

**CITY OF JEFFERSON**  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 26, 2018  
6:30pm

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

**COUNCILORS ABSENT:** Mayor Michael Myers

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

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

II. **OLD BUSINESS**

2.1 Mission Statement Proposal

Bob Rossiter noted he and Councilors Watkins and Campau met and worked on preparing a mission statement that best fit Jefferson, using comparisons from many other cities and other Councilor suggestions. He read the proposed statement they had come up with for Council's consideration and asked for their thoughts and feedback. Councilor Webster was the first to respond, noting she liked it, but the semi-colon needed removed, and all agreed. Councilor Perry didn't care for the word "seek" and suggested its removal, to which all agreed. Councilor Webster moved to adopt the mission statement as amended. Councilor Campau seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

The City's new mission statement reads: The City of Jefferson provides fiscally responsible governance to address the needs of its residents, businesses, and visitors, as well as embracing opportunities for our future.

2.2 Strat Plan Review, Section E: Econ Dev

Councilor Perry shared the header titles of the columns had bothered him from the beginning, and felt that terms such as "completed" or "in progress" left a lot of holes. More specifically, he thought items E1 and E2 that were marked "delayed" at the previous meeting, should be continuously ongoing. Councilor Beyerl pointed out the numerous times the document had been reviewed and it was the first time Councilor Perry had brought up his concern with the column titles. Councilor Webster noted having an "ongoing" column was not the intent of a strategic plan, further explaining that projects included in the plan should be completable with end goals and set tasks, not routine type tasks that the City already was doing or should do. In regards to items E1 and E2, she went on to say that while they were not active at the time, if opportunities came up that involved them they would become active again; therefore, they were currently delayed. The City Council was happy with the proposed language for E18 and Councilor Webster confirmed it was adequate for purposes of the Library grant, which Sarah Cook confirmed.

The City Recorder indicated that was the conclusion of the Strategic Plan review, as all sections had been updated. She would prepare a final draft and get it sent out to everybody. Councilor Beyerl reminded them it was an ongoing project and they would see the document again in the future.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Resolution# 1040, Setting the COLA for FY2018-19 for Adjustment of Employee Salaries, Water & Sewer Rates

Dave Beyerl reminded the Council of the yearly task. Councilor Campau questioned the reason behind putting employee salaries and utility rates in the same resolution. Both Councilor Beyerl and Sarah Cook explained that it simplified the process in that the resolution was to adopt the COLA rate and all the things named in the resolution were affected by that rate. Brief discussion took place on the recent financing approvals in relation to the water plant project, noting the COLA rate increases had been accounted for in order to obtain the loan and show the ability to pay it back through adequate user rates. Councilor Watkins moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Rossiter seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed - 0. **APPROVED.**

#### 3.2 Resolution# 1041, Setting Rates Under the Solid Waste Management Franchise with Pacific Sanitation, Inc.; Repealing Resolution# 1008

Carson Kuenzi from Pacific Sanitation came forward to address the Council. He spoke about the changes to the recycling program and the lack of market for the materials, which increased their cost. They chose to wait before approaching cities for rate increases until they had time to see what adjustments could be made on their own end, with the hope that they wouldn't need to seek an increase, but unfortunately, the costs were out of their control. Customers would be looking at about a \$4 per month increase, clarifying for Councilor Watkins that the rates indicated included all 3 residential carts. Councilor Webster wondered what alternatives were out there, noting there weren't likely any, and she suspected a lot of other sanitation companies were approaching their towns about these same discussions. Councilor Perry questioned the roughly .30 cent difference in residential rates vs. commercial services, but Carson wasn't entirely sure and didn't want to misspeak.

Councilor Campau moved to approve Resolution# 1041. Walt Perry seconded. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed - 0. **APPROVED.**

### IV. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

#### 4.1 Technology Committee Report to Council

Councilor Webster, who prepared the report, indicated her intent to highlight things that would make it more concise to read, noting the outcome of the vendor meetings and the conclusion at the end were important main pieces, and asked if Council had any questions about the direction they were going, or otherwise. Councilor Beyerl commented that suddenly Jefferson was seeing more fiber and

capacity coming to town than ever before. Councilor Campau questioned the status of the DigOnce policy, to which staff indicated they had not researched that yet. There was brief discussion about its intent and whether a line item in the budget should be included in following years. Councilor Beyerl emphasized the importance of keeping the Public Works Director in the loop when that policy came to fruition due to concerns about fiber locating next to water lines.

Councilor Watkins directed their attention to section 4 of the report, which talked about the notification system, Nixle that came with a cost, as well as other options they planned to explore, including Metcom 911. The Council was pleased with the report, all the ground they had covered to date, and the direction they were going.

4.2 Wooded Wetland Proposal to MC Board of Commissioners – FYI, no discussion.

## V. CONSENT AGENDA

Audrey Webster moved to approve the payables as presented. Councilor Watkins seconded. Discussion: Edna Campau confirmed the large payment to CIS was annual. All in favor: Ayes – 5, Opposed – 0. **APPROVED.**

## VI. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Library – no new info;

Planning – no new info

Chamber – no new info

Landmarks – intensive level survey of 2 old houses; welcomed new member Laurie Forbes; will be working on the CLG certification next month

Conser House Ad-Hoc – not accomplishing much, no structure and formality of members requested

MPO – DLCD presentation about state money for assessment of greenhouse gases in mpo; requested more info before deciding on accepting it; Jefferson put in request for leverage money for work on Hwy and ODOT committee will be visiting to consider, as we are 1 of 2 up for consideration, but funding could be years out still

FOL – bricks for sale again; tentative moving date bumped to October 20; not participating in NNO; working rest stop for coffee

Parks & Rec – no new info

MWACT – no new info

School – lot of change and info being revealed; new board Chair, Kay Jones; Interim Superintendent found extra \$300k in funding from Title I, II, and III funds that had not been applied for; also looking into IT services in relation to deleted emails and the need to update technology, security, and email; looking at \$80k expense for consulting

Fire – still need a board member; Louis and Eric were sent to The Dalles for the fire and were on the news

LOC – no new info

TC – shifting focus to communication platform for mass communication opportunities

## VII. VISITORS - none

**VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Walt Perry reminded all of the fundraiser for Matt & Michelle Nunes, July 28<sup>th</sup> at the park by the pool.

Audrey Webster added the time of the event was from 5-9pm and there would be live music, BBQ, silent auction and pool open.


Bob Rossiter attended MC Comm Leadership Breakfast where they heard from SEDCOR about a school district intern program for special trades; Sam Brentano discussed negotiations for ag loading facility in Brooks; law enforcement spoke about diversion programs; City Manager for Stayton talked about need for better communication, as they shared the same difficulty Jefferson experienced with the recent water scenario; Salem was filing a lawsuit to attempt the slow-down of Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Detroit issue.

Dave Beyerl reminded all of the upcoming boat ramp closure on August 1<sup>st</sup> for construction and confirmed proper signage, advertising, and notifications had gone out, to which staff confirmed.

**IX. CALENDAR CHANGES** – none.

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – Councilor Rossiter moved to adjourn; seconded by Walt Perry. All were in favor and the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

**MINUTES APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.

  
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Michael D. Myers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sarah Cook, City Recorder