to learn the ropes because they had no plans to change anything.

IV. **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION**

4.1 Holiday Dinner – Who's Cookin?

Walt Perry volunteered to cook the main dish for another year, Mayor Myers took on the mashed potatoes and other Councilors announced they would help where needed. Sarah Cook would begin a collection envelope for contributions towards Walt's expenses.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA** – Councilor Beyerl moved to approve; Watkins seconded. All 5 were in favor. **APPROVED.**

VI. **COMMITTEE/DEPT UPDATES**

Library – heard previously

Planning – no new info

Chamber – no new info

LAC – local recognition program coming to council soon; City Recorder completed the intensive level survey grant

Conser House Ad Hoc – Edna is chair; Karen Wells is secretary, reviewed the 2012 structure repair estimate and adding 20% for inflation brings estimated cost to \$220,000

Parks & Rec – no new info

MWACT – no new info

Fire Board – no new info

Technology – Technology Fair Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3 @ Comm. Center where a number of vendors will be attending; City will have a table advertising Nixle; discussion about having an official city Facebook page, the concerns around it; proposal coming to council next month

School board – hired technology staff to start working in November; still exploring options on what they can do with playground equipment, budgeting, fitting it into the scope of the bond; community meeting scheduled for feedback on the superintendent position

MPO – no meeting this month; key staff person is moving out of state but will perform some tasks while telecommuting; very short staffed due to unqualified people to fill positions

LOC – discussed speed control within City limits; discovered that the City had power that they had not been using; long time complaint about the speed on S. Main and in accordance with ORS 810.010 paragraph 2-3, the governing body of an incorporated city is the authority over streets within the boundaries of the City; Walt felt it was time to use that authority, noting the concern on South Main from the tracks out to the City wells, as well as North Avenue

VII. **VISITORS**

Wendy Sampels, 1261 Hazel St. – expressed concern about side streets with no stop signs that enter onto Hazel St., noting that only a few had them and the ones that didn't were dangerous. Jeff Buskirk noted it was engineered that way, meeting all traffic flow standards, at the time the development was constructed, but that he would look into it.

VIII. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Campau, referring to the monthly department reports, wondered how the Council utilized the information and what the purpose was, indicating it surely took a lot of staff time to prepare. Councilor Beyerl commented that it began as a checks and balances system for different department heads years back, but that he had complete faith in current staffing and was not concerned about seeing the report. Councilor Watkins disagreed, stating he thought the information was extremely useful. Councilor Perry agreed, as well as Mayor Myers who added it was a public record and could be useful to display what public employees were doing, noting he thought it underscored the value and trust the Council had in staff.

Mayor Myers confirmed the holiday dinner was set for Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Also, he had a meeting with the school superintendent the following day and asked Council to share anything they'd like him to bring up.

Councilor Beyerl said he'd been approached a couple times by folks at the school hinting that they were looking for more financial assistance on the water line project. Mayor Myers confirmed Jeff had been approached as well and summarized the explanation of the City's contribution from the very beginning, noting the portion that the City was paying for was critical to the overall City's needs and outside that it was critically tied to the schools and the bond. Beyerl agreed, adding that they could not tap into monies any further and still be safe with what the City had going on for the new water plant, water rights, etc.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Beyerl moved to adjourn; Councilor Campau seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Cook, City Recorder